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## Special pictures at an exhibition



Scallop by Maggi Hambling on Aldeburgh beach

Photograph by Tony Smith

LINTON Camera Club is holding its 14<sup>th</sup> annual Exhibition of members' photographs from 10am till 4pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October in Linton village hall, Coles Lane. Entry is free.

Attractions include a chance to win an A4 copy of your favourite out of the 200 plus photographs on display, greetings cards produced by members, refreshments, home-made cakes and a raffle.

See the club website at [www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk) for more information.

Tony Smith, 892657

## Love in a Box Christmas appeal

ALTHOUGH it is only October, this is the time that we start thinking about shoe boxes filled with presents for the children in our Children in Distress hospices, children's centres and community based programmes in Romania. Father Christmas is not likely to call on these children and even less likely to bring a gift. The presents you send will bring joy and interest for weeks to come.

We do not forget elderly people for whom life is hard with little support for those with chronic illness and the anxiety of unpaid pensions. You may like to fill a box with gifts for this age group.

The lorries loaded with your boxes have to start their long journey across Europe in early November. This means that we need to have your boxes by 4<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

Before you pack your box please pick up one of our Love in a Box leaflets so that packing and contents comply with customs regulations. These can be obtained from St Mary's church, where there are always some on the table at the back. Failing that give us a ring and we will drop one off for you.

Please deliver boxes to our house or we can collect.

Colleen and Derek Lockstone,  
1 Rhugarve Gardens, Linton CB21 4LX  
891931 or [colleenlockstone@outlook.com](mailto:colleenlockstone@outlook.com)

## Fun events at Linton library in October

ON Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October we'll be taking part in the Cambridgeshire-wide *Fun Palace* initiative. Whatever your age, come and learn a new skill through bite-size tutorials offered by members of the community (programme to be announced). These will be offered during our usual Saturday hours, 10am – 1pm.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm we begin National Libraries Week with an entertaining talk by Mandy Morton, author of *The No. 2 Feline Detective Agency* series. Tickets for this event are free, but should be booked in advance at the library desk, or call 03450 455225.

Throughout October and November we invite everyone to take part in Linton Library Book Bingo. This is a reading game for all ages, which you can take part in as an individual or family group. The rules are simple: we will give you a grid of reading challenges, and each time you complete a line of the grid you'll receive a free ticket for a fabulous raffle, to be drawn at the end of November. We hope our fun game will encourage you to extend your reading experiences and visit us often at the library.

Our book displays during October will include a new set of Books on Prescription, offering advice on health and well-being, and a celebration of black authors for Black History Month.

Linton Library is based in the Cathodeon Centre (where the High Street meets Horseheath Road). Hours are posted in the Linton News diary section.

Anna MacMahon

## GRANTA Medical Practices

# Protect yourself at the Flu Clinics

OUR 2018 adult flu clinic dates are as follows:-

Date	Surgery	Vaccine Type	Time
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Linton Health Centre 01223 892555	18-64yrs only*	0800:1300
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Shelford Health Centre 01223 843661	18-64yrs only*	0730-1300
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Sawston Health Centre 01223 727555	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0730-1330
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Barley Health Centre 01763 848244	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0800-1400
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Linton Health Centre 01223 892555	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0800-1300
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Shelford Health Centre 01223 843661	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0730-1300
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sawston Health Centre 012727555	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0730-1330
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Barley Health Centre 01763 848244	18-64yrs* Over 65yrs	0800-1400

### Children's Flu Clinics

These will be announced once the Department of Health have confirmed their delivery schedules.

#### Patients eligible for flu vaccinations are:-

- All healthy children aged two to four years of age as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018. Please note that children aged five to nine years (but not 10 years or older on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018) should be vaccinated in school. Please speak to your local practice nurse if you have any queries about this.
- Clinically eligible patients, aged six months to 17 years of age and 18 to 64 years of age\*
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers

#### Where to go to receive the vaccination

If you are a patient registered with Granta Medical Practices you have the flexibility of choosing where you would like to go for your vaccination. When you ring to book your appointment, please state your age so that you can be booked into the appropriate clinic.

#### Did you know ...

Having your flu jab at your doctors' surgery is the quickest and most convenient way as there are no forms to fill out – the doctors and nurses have your medical history at their finger-tips. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact one of our surgeries.

Sandra East, Granta Communications, 843661, [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

## Fireworks to celebrate 100 years of the RAF

THE 2018 Linton Fireworks Display will return on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November on Camping Close, the field behind Linton Infant School.

Last year we raised over £10,000 for the PTA's of Linton Infants School, Linton Heights Junior School, and Linton Village College. We are very grateful to Camgrain and several other local companies for sponsoring this event.

The gates will open at 6pm so come early to enjoy the bonfire, the BBQ's and the drink stalls. Glo-toys and sweets will also be on sale.

Our popular guy competition will be judged at 6.30pm; the theme this year will be *Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines* as we celebrate 100 years of the RAF. We will light the bonfire at 6.30pm. The main fireworks display will start shortly after 7pm.

Advance tickets are priced at £12 for a family of five (two adults and three children) and £5 for an individual. They can be bought at Sweet Talk News and Acorn Garage in Abington. Tickets will also be available online at [www.lintonfireworks.co.uk](http://www.lintonfireworks.co.uk) in the three weeks leading up to the event.

Tickets on the night can be purchased for £15 for a family and £6 for an individual.

Ian Webb / Natalie Morris on [info@lintonfireworks.co.uk](mailto:info@lintonfireworks.co.uk)  
or <http://www.lintonfireworks.co.uk>



A picture from last year's display

Photo taken by Josephine Paterson

## Hadstock breakfast with big issues

WE are holding a series of Saturday morning discussions on topical issues led by Hadstock residents.

Join us in Hadstock Village Hall on the dates below. There will be coffee and pastries at 9am, talks begin at 9.30am followed by discussion and questions and finish by 10.30 am.

There is no charge, but donations are invited to meet cost of refreshments with the balance going to a charity of the speaker's choice.

#### 27<sup>th</sup> October: A view of Germany from the inside

Martin Hannam gives us a first-hand insight into working and living in Germany, and the pressures affecting its people.

#### 24<sup>th</sup> November: What is Community? Can we measure it, and why is it important?

Brendan Burchell draws on recent research to investigate what makes a good community and why it matters to us in today's world.

All are welcome. There is no need to book but for more information contact the Reverend Paula Griffiths on [paula.greatford@btinternet.com](mailto:paula.greatford@btinternet.com) or ring 01799 599141

## Too good for jumble...

THIS month's items on offer include a glass greenhouse with pitched roof 3.10m long x 2.5m wide x 2.5m max height; a John Lewis chest freezer A+ energy rating 80cm wide x 62cm deep x 86cm height; an upright mahogany piano, needs tuning 146cm wide x 62cm deep x 128cm high; a pair of bunk beds with wooden ends, and ladder, 2m long x 76cm wide x 1.5m high overall; a Giant, light blue MTB, girl's bike 8-12years, 24 inch wheels, 18 speed in fair condition and a wooden magazine rack – 2 pockets – 15in wide x 10in deep.

If you are interested in any of the above or have an item to sell to benefit a charity please contact Kate France 891602 or email [katefrance@profsoundconsult.com](mailto:katefrance@profsoundconsult.com)

NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.



# To the Infants and beyond

WELL, here we are at the beginning of October and the summer holidays seem a distant memory now. Everybody returned to school rested and refreshed, lots of shiny shoes and smart uniforms, ready for the challenges the new school year will bring.

We were delighted to welcome our new children to our Foundation Stage at the beginning of September. They have all settled into school life and are enjoying exploring some of the new resources and environments that have been developed thanks to the generosity of our PTFA. Each Foundation Stage child has a Year 2 buddy. The buddies have been wonderful at helping the younger children and explaining the complexities of school life.

Our whole school theme for this term is *Superheroes to the rescue* so the school is buzzing with the excitement of superhero training, stories of superhero powers and a fine collection of masks and capes. Alongside this we are also thinking about real life superheroes and what makes each and every one of us super.

Although we have only just started this academic year, the admissions window will soon be open for children due to start school in September 2019. If you are thinking Linton Infant School is the school for your child we are holding some sessions for you to come and see for yourself.

There are two sessions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, one at 9.45am – 10.45am and the other at 1.30pm – 2.30pm. The final session is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9.45am – 10.45am. The places on each session are limited so please phone the school office to book a place (891421). We look forward to seeing you.

Kelly Harries



## linton grantaplaygroup

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WE are all very pleased to be back at Linton Granta Playgroup. With lots of new starters we have been very busy. We have heard lots of stories about the children's adventures over the summer and been learning all about our new friends.

We have a new apprentice started with us and look forward to hosting work experience students throughout the year. We welcomed Cookie, a local barber in to play, and hope that we have lots of parent/carer helpers in the future. Linton Granta Playgroup Team  
Contact 07806744864



Cookie the barber, from Mr Barbers Haverhill, and Pippa, hard at work

Photo by Janine Polley



# Heights gain silver Artsmark award

FURTHER to the July article in Linton News, we are delighted to announce that over the summer holidays, Linton Heights has been awarded the prestigious silver Artsmark award. The Artsmark is the creative quality standard for schools, awarded by the Arts Council England. It celebrates the school's progress in art, music, design technology and dance.

Some of the artistic highpoints of last year included a fabulous creative arts week which incorporated exploring collage, gaining inspiration from famous artists e.g. Henri Matisse, and learning how to Djembe drum. Our children even got to sing at the O2.

As staff, we have greatly benefitted from LVC teachers, Julie McGrath and Karen Stamper, who led staff training in basic art skills.

The focus on art continued this academic year with staff and all pupils stretching their textiles and craft skills by creating new hanging banners which will depict the school's six values for a hall display. We have printed, developed sewing skills and made our own felt.

"I didn't know that my printing skill would be so good" and "Making felt was so exciting, I wasn't sure that my pattern would work but it is really pretty." (Mia and Charlie, Heights' pupils).

We are always looking for help from the community. If you are a local artist or potter who might have time to spare, skills to offer and would enjoy teaching children, do please contact the school office.

Rosie Komodromos / James Puxley  
Arts Coordinator and Head Teacher



THE autumn term is now in full swing. We have welcomed back returning children and been getting to know our new starters who are settling in really well. We have seen many of last year's leavers

around the village in smart new school uniforms and wish them the very best in their school lives.

We started the new school year with a new Pre-school Leader and Deputy Leader. Charlene joined the playgroup in 2014 and has held several positions before becoming Pre-School Leader in September. We are also delighted to announce that Tracey Oldfield has accepted the position as Deputy Leader. Tracey is a mum of two, and has 15 years experience in working in childcare. She has great enthusiasm and has already shown us some of her first-rate ideas for the playgroup.

We have been busy over the summer improving the playgroup's facilities, and had a fantastic turnout for our garden working party on 30<sup>th</sup> August. A heartfelt thankyou goes to all the parents and helpers who generously gave their spare time, and to Glenwood Nuts and Bolts who donated some of the materials.

Places are still available for this term and we offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions five days a week to children from two years old. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information. admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

Elaine Mingay on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

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# Linton Village College Adult Community Learning

## Autumn term workshops

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October workshops 10am – 4pm

- Upholstery
- Creative writing,
- Learn to play Blues Harmonica
- Introduction to mosaics
- Silver jewellery beginners (second date on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October, must attend both sessions)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November workshops 10am – 4pm

- Autumn Flower arranging designs,
- Indian cookery for friends

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December workshops 10am – 4pm

- Fresh Christmas door wreath

## Family workshops:

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 12.30pm

- Decorated jam jars and flower posies,
- Decorating biscuits,
- Autumn/Harvest (simple patterns project).

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 4pm

- Portraits (drawing & sculpture)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 4pm

- Wet felt bunting

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – 12.30pm  
and 1pm – 3pm

- Christmas decorations from recycled materials

For more details or an enrolment form please telephone 891233 Ext 303 or ext 317 or email adult.education@lvc.org or look on our new website :

www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk

Margaret Kiddy & Jenny Logan,  
Adult Education Dept.

# Sawston Adult Education in December

WOW, what a start to the new academic year. Since introducing online booking for our adult courses we have seen an increase in applications. Our new courses Flamenco, Willow Weaving and Bollywood have been very popular, so thank you to those who have suggested these courses for our programme. We are delighted to provide the courses the local community wants.

Our Saturday Workshops in September have also proved very popular so we are sure you will love our 8<sup>th</sup> December repertoire. Book now or you might be disappointed.

## Saturday 8 December Workshops

- Basic car maintenance 9.30am – 12.30pm
- Bollywood dancing 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Christmas cake decorations 10am – 4pm
- Christmas day flowers 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Creative writing (constructing a story) 9.30–12.30pm
- Fabulous looks with make - up 10am – 4pm
- Family cooking: festive sweets and treats 10 – 1pm
- Flamenco: Tango for beginners 10.00 – 12noon
- Indian stuffed breads 10am – 4pm
- Willow weaving – christmas crafts 9.30am – 2.30pm

We are already taking bookings for our spring term courses, which start week commencing January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please check our website and book through Wisepay if you are able, it is secure and very easy. If you have any enquiries or wish to make a booking personally, please feel free to pop in to the Adult Education reception Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm during term time. Alternatively telephone us on 712424.

The Adult Education team is looking forward to welcoming you to your community college

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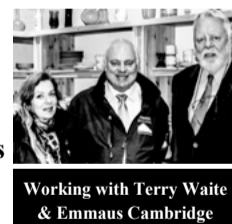
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# Readers write...

Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News.

Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

## Could you help and love Linton?

Dear Editor  
I was just reading the monthly Linton News. For the first time, I read the Parish Council Matters right until the end (Merrie will be happy).

My child attends Linton Heights Junior School, I work there part-time and I also volunteer there. I can tell you, hand on heart, that it would not be such a great school if it wasn't for the parent helpers. ALL school trips, church services, concerts, plays, movie evenings, school discos, extra reading help, sewing classes, and Forest School would not happen if it was not for volunteers.

Merrie and the councillors are trying very hard to make and keep our village (a village which we are proud of and love living in) a family-friendly, safe place to live.

If we can volunteer to help our children, why can't we volunteer to help maintain the village? Cut grass, prune hedges, pull out weeds, pick up rubbish... perhaps in the next Linton News, Merrie can tell us what we can help with.

Jane Morris

P.S. Don't complain if you can't offer a solution.

## Above and Beyond

Dear Editor  
We have just heard that Anne Meeks is leaving her position as Assistant Clerk at Linton Parish Council after 10 years. We have worked with Anne and latterly two of us have contacted Anne as residents and she has always been so professional and helpful. She will be a sad loss to the PC office and we wish her well in her new ventures.  
Tracy Coston (894462), Marilyn Strand and Sue Parry.

## A flying leap

**theWI** OUR speaker at the September meeting was Group Captain Terry Holloway FRAeS, the Group Historian at Marshall of Cambridge. He took us through the history of Marshall of Cambridge from 1909 until the present day. David Gregory Marshall set up a chauffeur business from a lock up garage in Brunswick Gardens, Cambridge to take inebriated members of the Pitt Club back to their lodgings. In 1912 they moved to Jesus Lane and expanded to selling and repairing cars.

His son Sir Arthur Marshall gained his pilot licence in 1928 and helped to develop the airfield. This proved useful in World War 2 when they repaired and modified over 5,000 aircraft.

Postwar they expanded to civil and military aircraft repair and modification but also developed their design and manufacturing facilities. They designed components for the distinctive dropped nose cone of Concorde.

Nowadays, Marshall of Cambridge is involved in the design, refurbishment and production of planes, Army support vehicles and commercial vehicles. They have also produced prefabricated operating theatres, one of which is at Addenbrookes. They have 104 franchised car dealerships.

Today the airport is used for private flights and training pilots. Summing up Terry said: "Marshall of Cambridge combine wheels and wings providing employment and prosperity in Cambridgeshire".

One interesting fact that emerged was the first woman pilot to complete a round the world flight on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1946 was Richarda Morrow-Tait who was born in Linton.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October when we will have a talk and perhaps dance with the Gog Magog Molly.

Liz Cox

## Biblical stories and characters

THE members of Linton Free Church are excited about hosting *The Bible comes to life exhibition* here in Linton. This is a well-established and respected exhibition that enables you to visit us in our church hall (next to the old chapel on Horn Lane), meet Biblical characters and hear them tell their stories.

The exhibition also gives you the chance to see some unique materials such as; Torah (Bible) scrolls, Middle Eastern clothing, models of the Tabernacle and Temple, and other items of Biblical religious and daily life. This is a great opportunity for you to see, touch and smell the world of the Bible.

The exhibition starts on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. There will be private sessions for schools and other groups. However, there will be public sessions where you are welcome to join us; they will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 7 - 9pm, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7 - 9pm, and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10am - 4pm. We will conclude the whole exhibition with a family friendly service at 10.30am on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> at Linton Free Church all welcome.

All the exhibits are free, with light refreshments available, a bookstall, and are suitable for all ages. We really hope you can join us at one or more of these sessions. You will be sure to get a great welcome and have a fun, educational, unique, surprising and very interesting time. For further information please contact me on 892991 or email [chriskemshell@hotmail.com](mailto:chriskemshell@hotmail.com).

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## Change of season at St Mary's

AUTUMN is often a time of new beginnings and at St Mary's we have several new things starting or beginning again. On 7<sup>th</sup> October Wild Church will begin again, this time we will be going wild Rivey Wood. Meet at 2.30pm at the bus stop on Back Road (by the cemetery), and wear boots and warm/waterproof clothes.

On 14<sup>th</sup> October our main Sunday service at 10am will be led by the children, and on 28<sup>th</sup> October our new service Together With God celebrates All Saints at 10am.

Looking ahead to November we have two important events coming up. We invite all those who have lost someone, whether recently or long ago, to Loving, Losing, Remembering: A Service for All Souls Day at 6pm on on 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out in the service, please contact me (details below).

This year will be the centenary of the Armistice on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, and this year Remembrance will be very special. After the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial there will be teas with a flavour of 1918 in the Village Hall, where there will be an exhibition about Linton and the Great War. The Remembrance Service will start at 2.30pm at St Mary's.

Revd Nicola Bown  
([nicolabown@icloud.com](mailto:nicolabown@icloud.com), 977164)

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## LINTON DIARY

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Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

### WEEKLY

Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC  
Beacon Astro Football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC  
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC  
Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion  
Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre  
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)  
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH  
Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC  
Scrabble Club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP  
Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am- 2.30pm CC  
Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30, LVC  
Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC  
Storytime, Tuesdays, term-time, 2-2.30pm Library  
Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH  
Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC  
IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC  
Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC  
Belleplate ringing, Tuesdays, 7.45-9pm (971057) URC  
Tots in tow, Wednesdays term time only, 9.30-11am VH  
Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm RG  
Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC  
Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC  
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), Thursdays, 1.15-2.45pm CC  
Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library  
Beacon drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG  
Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC  
Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC  
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP  
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC  
St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm St Mary's church  
Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC  
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

### OCTOBER

**1 Camera Club, 7pm** VH  
**2 WI, 7.30pm** VH  
3 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs  
4 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath  
**4 LVC School Open evening, 5.30 to 8.30pm** LVC  
6 Farmer's Market, 9am - 12noon VH  
**6 Fun palace,** Library  
**7 Wild church, 2.30pm** Bus stop cemetery  
8 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH  
**9 VIP Group, 2pm** Chalklands  
**9 Gardening Club, 7.30pm** VH  
**13 LMS concert Vitaly Pisarenko, 6.30 / 7.45pm** LVC  
14 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC  
**16 Historical Society, 7.30pm** VH  
17 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon LintonHC  
**18 Granta Grapevine AGM, 7 for 7.30pm** Chalklands  
18 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, CC  
19 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library  
**20 Camera Club exhibition, 10 - 4pm,** VH  
21 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane  
21 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church

### NOVEMBER

1 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath  
**1-4 Bible comes to life exhibit, various times** URC  
**4 Service for all souls, 6pm,** St Mary's church  
3 Farmers' market, 9am- 12 noon VH  
**5 Camera Club, 7pm** CC  
**6 WI, 7.30pm** VH

**KEY:** CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.  
**Library times:** Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

### Bin Collection Dates

Linton refuse collection: Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Linton blue and green bin collections: Mondays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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# Granta Grapevine AGM



GRANTA Grapevine, Linton's talking newspaper, will hold its AGM on Thursday 18th October at Chalklands Community Centre. Doors will be open at 7pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Granta Grapevine provides a spoken version of the Linton News and an audio magazine every month for those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading the text for any reason. Contact me if you know anyone who might like a copy of the recording on USB memory stick, for which a player is available from us.

If any of our listeners require assistance with transport to the meeting, please telephone me.

We have many interesting jobs available for volunteers, including operating our new memory stick duplicating equipment. For further information call me on 893619 or see our website [grantagrapevine.org.uk](http://grantagrapevine.org.uk)

Mike Crofts

# Comedy and carols

JOIN us for a carol evening with a difference at 7.30pm on Saturday 8th December at St Mary's Church, Linton.

Writer for BBC's *Miranda* and *Top Gear*, Paul Kerensa, brings his festive family friendly feel good show to Linton. *Comedy and Carols* has been touring the country for the last ten Christmases. Featuring stand-up comedy and singalong carolling, the one-man show will put everyone in the right seasonal mood.

Paul has written with Lee Mack on over 60 episodes of his sitcom *Not Going Out*, as well as with Miranda Hart on her sitcom and ITV's *Royal Variety Performance*, with Chris Evans on *TFI Friday* and *Top Gear*, and even written for the king of Christmas, Michael Bubl , on his special *Bubl  at the BBC*. Paul's books include *So a Comedian Walks Into a Church*, which The Independent rated one of their top eight books for Christmas that year, plus last year's *Hark! The Biography of Christmas*, which became an Amazon top 100 bestseller.



Paul Kerensa

Photo supplied by Paul Kerensa.

Tickets cost £10 including mulled wine and mince pie (soft drinks also available). Available from Sue Ellis on 892257 or Charlotte Ellis at [lottie020@hotmail.com](mailto:lottie020@hotmail.com). Get yours early so as not to miss out.

Charlotte Ellis

# LMJS Come along to this tempting musical evening

THIS is a reminder of our first concert of the season which takes place at 7.45pm on October 13th at Linton Village College. The brilliant young pianist Vitaly Pisarenko will play works by Rachmaninov, Prokofiev, Debussy and Liszt.

If this menu of such sumptuous fare were not enough to tempt you, the recital will be preceded by a talk on Liszt by Andrew Ball, distinguished lecturer at the Royal College of Music and expert on the piano music of the nineteenth century. This should surely put you in the right frame of mind to enjoy the performance.

The talk will start at 6.30pm in the Atrium. (Enter through the usual door and continue down the corridor.) We look forward to seeing you there. Tickets £15, £13 concessions, £3 under 18's, £30 family ticket. Tickets are available online at [www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk](http://www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk) or from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, Linton.

Vitaly Pisarenko; "Immensely gifted pianist.....with prodigious technique, myriad shadings and scrupulous accuracy." *New York Times*.

Linda Bird



# Designing small gardens

WE had a very good start to our Autumn garden club meetings. Lucy Hollis from Beeches Nursery in Ashdon gave us a very detailed and informative talk. Lucy is a garden designer and with the help of slides showing before and after photos she described how to design a garden.

Many people move to another property, either with a mature garden which needs a new look or a property with a new garden and need to start from scratch.

Lucy talks to the clients to find out what they require and advises them. A shed, patio or summerhouse may be required or a lawn which in a small area can be hard to maintain. Screening for an unsightly boundary wall or privacy from neighbours might be needed. For instance, a lot can be achieved by planting trees or bamboo in large containers which can then be moved around for a different effect.

Raised beds are easy to maintain and a shed can be hidden with trellis and a climber.

Start with a plan to get some idea of what the garden will look like, then measure the area and take photos. Existing paths, pipes, trees and windows will all have to be taken into account. It is also important to check sunny, shaded areas and wind direction. Planting and lighting come later after all the hard work

Our next meeting will be our AGM and *Talks on Gardens I Have Visited* given by Club members. The meeting is at 7.30pm on 9th October in the Village Hall. Visitors welcome and membership is £10.

Anita Daws, 892113, [lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk)

# Camsight VIPs

A VERY jolly auction was held at our September meeting, raising over £100 for our funds.

Our secretary Mrs June Hall, assisted by Mrs Sue Woodford, was our auctioneer. A variety of personal and household articles was brought by our members, and the auction was followed by our afternoon tea and raffle.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 9th October, at the Chalklands Centre, with a visit from Nick Burr, a young Camsight employee, and his guide dog Amber.

If you would like further information, please contact us on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

# Councillors' report for Parish Councils for September

## Local Plan

WE actually have some progress to report this month. South Cambs has the Inspector's report on the SCDC Local Plan submission and it should now be published.

Following this we need to look at a work plan for moving this forward, most likely it will be brought to the next full council meeting at South Cambs, in September.

## Business Support

South Cambs is still offering free business support sessions to people who either currently run their own small business or are thinking about starting one up.

The sessions are run by NWES (Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services Ltd), an external non-profit company. More details can be found at [www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants/)

## GCSE Results

Well done to Linton Village College for recording another excellent set of GCSE results with 74% of students achieving five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above. 20% of students achieved Grade 7 or above, that is equivalent to the old A and A\*, the grades changed to numbers this year.

## Combined Authority

The Authority is in some disarray with the unexpected departure of the Chief Executive and the surprise appointment of a (now ex) County Councillor as a full time Director. This was relatively well publicised in the local media.

The Government has had to step in to tell the Combined Authority and the Greater Cambridge Partnership to get their acts together and start working with each other.

There have been disputes over who is responsible for road transport improvements. Some large projects have been halted at the insistence of the Mayor. We hope this will not affect the plans for the improvements to the A1307 through our area.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

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# COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

## All you need to know about the eye-catching Long tailed tit

WHICH of us could not be charmed by this tiny creature, weighing the same as a 10 pence piece, with a tail longer than its body, and variously known as a flying lollipop, long tailed muffin, silver throated tit, flying teaspoon and, due to its nest, Jack in a Bottle? It is fluffy, has a tail 14cm long and is black and white with streaks of pink and grey. Its Latin name is *Aegialia Caudatus* of the *Roseceus* family.

This month my research has come from my dad's old bird book – *The Birds of the British Isles and their Eggs*, printed 1933 by T.A. Coward, MSc, FZS, FES and MBOU, whatever all that means.

When dad had seen the bird described, he wrote in the margin where and when it was, so I know that he saw the long tailed tit in Dunster, Somerset on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1946.

More recently there was a brilliant programme about them by Hugh Fernlea-Whatshisname, where eight roosting tits were filmed snuggling up to each other, on the exact same branch each evening at the same time. Each night the last one, the most senior, landed in the middle of the group and shoved the others up so it could have the warmest slot.

There are between 200,000 and 300,000 pairs in the UK, and they are common throughout Europe and Asia. They are often heard before they are seen, and they are extremely sociable. If you see one you know the next is not far behind, flying single file, calling *zi zi zi* to advertise itself. If they are crossing open spaces, or if one bird is separated from the flock, the calls become faster and louder.

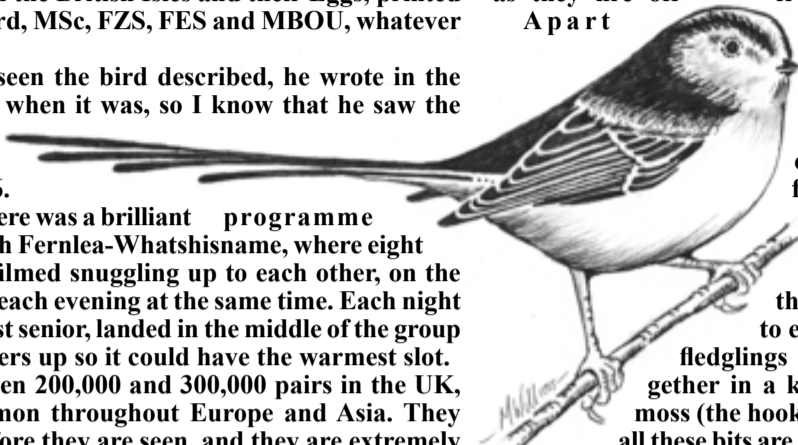
The book says they are insectivores, preferring the eggs and larvae of moths and butterflies. But anyone with bird feeders will know that they land in a mob and eat everything, before flitting off as fast as they arrived. They have been a beneficiary of the huge increase in our habit of feeding birds in our gardens – previously in the winter they were more

prone to die of cold and hunger, as there were too few insects available. As a group they can find more productive spots for feeding, and they share the information by constantly calling for their mates.

They live in woodland, scrub, heathland, bushes, hedges, parks and gardens, and are not known to migrate. They are constantly active, with the long tail assisting in the gymnastics, helping them to balance and acting like a rocket stick as they fire off from tree to tree.

Apart from their charm, they are known for their extraordinary nests. These take around two weeks to build, often with help from last year's brood, and are constructed with lichen, moss, feathers, and a mix of spider, bee and wasp cocoons, with around 6000 different bits in each. It is a flexible sac in a hedge, less than three metres off the ground, to enable it to increase in size as the fledglings grow. Structurally it is held together in a kind of natural Velcro, a mix of moss (the hook) and spider silk (the loop). How all these bits are compressed into such a tiny space is unimaginable really. They lay between eight and 15 eggs, and when feeding the young you can see the adult tail protruding from the hole at the top of the nest. If the adult has spent too long tending to the young inside, it can emerge with a bent tail though I've never seen that. The young are duller coloured with shorter tails and when fledged they join together in more excitable flocks.

When you are next thinking that bird seed is a bit pricey, just think of the joy these little birds can give. It is worth every penny.



### Plodding along an update on police matters

BETWEEN 3am and 11am on 10<sup>th</sup> August the front and rear number plates from a VW Polo in Symonds Lane were stolen. Crime ref: 35/21464/18.

Between 9am on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August unknown offenders have cut through and removed a large piece of lead attached to the wall of a house in Bartlow Road. Crime ref: 35/21745/18.

Between 8pm and 10.10pm on 24<sup>th</sup> August a lock was cut off the shed situated behind St Mary's church and a lawn mower and strimmer were stolen. Crime Ref 35/29858/18

Between 10pm on 29<sup>th</sup> August and 8am on 30<sup>th</sup> August unknown offender(s) have tried to break a lock from the shed located on the St. Mary's Church grounds in Church lane. which is used to store equipment. No entry was gained and it is thought offender(s) may have been disturbed. Crime reference 35/26392/18.

If you have any information which may assist with the investigation into these crimes please call 101, reply to this message or call crime stoppers anonymously 0800 555 111.

Remember to report any suspicious activity in your area on either the 101 non-emergency number or 999 in an emergency.

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This very popular craft fair, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year has over 40 stalls of locally handmade exquisite craft and foods.

It will be held from 10.30am – 4pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Meadow primary school, High Street Balsham

Refreshments and cream teas will be available along with children's activities.

The entrance fee is £2 per adult (includes cup of tea/coffee and 50p per child.

Bernadette Bottom,  
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**Pot Pourri 161 - What was the Mileage?**  
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 Urania

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### October events at Wandlebury

**Wandlebury Adventurers Club**  
 This is for unaccompanied children aged eight to 12 years and takes place from 6-8pm on five consecutive Monday evenings each term. You can sign up for a year, a term or a session. There is a charge. Places are limited so please book in advance: 01223 243830 or [enquiries@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeppf.org)  
 1<sup>st</sup> October Orienteering and 8<sup>th</sup> October Pumpkin carving. both based in the stable rooms.

**Healthy walking**  
 Meet at the Stable Rooms for a weekly, healthy, sociable walk. Meet at 10.00am for a longer walk, 10.30am for a shorter walk. No need to pre-book but please arrive 10 minutes early to register the first time.

**Fungal Discovery**  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 11am to 1pm  
 Highly popular guided fungi finding. Places limited so advance booking essential. Meet at the noticeboard in the car park. For accompanied children aged 9 years and over.

**Holiday Bushcraft**  
 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> October, from 8.30-4pm  
 Fun half-term activities for children aged five to 12yrs with Wild Thyme & Embers.

**Pumpkin carving**  
 Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm-7pm  
 Celebrate Halloween with pumpkin carving, bewitching storytelling, creepy candlelit walk, hot drinks and marsh-mallow toasting around an open fire. We welcome those dressed as fairies, witches, wizards, ghosts, ghouls, goblins and all manner of beasts. Bring a torch.

For more information about these or other events and prices email [bookings@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:bookings@cambridgeppf.org), call 243830 extension 207 or visit [www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on](http://www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on)  
 Mary Nealon

### Hildersham news

AT 7.30pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October *The King's Taverners* are joining us once again this year with a celebration of *Music Sans Frontiers* at Hildersham Church. This is always an extremely entertaining and often amusing evening of monologues and song. Tickets cost £10 including refreshments.

Amanda Palmer, 894316  
[amjpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:amjpalmer@gmail.com)

### National award for Symonds House

SYMONDS House is pleased to announce that the Home has been awarded accreditation for The Gold Standards Framework. This is a nationally recognised award that shows that the Home is dedicated to ensuring the best quality of life for our residents and the best quality of death.

The training and work involved in achieving this has been intense and I would like to thank all my wonderful staff for the support and interest they have shown in order to make this possible. Well done Symonds House.

Julia Cleland,  
 Home Manager, 891237

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# The Marsh mail

THE start of the new academic year is an important time for building relationships. Our new Year 7 cohort have been busy bonding in their tutor groups and teachers and students across the school have been getting to know each other in their new classes and houses.

At Linton Village College we prize relationships. Strong connections between staff and students, and students and their peers, support wellbeing and academic success. While relationships are at the heart of learning, they are not always easy to create and sustain. Secondary schooling can prove a challenging time for friendship issues and teenage cliques; the pressure to fit in and be accepted by peers is not always easy to navigate, especially with the additional influence of social media. The shift in the \*PSHE curriculum to give a greater emphasis to healthy relationships, as well as e-safety, is an important one to equip young people with the opportunity to learn and reflect on the connections that they engage in.

The changes that we have made to pastoral care structures and systems at the College this term are in recognition of the need for clear, targeted support to enable all of our young people to achieve their potential. We have been joined by a new Inclusion Administrator to support the pastoral team including our Inclusion Manager, and have some new roles including Heads of House, Safeguarding Officer and Case Workers in recognition of the need for intervention and pastoral care that focuses on safeguarding our young people and providing vulnerable students with bespoke care and support. We are also in the process of recruiting important support staff positions including Teaching and Catering Assistants which are advertised on our website.

Being relational is one of our Trust's core values; it is central to staff recruitment, underpins our behavioural expectations and defines the teaching and learning culture at LVC. Our positive climate for learning is always commented on by external visitors to the College. We are looking forward to showcasing our amazing students at our Open Evening on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30 to 8.30pm and subsequent Open Mornings.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

\*Note: PSHE stands for Personal, Social and Health Education

## Women fought to improve their lives.

THE next meeting of the Linton and District Historical Society-Society is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane when Mary Dicken will give a talk entitled *The Suffragettes*.

Mary Dicken has written a number of local history booklets and was head of history at a Cambridge school for 15 years. She has also worked for OCR, one of the country's main examination boards. This will be of interest to natives and newcomers alike.

Guests and new members are always welcome. Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. For further information contact me on 893928.

Pat Faircloth

# Linton Army Cadet Force

OUR open evening took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at Linton Heights Junior School. This event was mainly for the parents and families of the cadets whom we have already enrolled. New potential cadets and their families also attended.

The evening, led by the company sergeant major, was designed to demonstrate the adventurous training we give and the courses we offer, including B-Tec diploma courses and the young leader's Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) - Leadership and Management course.

At the end of the evening we invited the parents and potential cadets to join in on our last parade and they rose to the challenge. Everyone enjoyed the evening and all that attended say they will most definitely be back next time.

By the time you read this the cadets will have just come back from their annual camp, which was held at the Altcar Training Camp in Liverpool. There the cadets undertook training focussed around the Army Proficiency Certificate Syllabus, covering field craft, shooting, expedition training (Duke of Edinburgh), navigation, drill and adventurous training.

Also in September, our cadets participated in Cadet in the community tasks, regional cross country, and a Duke of Edinburgh silver expedition.

For further information, please visit the detachment and speak to S/Sgt Rudderham.

Parade nights are on Thursday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at Linton Heights Junior School

S/Sgt Rudderham, DC Linton Detachment, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force.



WITH the school holidays over and the cadets back from camp we return to our usual squadron activities. This year we have fulfilled more camp spaces than ever before. We already have flown more hours than previous years, with more flying allocations still coming through.

A massive congratulations to those twelve cadets that have passed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze assessment expedition in September. Having so many cadets achieve this standard is testament not only to their own hard work, but also to the efforts of both Mr. Orton and Ms Lowe who currently deliver the courses. Planning for the next set of bronze awards is already underway, with silver and gold standard courses being put together too.

As the evenings draw in and the weather turns colder we return our focus to our classification training. To accompany this we are able to deliver many BTEC and NVQ courses alongside our usual activities. These are a really fantastic way for cadets to gain formal qualifications whilst learning and progressing in their cadet careers.

We hope to have all new cadets achieving their first-class cadet qualifications so they are able to join us at the final Duxford airshow of the year. For Linton Squadron the September airshow marks the end of a summer full of activity and achievements.

There has never been a better time to join as a cadet. If you are 12 years and six months old, and in year 8, please get in touch about joining today.

CI Bradley Wright,  
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PS. I'd like to thank Jackie and David Wright for designing and supplying a new squadron banner with our new squadron logo and RAF Air Cadet branding.

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# Memories of Linton

## Part 5 Recollections

IN the days before the Flaxfields development with its little bungalows was built, you could go down a series of individual and communal garden paths from the houses on Back Road directly into Symonds Lane. If you then turned right, passing the Police House, you could take the footpath over the narrow bridge into the rec, where there was a good selection of things to go on: a roundabout, a tall slide, some swings, a see-saw and a bucking bronco. All set in concrete of course. The thought of suing the council if your child was silly enough to fall off would have been laughable.

If the weather was sunny, a nurse from The Union – the old Workhouse which at that time was a sort of nursing home/ asylum – might come by, pushing an inmate in a wickerwork bodied wheel chair, or, even more intriguing to a gaping child, pushing what looked like a giant old fashioned pram frame, but instead of the normal pram body there was a waist high flat wickerwork platform, with wickerwork sides about nine inches high all the way round. Recumbent upon this flat trolley would be another inmate from The Union.

I remember a carnival procession and fête, in 1953, to celebrate the Queen's Coronation. One of the floats had both my uncles on it, depicting the recent conquest of Mount Everest by Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing. They used a pile of straw bales covered with a whitewashed tarpaulin to represent the summit of the mountain. Both my uncles were motorcyclists in those days, and in the standard 1950s motorcycling gear of ex-RAF flying suits, leather helmets and goggles, they looked very much the part of mountaineers.

The only other thing I remember about the fête was that Pye's, the local electronics company, had a working display of the very latest thing out, closed circuit television. I actually saw a very fuzzy, shades-of-grey, moving picture of myself on television,

Brian Goodliffe

Redrafted by the author July 2017

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3194/18/TC, Mr John Roger Petter, 11 Meadow Lane, Works to Trees (CA)

S/3182/18/FL, Mr Wright and Ms Thompson, 7 Coles Lane, Single storey rear extension with flat roof and lantern, internal alterations and loft conversion including 2 dormers and rooflights

S/2440/18/FL, Mr Tucker, 5 Balsham Road, Change of use from shop to beauty salon and one bedroom flat

S/3335/18/TC, Dr Tyler-Smith and Dr Xue, 14 High Street, Three sycamore trees to fell

S/2648/18/VC, Mr Simon Page, 46 The Grip, Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent S/4242/17/FL for single storey side extension to revise facing materials

S/3296/18/DC, Mr Philip Boswell, Plot A At Former 142 High Street, Discharge of condition 3 (details of materials) of planning consent S/2694/14/FL for demolition of existing house and construction of 2 houses and detached garages

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# Parish Council Matters

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## Haverhill comes to Linton - with the Mayor!

JUST to be different, the latest meeting of the Haverhill Town Forum took place in Linton. Cllr Ward and I have been to these meetings for some years, as what happens in neighbouring areas can impact heavily upon us - planning, traffic, local services etc - and cross-border working allows us to comment upon and hear other views.

As a matter of protocol, James Palmer, the Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, had to have the meeting in his own area, which is why the Haverhill Forum met here. He understands that this is a knowledge-based growth area, with a housing shortage and lack of infrastructure. He said that housing would be better addressed by new towns, linked to where the work is, rather than adding houses to villages that do not have the infrastructure to cope. Public transport needs improvement and innovative solutions, including light rail, trains and an underground for the city, but not more roads in unsuitable locations.

As expected, lively discussion followed, including the point that Haverhill wants more industry of its own, not to be just a dormitory town for Cambridge. Transport schemes in Suffolk, Uttlesford, Cambridgeshire, City Deal, the Oxbridge rail routes etc, were said not to be linked or mutually beneficial. Developers were building houses without infrastructure, with no truly affordable houses. Transport needed improvement, and this could include new routes. The A1307 Villages Forum suggests

a route from Haverhill to M11 near Chesterford, so that Haverhill and Saffron Walden traffic could link to Cambridge transport hubs and national routes. Another village group suggests that a link from Haverhill to Stansted would benefit commerce. The idea of Haverhill as a transport hub without suitable road or rail links was generally seen as illogical.

However, the A1307 Strategy Board has again presented plans for a dual carriageway from Haverhill to the A11 at Fourwentways. Routes for new roads are proposed, one to the north of the A1307, near to the Roman Road, and one to the south, behind the zoo. Both would significantly impact nearby villages. Neither route would offer value for money (confirmed by the Mayor), while both would conflict with the objectives of City Deal/Greater Cambridge Partnership and local or regional transport policies and plans. Either would cause unacceptable damage to protected sites. Despite this, the A1307 Strategy Board is pressing ahead with these plans; the A1307 villages group continues to oppose them. To see more, updates are available on the West Wickham website [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org)

Connecting people and places is essential, but coordination and innovative ideas are needed - let the Mayor know your views.

Cllr Enid Bald

## Calling all Linton based community groups ...

If you would like to apply for parish council funding for the next financial year please contact the parish council office for a grant application form or alternatively download one from [www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk](http://www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk) under the funding heading.

All requests must be accompanied by an annual report and/or current bank statement and be received by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

## Greenway - which way?

GREENWAYS are off-road routes for cyclists, pedestrians and horses, to be used for commuting and leisure. After a period of neglect, the proposed route for Linton has been revived. The likely route from Cambridge has been identified as far as Hildersham - but what is the best route from there to the proposed Bartlow Road Park+Ride/Travel Hub?

Suggestions include:

1. The lady walk, through Little Linton, to the recreation ground.
2. Parallel to the A1307 (protected by a bus lane), then down Stanton's Lane to the Recreation ground.

These routes could include resurfacing of Stanton's cart track and the recreation ground footpath, better gates or barriers etc, to fit with Linton parish council's plans for improvements of those areas. From the recreation ground we need to get to the Bartlow Road/A1307 junction. It could be:

1. To Joiners Road then Market Lane and Horn Lane, through Camping Close to Mill Lane.
2. Or, Meadow Lane to High Street - then where? Something involving Dodgers Lane or Fleming's Fields?

Routes from these points onwards need more ideas, especially from cyclists. One suggestion is that Back Road should be the Greenway, with blocks to allow limited access. This would also help preserve the rare plants and protected verges.

There is a little time to work up ideas and routes, but City Deal/Greater Cambridge Partnership do want to move quickly on this. If the small P+R/traffic hub works at Bartlow Road, removing long stay traffic from the High Street then a second would be considered. We need additional ideas for where these might be. Your thoughts are most welcome!

Cllr Enid Bald

## Linton Community Speedwatch

FREQUENT road users may have spotted Community Speedwatch teams around the county (or country) including in neighbouring villages. Concerns have been raised by a number of Linton residents at parish council meetings about speeding through the village. Many of these concerned residents have been proactive in starting to tackle this issue by attending the Community Speedwatch training at Cambourne police station. Parish councils must support their community in the operation of Speedwatch and we are pleased to support a scheme here in Linton.

The police describe the Speedwatch scheme as follows:

Community Speedwatch is a scheme to allow trained volunteers to address speed concerns in their communi-

ties. This is achieved by:

1. Undertaking high-visibility roadside operations to educate speeding drivers, by displaying their speed on a digital display with a view to improving driver behaviour.

2. Reporting to the police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern. These speed monitoring reports enable the police to:

a) Send advisory letters to the registered owners to confirm to them the speed at which their vehicle was travelling and that the speed was in excess of the speed limit.

b) Use the data gathered to inform police and others on the allocation of resources and general road safety issues.

3. Delivering locally based feedback and problem solving schemes where speeding is of specific concern to the com-

munity, operated by trained volunteers and supported by the police.

4. Speedwatch is not enforcement: it is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and educating drivers.

At the time of writing, Linton has 13 trained Speedwatch volunteers. The police are arranging a time to assess the locations identified by our volunteers as particular areas of concern within the village. Once these locations have been approved as safe for our volunteers to operate from, we will be starting our Speedwatch activities, sharing our equipment with the newly started Speedwatch group in Horseheath.

There are no onerous time commitments in becoming a volunteer - we decide how often to monitor the traffic in our area based on the avail-

ability of our team members. It is suggested that the monitoring is carried out over a period of one to one and a half hours at a time, and that these times should be varied throughout the day. It is also possible to volunteer simply to write up the data collected and send it to the police.

The training takes about an hour and a half and is usually held on a Saturday morning once or twice a month in Cambourne. The police co-ordinator is prepared to hold training sessions within village communities if there are enough volunteers wanting to be trained at the same time.

If you are interested in joining the volunteer group, or in suggesting areas of speeding concern, please contact me by email at [linton-speedwatch@outlook.com](mailto:linton-speedwatch@outlook.com)

Cllr Kate Kell

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# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr Merrie Mannassi - chairman; Cllr John Bald - vice-chairman; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Kate Kell. Clerk to the council: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor; District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public present: One.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Paul Poulter; Graham Potter; Chris Hine and Angharad Hammond.

**Councillors' declarations of interest:** Cllr Kell declared a prejudicial interest in both the planning 1 Horseheath Road and finance committee items.

**Councillor vacancies:** There are currently three vacancies available for co-option.

**Chairman's comment:** Thank you to John Supcik of Plumblin for voluntarily replacing the cemetery tap for the village free of charge. This was very much appreciated both by council and residents.

Congratulations for the successful garden shows held by the Shepherd's recently which had a lovely flower selection.

It is hoped that Cllr Potter has a speedy recovery and the thoughts of the council are hoping he gets well soon.

**Open forum for public participation:** None.

**Approval of the minutes of the parish council meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018:** The following amendments were made:

Under chairman's comment, should read 'charities' not 'companies'.

Under Leadwell Meadows, define ESPO framework as to be 'used' not 'reviewed'.

Under trees, should read 'represented the region as tree warden at the tree council as the nominated tree warden' not 'regional tree warden role'.

Under trees 'Ian Lorman' to be corrected to 'Argenta'.

Cllr J Bald proposed, Cllr Kell seconded. Agreed, with one abstention.

**Matters arising/clerk's report:** County & District Cllr Henry Batchelor was thanked for his quick assistance in facilitating a meeting between a Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) engineer and LPC regarding the safety issues of the junction where Green Lane meets the High Street.

**Planning matters:** Update from the planning committee regarding consultants for the Bartlow Road planning application. A holding objection was written by CN Historic. The district council has said the drainage report in the application is not acceptable due to a lack of information provided. Cllr E Bald requested that additional funds might be released for a drainage consultant should it be required. This was discussed and it was suggested the planning committee review requirements and line consultants up to gauge a realistic view of the costing and to allow for negotiation. The planning committee to write specifications for the consultants and the office to contact consultants.

Notes from the planning working group meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018: Noted.

Update on 1 Horseheath Road application: This was approved by the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) planning committee with some conditions to assist with privacy.

Notification of the planning application S/2511/18/OL for five dwellings off Back Road: This is an outline application for infill housing, however there are concerns from the planning committee regarding entrance and exit to the site. The exit onto Back Road would be used but also a new road onto Coles Lane which is a concern for LPC as it could be highly dangerous.

Commenting on the Local Plans: Uttlesford Local Plan comments have been sent in. It was asked if LPC wish to comment on this. It was decided that LPC would collect data and can add this at a later date. It was also noted that the Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Local Plans can be commented on by

LPC when these open for public consultation.

County and District Councillors' reports & business: Written report noted. CCC has some additional funding and are looking at possibly applying this to Rivey Lane. CCC is welcoming comments from residents on this. It was requested that CCC re-dig the ditch down at the bottom of Rivey Lane, which LPC dug last time this was cleared.

The end date for the Local Plan is due to be at the end of August, however SCDC are still waiting on the final report.

The Innovation and Cultivation funding options offer a maximum of £10,000 per applicant.

**Traffic matters:** Parking issues outside of the Co-op - written report from Cllr Mannassi, following the meeting on the 3rd August 2018 with a CCC highways engineer: A sketch was presented in packs for council to review the recommendation. It was proposed to move the loading bay back five metres and double yellow line outside the Co-op to offer more visibility when exiting Green Lane. The piece of concrete used for traffic management would be removed to allow for more parking spaces. Cllr Ward proposed that £500 is spent getting the Traffic Regulation Order started for getting the scope across the village with particular focus upon Green Lane. Seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed. The clerk can apply for this on the link if the traffic working group send through the current listing.

**Market Square parking and proposed parking permit parameters:** Cllr J Bald suggested that 38 High Street, The Old Reading Room, should have a permit based on historical agreement. It was proposed by Cllr J Bald that only number 38 should be provided a permit going forward. This was suggested to be on a three month trial basis. This was seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed, with one abstention.

**Speedwatch update:** Cllr Kell will be taking over the Speedwatch programme as an internal coordinator.

The resident in attendance and the County and District Councillors left the meeting at the close of this item.

**S106 funding and traffic:** The clerk gave an update on the suggestion from James Fisher, the SCDC S106 officer, in trying to work alongside CCC and present the plans that LPC would like to implement, to see if the S106 monies that were allocated to CCC highways with the intention of being spent on Greater City Partnership could be reallocated to assist in covering the cost of these.

CCC regarding convoy working on multiple roads within South Cambridgeshire: Noted.

A resident regarding pavements and walkways on Bartlow Road and The Ridgeway: Clerk to contact CCC (Nicola Burdon) regarding cutting back on the hedges and to establish ownership. Parking reporting line to be recommended to the resident.

A resident regarding Meadow Lane and parking issues: This will be applied for and raised under a Traffic Regulation Order which the PC are applying for to cover many traffic issues across the village.

A resident regarding double yellow line request for Meadow Lane: This will be applied for and raised under a Traffic Regulation Order which the PC are applying for to cover many traffic issues across the village.

Haverhill Forum meeting report: Noted.

**Financial matters:** Formal retrospective agreement for Brian Manley to authorise the July 2018 payments on the system. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed.

Notification of the new signatories on the Unity Trust accounts as Cllr Smith and Cllr Hine: Noted.

Consideration of the minutes of the finance committee from the meeting of the 12th July 2018: Noted.

Consideration of the funding request from Magpas: Cllr J Bald proposed £100, Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of the purchase/donation amount of the Remembrance Sunday wreath and the wreath ready for the placing of the marker for Private John Fincham: Cllr J Bald proposed £120 in total to cover the cost/donation for two

wreaths, Cllr Cox seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of Cllr Kell's request to join the finance committee: Cllr Smith proposed, Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed.

Review of the specification for the repair of the churchyard paths submitted by Cllr Cox: Deferred to the next meeting when a full specification will be provided.

Review of the quotation for the hedge cutting at the recreation ground: Cllr J Bald proposed the £300 to cut and remove the off cuts from the outside of the hedge only, Cllr Cox seconded. Agreed.

Chris Markham can have this for free of charge if he pays and arranges for collection. Should he not wish for this then the clerk to ask Smith's to collect.

**Update on the key projects:** Benches project: Bench locations were discussed and it was recommended at the following locations - High Street, by phone box; Horseheath Road, near the footpath to/from Dolphin Close; Balsham Road, near Rivey Close access. Clerk to check with SCDC conservation team regarding the High Street on the cobbles due to the sensitive nature of this area.

**The Skate Ramp:** The sewer pipeline placement is to be checked, and it will need to be found out from SCDC if any planning is required. It was also discussed that the environment agency should be contacted to see if there are any concerns about flooding which need to be raised with the contractors who have been contacted.

Update on the Bowls Club: Deferred to the next meeting.

**Cemetery:** WW1 Commemoration - a plan has been drawn up. Cllr Kell to manage the project and bring three quotations back to council for the next meeting, with confirmation that this will be in place by 11th November 2018.

**Memorial bench for the cemetery:** Cllr E Bald proposed that a bench from the recreation ground be moved to the cemetery, if the design matches. This can be relocated and cemented in by Local Handyman Services if deemed appropriate. Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed.

Beacon Youth Trust: Written report for July 2018. Noted.

Consideration of correspondence received: Amberol regarding amended order for planters. Cllr Ward proposed five planters with the logo, Cllr Hine seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

3C Shared Services regarding street naming and numbering notification: Noted, no comments.

Resident request for memorial bench for the recreation ground: LPC would like review the design before this is purchased but in principle agree.

FirstPort management company regarding cricket ball damage to Linton Priors, Dovehouse Close: Cllr Ward has spoken with the Cricket Club and is looking to trim back some of the trees to allow for the placing of the splays when playing.

Confidential part of meeting followed.

*Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council of-fice.*

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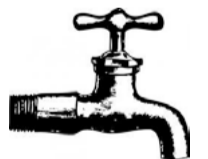
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