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Linda turns a new page



Lynda Martin, with the retirement gift presented by the Cathodeon Trust, a bowl engraved with a view of the Cathodeon Centre. Left to right: John Bald, Chair of Friends of Linton Library, Val Urwin, Trustee, Sue Mudge, Trust Secretary, Lynda, Andrew Gore, Chair of the Trust, David Champion, Trustee and Paul Poulter, Chair of the Parish Council

Picture by Roger Lapwood

THE Cathodeon Trustees were joined by the Chairs of the Parish Council and Friends of Linton Library to thank Lynda Martin, on her retirement from Cambridgeshire County Council's Library Service and from the Cathodeon Trust, for her commitment to the creation and development of the Cathodeon Centre and Linton's new library over more than 20 years.

Trust Chair, Andrew Gore, observed that by the 1990s the library had outgrown the village college site and desperately needed new premises to remain sustainable. At the same time the village had the opportunity to acquire and redevelop the former Cathodeon canteen for community use. In her then role as manager of the Cambridge East Area Libraries, Lynda persuaded the County Library service to commit time, expertise and money towards the creation of the Cathodeon Centre, with a new library at its heart.

"Without Lynda's committed advocacy of the project, I do not believe that the Centre would have been created or that Linton would still have a library," he said.

Lynda held a variety of roles in the Library Service during her time as a Cathodeon Trustee, finally retiring as the County Council's Operations and Development Manager.

Lynda said: "I have always been tremendously proud of the Linton Cathodeon Community Hub and our involvement in its success. It is a true example of how community building can be successfully run for the benefit of local people by a Trust, in partnership with the Parish Council, the County Council Libraries and Children's Centre and local groups. It is a wonderful asset for Linton and I wish it every success in the future."

Andrew Gore

Challenges ahead for Linton

HAVING been an apprentice for three years as Vice Chairman of Linton Parish Council, I was elected Chairman last month and Mr. Brian Manley was elected Vice-Chair. I have lived in Linton for 26 years. All our children went to the local schools and benefited from growing up in a real village community and, like so many, formed friendships which they maintain to this day.

Linton has changed in this time - in fact the population has grown by around 15% and in terms of traffic far more. The village infrastructure has just about coped with this growth-so far. This is the challenge facing all South Cambridgeshire villages; to maintain their village character and natural environment whilst meeting the needs of a growing population. Linton has managed this challenge quite well through accepting both large scale housing developments e.g. Cathodeon, and approximately 100 homes on smaller infill sites. LPC also has pro-active environmental and heritage policies and measures.

But there are natural limits to how much Linton can expand. These include the availability of school places, road capacity and the strain on infrastructure and the environment e.g. the drainage system and the flood plain. South Cambridgeshire District Council shares this view and both the existing and the emerging Local Plans (which specify where and what type of development is permitted) stipulate that Linton should not have any major development outside the current built up village boundaries.

Both SCDC Local Plans were proposed by a democratically elected District Council and the existing plan was overwhelmingly approved in a public consultation. Regrettably, local plans have since been successfully challenged by developers on a technicality.

There is still an urgent need in Linton for more genuine social housing for starter homes and homes for elderly residents. The provision of such housing is a priority for the Neighbourhood Plan. The latter will go to a Public Consultation for approval this year. In the meantime we need to be vigilant to ensure that Linton's precious environment is not overwhelmed by developers or major transport projects to suit the needs of unsustainable expansion in Haverhill and elsewhere.

Finally, a PC is not only about managing development but many other issues as well, and this PC will make a determined effort to engage more widely and frequently with residents in all parts of the village. It is now time for the PC to find out more about what the villagers concerns are and what they want for themselves and the village. Come and join the PC as a councillor to help us.

Cllr Paul Poulter

Fun festival celebrated books, kids and creativity

AFTER a week featuring ghost tours, story-times, hidden books and a magnificent maze, the events of Linton Children's Book Festival culminated in an exciting big weekend on 21st and 22nd May.

Linton Village College became a hive of book themed activity. Children learnt the secrets of successful story-writing, cover design and dragon-drawing from talented authors and illustrators.

In our drop-in zones, they explored Cambridge Science Centre's hands-on exhibits, made papyrus scrolls and developed management skills.

Paul Jackson told magical tales in his yurt, and our honorary patron Helen Moss chaired a panel of up and coming authors discussing the writer's life.

Among a host of memorable Main Hall events, wildlife photographer Michael Leach shared fascinating insights into the lives of gorillas, James Mayhew charmed us by illustrating stories as he told them and comedian James Campbell brought the festival to a hilarious close.



Storytelling in the yurt

Picture from J. Paterson



Book signing by James Campbell and James Mayhew

Pictures from J. Paterson and Ron Ragsdale



Cambridge Science Centre wind tunnel

Picture from Josephine Paterson

Linton Bookfest would not be possible without the huge team of volunteers who generously donate their time and skills - sincere thanks to them all.

This year we were especially pleased by the number of local teenagers who volunteered their help. Many have grown up enjoying Bookfest, and it's heartwarming that they are now eager to give back to this event and their community.

We are also grateful to our major funders (Arts Council, Linton Parish Council and Wadlow Wind Farm Community Trust), sponsors and donors, who enable us to keep the

event free and open to everyone.

Feedback from children, parents and visiting speakers has been overwhelmingly positive. We are proud to be fulfilling our aims to inspire kids to enjoy books and explore their own creative talents.

We'll be back in 2018 - until then, keep reading.

Anna McMahon
info@lintonbookfest.org 892525

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WE have been reviewing our list of deliverers of the Linton News and find that we need extra

- regular deliverers for Wheat Croft and Kinsey Place
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Too good for jumble...

NEWLY on offer this month are a small red velvet button back armchair, a brand new Aga cooker-hood, unused in original packing, a blue upholstered small swivel office armchair, a Denon DCD 485 record player, a wool style burgundy coloured rug 59in long x 51in wide and a pair of burgundy lined polyester curtains 54in long x 45in wide, a computer table and a dressing table.

Also available are the brand new Swan teasmade, a Brother AX-430 electric typewriter (hardly used), a black glass TV table with 2 shelves 17½in wide x 79in deep x 22in high and the barbeque set on wheels with all tools and charcoal.

The wrought iron gate raised £10 for St Mary's Church.

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All change at the Infant School



HERE we are in the last month of the academic year and what a busy year it has been here at Linton Infant School. We started with a whole school trip to Hedingham Castle, where the children travelled back in time. We then had a plane land in the playground for our topic of Mission Skyline and the school hall was transformed into an airport check-in lounge. Our final topic of the year has seen us plan an exciting and energetic mini beast Olympic Games.

Sadly though, this is also the time we have some goodbyes to say. As you may be aware, we are saying goodbye to many teachers this year. Mrs. Sleeman, Miss Martin, Miss Baber and Mrs. Dando are all leaving Linton CE Infant School. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work and commitment to the school. We also say goodbye to our Year 2 pupils who move on to the next stage of their learning. It is always sad to see the children leave us but it is with a proud heart, looking at how they have grown and what they have achieved in the short time they have been at the school.

At the time of writing, our Sport's Day scheduled for Friday 1st July is yet to take place but I hope that the sun shines for us.

Our last day of term is Thursday 21st July and the first day back is Monday 5th September. I know that Mrs Harries, the new Head Teacher, is very excited. There is a new team at Linton Infant School and I am sure you join me in wishing the staff and children all the best for the future. I hope you all enjoy the summer break spending time with your family and friends.

Louise Clark, Headteacher

ACEs hit the Broads

ACEs went to Wroxham on 9th June. It was a splendid day with glorious weather and even better company. Wroxham is a small town, but has plenty of places to eat, with the swans and ducks getting their share. It was amusing to see rows of tails as they dabbled for crumbs around the harbour.

Most of us took a boat trip on the Norfolk Broads, which were formed when sea level rises flooded ancient peat workings - a man-made environment. We had ecology field trips here when I was a student, but back then the water was full of algae, with few fish and little wildlife.

A careful and ingenious programme of restoration has improved the water quality. Nature has re-asserted itself and the place is teeming with natural interest.

Suction dredging is planned to remove the rest of the algae, and reed beds are being cut to prevent the area from reverting to woodland - a lesson for our Pocket Park. The reeds are used to thatch the many picturesque and stylish houses along the banks.

Many thanks to Jan Sheppard and Linda Read for organising the day out. It was a real treat.

Our next event is the Garden Party, which is from 2.30 to 6pm on Tuesday 26th July at 7 Symonds Lane. There will be cream teas, a raffle, a bookstall, a Bring and Buy stall and jolly company. I hope the weather is kind to us.

Enid Bald 891069

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Puzzle Day at the Heights



ON Wednesday 8th June, the NRich Puzzle Company came to Linton Heights Junior School. NRich is a company which asks really interesting maths questions.

The session began with Becky, the instructor, showing us the company logo, which is in the accompanying picture. If you look closely, it is made up of many shapes. Becky asked us to look at the shape from different angles so that we could see the hidden shapes inside.

After this, we split into groups and completed many of the mini maths puzzles in the time we had.

The Tower of Hanoi was one of the tasks we looked at. It consisted of three wooden columns with eight wooden

rings which decreased in size each time. The group then had to put the rings in order on one column. After this, we needed to move the rings onto another column but they had to be in the same order. You couldn't put a big one on top of a smaller one. It was necessary to count our moves so we could try and beat our score each time. Fortunately, we completed this task and found it tricky but enjoyable.

That's the good thing about doing puzzles. It is fun, but at the same time, challenging.

The day taught us a lot about perseverance and teamwork.

We would definitely do this again and hope we get the opportunity to do so next year.
Amber and Priya, Year 4

Pop up to Pocket Park

ONE of the major Parish projects is nearing completion and when it is finished, a major village asset will be ready for your leisure and pleasure.

The work was primarily to restore the floodplain at Leadwell Meadows and Pocket Park with ditches cleared and renewed, the pond re-dug and banks re-formed, all to help prevent flooding of the village. New fencing and new bridges and better paths have been added to improve this area for general leisure use. Soon there should soon be information notices, places to sit and trails. However there is already plenty of natural life to explore and enjoy with a wider range of ducks and amphibians than we had previously.

So go there for a walk, or to sit and reflect, or to play in natural surroundings - it is all waiting for you up Mill Lane, to the left before you reach the A1307.

Share this with the wildlife and enjoy the summer.

Enid Bald, 891069

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Telling stories and summer fun

THE children had such a lovely time during Linton Book Fest week, especially because we had a personal visit from a local story teller who brought Brian the Lion with her to help tell the story. We also invited parents, carers and friends to join us early afternoon for a cake and book stall, which was a huge success.

July is always one of our busiest months, helping to prepare our older children for their transition to big school. To help celebrate in style, we have arranged for a local entertainer to attend our playgroup on the last day, for all of our children to enjoy at our end of term party.

We also have our annual Open Day 10am to 12noon



Left: Mr Brian Lion came too

Below left: Making a lion picture

Photos by Liz Cox

on Wednesday 6th July which gives the chance for local families to see our setting and meet our staff.

We are having great fun planning our annual summer event for the families of Chestnut Playgroup. Our theme this year is Rio, which means we have lots of great Olympic styled family races, stalls and crafts for our families to enjoy.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and their families a fantastic summer break.

Staff and Committee of Chestnut Playgroup
chestnut.pg@gmail.com

Gardening Club's 74th Annual Show

LINTON & District Gardening Club's 74th Annual Show will be held on Saturday 23rd July in the Village Hall. Club members and non-members are welcome to enter as many exhibits as they like.

There are lots of vegetable, fruit, flower and pot plant classes for those with green fingers to enter. New classes include *longest bean pod*. In addition there are also many arts, crafts, photography, flower arranging, baking and preserves classes to enter.

The children's section this year includes classes which celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and the Rio Olympics. An art class and a baking class have been added for children's groups.

The entry fee for adults remains at 20p per exhibit whilst the entries for the children's section are free. The show is all about the fun of entering, but there are also prize cards, small monetary prizes and trophies to be won.

Schedules (50p) which list all the classes and entry details are available from Helen, 9 Balsham Road (893577) or Susan, 3 Mill Lane. Entry forms must be received at 9 Balsham Road by 8pm on Thursday 21st July.

On show day the doors will open to the public at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and view the exhibits and enjoy a cup of tea and cake. The prize giving and raffle will be held at 4.15pm. We look forward to receiving lots of entries and seeing you at the show on the 23rd July.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary)
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Safety in the High Street

Dear Editor
You report that our Local Authorities are seeking to enforce parking restrictions in the village (not before time) to prevent damage to bus tyres. Whilst necessary, this is only part of the problem caused by excessive traffic in the High Street. It was never constructed to take the sheer volume and weight of 21st century traffic.

The damage to historic buildings in the conservation area should be of concern to the local authorities – but is ignored.

Damage to the electricity and drainage systems must be worrying to the statutory undertakers. Our electricity connection was damaged apparently due to vibration and we are not the only house to have suffered.

Pedestrians have been hit by wing mirrors on vans as a result of the narrow pavement. Notifying the Highways Authority of this, only produced a suggestion that I should contact the police. For what?

The Local Authorities have known of these problems for a long while but just continue to *debate* a solution.

Why not simply construct a roundabout at the junction of the Bartlow or Horseheath Roads and make the High Street access only? This would provide safety for pedestrians, the infant school, mothers and children and safety for motorists trying to access the main road.

All this has been suggested many times before but no response from the Authorities. May we have some action please?
M R K Holden, High Street, (a voter)

Editor's Note: see Panel Meeting in next column

England, our England

theWI REX Freeman, accompanied by Rosemary Wheeler on the harmonium, entertained our members with an evening of song, poetry and prose about England and the English, starting with Shakespeare's famous description of England.

The weather is a preoccupation of the English and Rex sang Flanders and Swann's *A Song of the Weather* in a rich baritone. Americans envy our history and here are some howlers from American pupils: -

Sir Walter Raleigh invented cigarettes; Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world; when Queen Elizabeth I exposed herself to troops they shouted hooray; Queen Victoria sat on the thorn for 66 years.

The English are eccentric, one of their foibles being queueing. A learner driver kept stalling her car at traffic lights and a queue formed followed by a police car. Horns sounded impatiently. The drivers were admonished by the police on their public address system, followed by some very fruity language when the learner reversed.

Ale and Madeira wine being favourite drinks in the Middle Ages, Rex sang *My Flagon of Nut Brown Ale* and *Have Some Madeira m'Dear*. Other recitations included Wordsworth's *Upon Westminster Bridge*, Browning's *Home Thoughts from Abroad* and Longfellow's *The Windmill*.

Members sang along enthusiastically to *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, *Old Father Thames* and *Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner*.

At our next meeting on 5th July, Ellee Seymour will give a talk entitled *The Shop Girls*. Visitors and new members always welcome.

Sally Proberts

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

Burglaries

SOMETIME over the week beginning 30th May a brick built outhouse was broken into in Wheat Croft, Linton. Offender(s) had forced entry by way of glazed doors and stolen four cycles.

Police Officer retires

SERGEANT Sandra Davidson retired on 6th June and she has asked me to forward the following message to you. We, here at Sawston, will miss her.

"This is my last day in the Force and I wanted to send my thanks to all e-coppers for supporting your local officers and helping us keep you safe. I have really enjoyed the last five years of my service working at Sawston, and a lot of that is down to the wonderful support we receive from South Cambs residents. My replacement, Sergeant Rachel Ball, will be starting on the 20th June. She worked as a shift sergeant for a year in South Cambridgeshire up until last summer so already knows the area. Best wishes Sandra Davidson"

Chris Wiseman, PCSO, Sawston police station

The Police Panel Meeting

THIS was held on 15th June in Sawston Village College.

The Panel consisted of Chief Inspector Sutherland, Inspector Jane Drury and Emma Knight from the District Council

The main issues relevant to Linton dealt with concerned:

- Parking issues. For the past six months Linton Parish Council has paid into the Community Parking Fund which pays for PCSOs to work overtime to deal with specific parking issues. A total of 42 hours of patrols have been completed with a number of parking tickets issued in Linton.
- Speeding in the villages is a priority in South Cambs as it cause deaths. Drivers exceeding the 20mph speed limit can now be prosecuted and /or offered the driver awareness course.
- Crime prevention is a priority with South Cambs police. There is a big push on burglary prevention with one event held every month. There was one recently held in Balsham highlighting measures to prevent shed and van burglaries. People are urged to take *the Bad Wolf Test* (google that) to see how safe their property is.
- Cybercrime is on the increase. If you encounter a new fraud contact the fraud squad. If in doubt about a caller put the phone down.
- Keeping children safe on the internet and avoiding grooming leading to abuse is also a priority. To counter this a play called *Chelsea's Choice* is being shown to Year 10 pupils in schools to raise awareness of the dangers.
- Cases of modern day slavery have been found in South Cambs, including cases concerning car-washing gangs and people kept as slaves in cannabis production.

The next meeting is at Fulbourn Institute on 18th October

As reported by the Editor

New cycling and walking routes and better bus routes?

PLANS for improving public transport are being developed under the Greater Cambridge City Deal, and were discussed with stakeholders at a recent briefing meeting.

Currently, new routes for cycling and walking and improvements in bus travel are being developed. This could include a new cycle/walking path along the route of the old railway line, bus lanes, junction and signal changes to speed the buses in and around Linton, and new Park and Ride sites.

Major road changes or re-opening of the railway are not part of this scheme, but might form part of the wider consultation. There will be public consultation at LVC on Tuesday 5th July, from 5pm to 8pm. You can submit your ideas and comments to gccitydeal.co.uk/A1307.

Enid Bald

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

WEEKLY

Seedlings, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm	CC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult	LVC
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am	Mondaystern
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm	Mondays Pavilion
Men's keep fit, 8-9.30pm	Mondays LVC sports centre
Chestnut playgroup sessions Tues-Fri term time	CC
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, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday	LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays	term timeLVC
Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues	LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time	Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays	CC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Dance Fit, 6.45pm, Thursdays from May	LVC Dance Studio
Cricknet club, 6-8pm Thursdays	RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am – 11.30am	CC
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

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4 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
5 Consultation on 1307 improvements, 5pm	LVC
5 Talk on dementia, 7.30pm	St Mary's
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Open Day Chestnut Playgroup	CC
6 Reading Group, 8pm	Upstairs VH
7 Luncheon Club 12.15pm	Red Lion, Horseheath
8/9 St Mary's Flower Festival, 10am	St Mary's
10 St Mary's Flower Festival, 11.20am	St Mary's
10 Lighthouse, 10.15am - 12noon	URC
11 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
12 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
13 Community Navigator, 10-12noon	HC
13 Coffee morning, 10.30am	URC
15 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
16 Friends of St Mary's Summer Tea, 3pm	11 Mill Lane
17 Walking Group, 11am	Church Lane
17 Hog roast, 12.30	Hadstock VH
17 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's
20 Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, 9.30am - 12noon	HC
21 Friends of St Mary's Summer Tea, 3pm	Richmonds,
	65 High Street

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2 Friends of St Mary's Summer Tea, 3pm	StMary's
2 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.

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We also have a variety of leaflets covering courses and activities in the area.

Our most recent addition is our *Community Awareness* board, which we have set up in co-operation with Supporting Businesses and Communities.

So, if you want to stop unwanted phone calls and post, find out about scams and doorstep-crime, pick up



New information leaflets in the library's media room

Picture by Liz Cox

a leaflet.

We also have *We are not buying stickers for your front door.*

If you know of any scams

or unwanted callers in our local area we can add them to the board.

Liz Cox, Community Library Assistant

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is your local health and care champion.

THERE are lots of important conversations happening at the moment about the future of our local health and care services.

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Some of the conversations we've been involved in recently include:

- Hinchingsbrook Hospital merger
- Care at Addenbrookes and the Rosie
- The future of older people's health care and adult community services
- Children and Young people's mental health
- Crisis mental health care
- NHS 111 and out of hours GP care

We have also published *Thriving*, our report into children and young people's mental health. We wrote *Thriving* to help make sure children and young people are listened to by local commissioners and providers. They are using it to help redesign children and adolescents' mental

health services.

We need to know how health and care is working in Cambridgeshire for you and the people who are important to you.

We will listen to your experiences and share them with the people who make decisions about local services, without identifying you.

We also provide an Information Service and can help you find out about:

- health and social care services near to you
- what to do if you have a concern or complaint
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Local artists display at Cambridge Open Studios

WE have three local artists taking part in the Cambridge Open Studios weekends in July this year.

Lydia Collings and Sonia Villiers are exhibiting in Cambridge and Sue Walker in her studio in Hadstock.

In all there are 200 venues in the COS event this year.

Look out for the free guide giving full details of all Cambridge Open Studios or online at www.camopenstudios.co.uk.

Linton ceramic sculptor Lydia Collings and Hadstock painter Sonia Villiers

Lydia and Sonia are exhibiting together and will show their work on 9th-10th and 16th-17th July at 33 Parkside, Cambridge, CB1 1JE.

Lydia works in her studio in Linton and uses organic materials and discarded horse-hair in her sculptures. It is collected and kindly donated to her by Linton Farm after grooming the horses in the stable.

Sonia is an established local artist; her quirky paintings of Cambridge, Linton and Saffron Walden add a new perspective to familiar scenes. Her new eye-catching work this year is made of collaged marble paper.

For more information see www.lydiacollings.co.uk and www.soniavilliers.net.



Lydia and Sonia with some of their artwork

Picture supplied by Lydia and Sonia

Hadstock artist Sue Walker



Sue in her Hadstock studio

Picture by Sue

Sue's studio is in a converted barn in the garden of her house in the village. She will be showing landscape and seascape paintings in acrylic and mixed media inspired by the local countryside and holidays abroad. A range of prints and cards will also be available.

Sue looks forward to welcoming visitors to her studio from 11am-6pm on the weekends of 16th-17th July and 23rd-24th July at The Orchard Studio, Yew Trees Farmhouse, Linton Road, Hadstock, CB21 4NU.

For more details go to : www.suewalkerart.co.uk, or suewalkerart1@gmail.com or call 07967 152532.

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Local history of Kitchener's Army

THIS season's final speaker was local historian, Andrew Westwood-Bate. His topic was the lead-up to the Battle of the Somme, which commenced on 1st July 1916, and in particular, the recruitment of many local men into Kitchener's Army.

With the outbreak of hostilities, Lord Kitchener was appointed Secretary of State for War. Contrary to the popular view, Kitchener foresaw a war lasting several years, and planned to augment the regular army, which was a small professional force, supported by a number of

reservists.

A series of recruitment campaigns, aided by the famous pointing finger poster, and even by Vesta Tilley in the music halls, enlisted vast numbers of volunteers to be trained up for new Kitchener Armies.

The 11th Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment, later known as the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Old Pals, recruited many men from our local farming communities. University members were appointed officers.

We followed these men from their first inspection on

Parkers Piece, to the freezing conditions of a winter in the rat-infested trenches and the monotony, broken by long hours filling sand bags and carrying out repairs.

The disastrous under-estimation of the German defence saw 19,240 British soldiers killed on the first day of the battle, with over 57,000 casualties. Fourteen local men died.

Andrew finished with an excerpt from an official film of the Battle of the Somme, promising to show the entire film in the near future.

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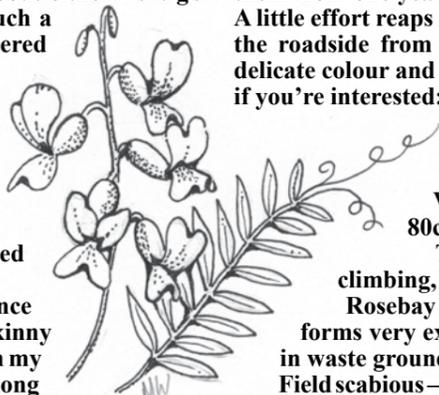
Five wildflowers to learn for 2016

THIS month I was planning to write about either slugs or squirrels, but discussion provoked such a reaction from my otherwise mild mannered husband that I am steering well clear.

Wildflowers seemed a safer bet, so I have opted for a selection that no one with a soul could classify as weeds. May and June are such fabulous months for wildflowers, whether in the central reservation going north from Linton, along the Roman Road, or in the newly opened Trumpington Meadows.

You can look at a fat wild flower reference book, with 1600 entries on 575 pages, a skinny concise guide with 300, or take comfort in my neighbour's list of 88 species found along the top of Long Lane and along the railway embankment.

Well into middle age, I find myself more interested in learning flower names and trying (unsuccessfully) to remember



them from one year to the next. I wish I had started earlier. A little effort reaps great reward though. Even cycling along the roadside from Bartlow can yield such a profusion of delicate colour and texture. Here are some names to look up if you're interested:

Self-heal – *prunella vulgaris*, common along roadsides, with creeping runners only 20cm tall.

Viper's bugloss – *echium vulgare*, grows to 80cm, dotted with red-based bristles.

Tufted vetch (left) – *vicia cracca*, 60-200cm, climbing, branched tentacles, very delicate.

Rosebay willow herb - *chamerion angustifolium*, forms very extensive clumps, up to 120 cm, especially in waste ground.

Field scabious – *knautia arvensis*, branched upright stems 25-100cm tall, a rosette on a hairy stem.

Test question – what do the above five have in common? Answers to o.laws@btopenworld.com.

Oriel O'Loughlin

Journeys: July Flower Festival 2016 theme

JUST a reminder that this year's Flower Festival will take place on the weekend of 8th-10th of July. The church will open from 10am to 6pm Friday 8th and Saturday 9th and from 11.30am to 6pm on Sunday 10th.

There will be stalls selling books, plants, cakes, jewellery and bric-a-brac, along with the Friends of St Mary's stall and you can try your luck on the bottle stall.

Food will be served throughout the weekend in the church pavilion; there will be musical entertainment on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons along with some children's activities and the ever popular Sunday Teddy Bear Jumps and Duck Race on the river Granta. The event will close with the Grand Raffle Draw and a quarter peal rung by our Team Ringers.

If you would like more information you can contact me on 891111 or by email: nanette1@hotmail.co.uk.

Nanette Blackmore, Flower Festival Co-ordinator

Annual Ride, Drive and Stride

DO you value our heritage of historic church buildings? Did you know that despite many of them being listed buildings, there is no state funding for keeping them in good order?

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT) exists to support this heritage through grants and loans. The Trust's main source of income is the annual Ride, Drive and Stride which takes place on Saturday 10th September. This national event encourages churches and chapels all over the country to open and receive visitors who have been sponsored to arrive by bike, car or on foot.

Of the money raised half the proceeds go to a church nominated by the rider/walker and half to the CHCT. The funds are distributed to churches that apply for specific building and maintenance projects.

It would be great to have sponsored participants to support the churches in Linton. If you would like to take part, please contact David and Anne Parry-Smith. Anne@parry-smith.co.uk or phone 894715. Also, you may want to have a look at the CHCT website https://camhct.uk/

Anne Parry-Smith

Summer with the Friends of St Mary's

THE Friends of St Mary's are holding three tea parties this summer. They will be starting at 3pm with:

- Judy Nightingale at 11 Mill Lane on Saturday, 16th July.
- Margaret Cox at Richmonds, 65 High Street on Thursday, 21st July.
- Molly Warrington and friends in St Mary's Church Pavilion on Tuesday, 2nd August.

All are welcome.

The Friends will also be organising the Teddy Bears Jumps from the church tower on the Sunday afternoon of the Flower Festival (10th July).

Dr Bruce Conochie, who had served the Friends for many years as Chairman of the Committee and then as President, decided to resign as he approached his 95th birthday. He was warmly thanked by the Chairman, Dr Chris Morse, who presented him with wine and an enormous bottle (yes bottle!) of his favourite very dark chocolates.

Margaret Clark was unanimously elected President of the society.

Margaret Cox, 891231

News from St Mary's

WE shall be welcoming a new curate to assist us in our work at the very beginning of July, Nicola Bown is moving to Linton from Cambridge. This is a bit of what she says about herself:

"Raised in an atheist family, I started going to church as a form of teenage rebellion. After leaving home early I worked as a cleaner, a civil servant, a waiter, a trade union activist and a librarian, before returning to education and studying for a part-time degree. This led to a PhD on the Victorian fascination with fairies (published as a book in 2001), and to an academic job teaching Victorian art and literature.

I started going to church regularly again after my children were born and found as my faith deepened that I had a calling to ordained ministry.

I've been training part-time for ordination with the Eastern Region Ministry Course while living in Cambridge and working at Birkbeck College in London."

We look forward to welcoming Nicola, her husband and two sons to the village.

Maggie Guite (Rector of St Mary's)

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Family fun day in Carlton

BURROUGH Green Playgroup is holding a fun day from 12 noon-3pm on Saturday 16th July at The Old Rectory, Carlton, CB8 9JZ. There will be a barbecue, refreshments, rides, games, a story book trail, hay bale madness and face painting.

All funds raised go to Burrough Green Playgroup. Entrance £1 per adult, children free. No dogs allowed.

Tracey Chafer, Friends of Burrough Green playgroup
tracey.chafer@hotmail.co.uk

Will the Cinderella ring fit your finger?

COME to the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church on 9th July to see if the Cinderella silver stone and enamel ring fits you. For just 10p at the jewelry stall ladies can try on the ring to be in with a chance of winning it. If it fits more than one person the winners' names and phone numbers will be noted for a lucky number competition. There will also be a wide variety of other jewelry for sale at very reasonable prices.

Kate France, 891602

Horseheath Country Fair

HORSEHEATH Country Fair takes place on Sunday 3rd July at Horseheath Racecourse, which is four miles west of Haverhill, off the A1307, near Horseheath, CB21 4QF. The fair is a great day out for the family and a wonderful opportunity to see rural sports, crafts and activities, past and present.

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The Marsh mail



'WHAT do you want to be when you grow up?' A question that is often asked of children with the expectation of a chosen occupation title in response.

Their ambition may involve becoming successful, wealthy, accomplished, popular or respected. Or it may reveal more selfless motivations: to make a difference; to contribute positively to society; to help others.

Primary age children's aspirations have shifted considerably over the last couple of decades. Survey data reveals that the traditional career choices of doctor and teacher have been overtaken by jobs such as sports star and pop idol. The trend towards celebrity is understandable given that current role models include YouTube sensations and reality TV stars.

Schools not only help students to achieve academically in order to secure their next steps, but they provide information and advice to help students to make well considered decisions about their future.

I recall my own experience of careers advice: I was actively discouraged from teaching, being told that my talents would be wasted and that I would be much better off in a more highly respected job. The comments from staff stuck with me; I seriously considered law before committing to teacher training.

I am pleased that I followed my instinct, and not others' judgements, but my experience does convince me of the need for good quality, impartial careers education. This is even more crucial with students likely to experience more flexible and varied career paths in the future.

Our Year 8 students will start their first option choices in September. Year 9 will begin their chosen GCSE subjects, while Year 11 move on to post-16 studies elsewhere. Some of these stepping stones are more significant than others but they all mark a growth in students' independence towards their futures, with guidance and support.

In contrast with my own experience, I actively encourage students to consider teaching. I hope that some, inspired by a love of learning and convinced of the transformative and hugely rewarding nature of the job, may decide that their talents and ambitions are well-matched to the profession that builds and influences entrants into all others.

Helena Marsh, Principal

We will remember them

THE first day of the Battle of the Somme was July 1st 1916. It was the bloodiest day and over 100,000 men were sent over the trenches to attack the German lines.

British soldiers were mown down by machine gun and rifle fire and in total 19,240 men lost their lives. Three men from Linton lost their lives on that fateful day.

Private Rowland Clarke 01.07.16

Rowland was born in 1892, son of James and Alice Clark, who lived at Fleam Dyke. He worked as a farm labourer. Rowland was a member of the 11th Battalion Suffolk Regiment when he was sadly killed in action.

Rowland is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Lance Corporal George Fitch 01.07.16

George was born in 1889, son of George and Alice Fitch, and lived in Oxen Lane with his seven siblings and worked as a building labourer prior to enlistment. George entered France the year before in July 1915, as a member of the 8th Battalion East Surrey Regiment but was sadly killed in action.

George is buried in the Carnoy Military Cemetery.

Private George Shore 01.07.16

George was born in 1893, son of Walter and Mary Ann Shore. George's father worked as a gamekeeper and the family had lived on Rivey Hill and also in the grounds of Horseheath Lodge. He worked as a gardener and became a member of the 12th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, part of the British Expeditionary Force. George died of wounds sustained at the front.

George is buried in the Merville Communal Cemetery.

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The King's Christmas broadcast 1000 years ago

FAR from being the arrogant king of popular myth who thought he could turn back the tide, the Danish King Cnut (Canute) ruled as a just king who worked hard to reconcile the Danes and Saxons and govern all his people fairly, after he was victorious at the Battle of Assandun in 1016. So said Professor Simon Keynes to the fascinated audience at St Botolph's Church in Hadstock on 10th June in his lecture entitled *Conquest and Reconciliation, 1016-23*. This was the second lecture in a series of events organized by the Ashdon and Hadstock Millennium Group to commemorate the Millennium of the Battle of Assandun.

Professor Keynes went on to explain how King Cnut went out of his way to reconcile the country and ensure that the traditional English laws would be kept. Before Christmas 1019 he sent a letter – addressed to all his archbishops, bishops, earls and people of every rank – promising to be 'a gracious lord and a faithful observer of God's rights and just secular law'.

Nothing like this letter, said Professor Keynes, had ever been known before in Anglo-Saxon England. The impact would have



Professor Keynes in St Botolph's
Picture supplied by Rev. Paula Griffiths

been like the Christmas broadcasts of our own time – the monarch addressing his people directly, wherever and wherever they were.

The Reverend Paula Griffiths, Priest at St Botolph's Hadstock and Chair of the Ashdon and Hadstock Millennium Group, said: "The Queen's Christmas broadcasts in our own time have become an important part of our own relationship with the monarchy. It was a fitting but an extraordinary coincidence that, on the very day when the Queen celebrated her own 90th birthday in St Paul's Cathedral, we were hearing how another monarch nearly 1000 years ago had worked so hard to reach out to his people."

The Millennium programme of events continues until October this year. Professor Keynes is a Fellow of the British Academy and Elrington and Bosworth Professor of Anglo-Saxon and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge and has written widely on the Anglo-Saxon period.

Rev. Paula Griffiths, St Botolph's Church

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AS you can see from the advertisement on this page Linton needs more parish councillors to help steer the village through what may be a period both of great opportunity but risk. The opportunity comes from the fact that Linton is well advanced with the development of its Neighbourhood Plan. This will legally empower residents and Linton parish council (LPC/PC) to decide on important issues and shape the future of Linton like they have never been able to do previously. This will include helping to secure housing to meet the needs of residents both young and old, the chance to improve facilities around the village and helping to protect the unique environment which surrounds Linton. The risk is that Linton as the village we know today could be totally swamped (literally and metaphorically) by over expansion, increased traffic and an unsustainable pressure on its already stretched infrastructure and environment. LPC already addresses all these issues quite successfully but to help us we need new councillors to bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm and skills to the council.

Any resident of any age over 18 can apply and there is no application form - you only need to attend one PC meeting before you put in your CV and a brief statement as your 'application'.

LPC needs councillors from every background and every part of the village and offers the chance to become involved in a wide variety of activities and projects to secure a better future for Linton.

Some recent projects have included major environmental projects around the village, introducing traffic and parking measures, improving recreational facilities for young people, developing a new website and Facebook page, working with a variety of partners to get more green space and better access to sports fields for the village. LPC also supports youth work in the village (this is likely to increase) and would like to do more to make life easier for elderly residents. The PC also protects the footpaths around Linton and will do more to make the centre of Linton cycle and pedestrian friendly. The PC also sponsors a wide variety of local and regional charities, works with the schools and would like to do more to support local businesses.

So please, if you want to contribute to the present and help safeguard the future of Linton, contact us (see advertisement on the right for details) to get more information and/or arrange an informal chat with myself or other councillors. Please give it a try!

Cllr Paul Poulter

Linton needs you! To be a parish councillor

LINTON parish council now has four vacancies for councillors. The parish council relies on people who are prepared to stand as councillors to ensure that the views of local people are represented.

As a councillor you can be a voice for Linton, be part of deciding how the community is run and developed, help achieve real change and make a difference.

If you are interested in being co-opted (no election necessary) on to the parish council, and fulfil the following criteria, please contact the clerk on 891001, email: lintonpc@btconnect.com or talk to any parish councillor.

A commitment to attend the regular parish council meetings and to abide by the Code of Conduct is essential.

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Additionally you must either:

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Recently, members were treated to a fascinating talk by geologist Gerald Lucy. His presentation on the last hundred million years put into perspective the miniscule period of man's existence, around 250,000 years, and the even smaller time span for which there is recorded history. Today's coastal erosion is part of a continuing process that has seen gradual but dramatic realignments of the Earth's surface over the last four billion years. The changes over such a long period of time are difficult to comprehend. The continents as we know them were once one big land mass. Fossils in the Himalayas date from when that area was beneath the sea. British coal was formed long ago when the UK was somewhere near the Equator. Nearer home, and much more recently, the River Thames once flowed through Harlow and Chelmsford before joining the Rhine (there was no North Sea then). Our local flintstones were created in a thin layer of chalk by chemical reaction; and our so-called Hertfordshire puddingstones were dumped by a retreating glacier. Gerald gave us much to think about.

Our next talk will be in Stansted Mountfitchet at Crafton Green Community Centre on the evening of July 11th, starting at 7:30pm and open to members and non-members. Our speaker, Tony Morton of Essex Wildlife Trust, will address another aspect of our heritage with a talk about woodland in and around the Hundred Parishes. Please come along - the £5 entry fee for non-members includes tea and biscuits.

Ken McDonald
Secretary

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the annual Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th May 2016.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr David Champion; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Merrie Mannassi; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Alison Walker; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward. Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District Cllrs Henry Batchelor and John Batchelor. Members of the public: one.

Election of chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office form: Cllr Bald stepped down as chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Potter that Cllr Paul Poulter be elected as chairman and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion. Cllrs voted all in favour and the proposal was carried. Cllr Poulter accepted the position of chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office form.

Election of vice-chairman: It was proposed by Cllr Potter that Cllr Brian Manley be elected as vice-chairman and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Cllrs voted all in favour and the proposal was carried. Cllr Manley accepted the position of vice-chairman.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Dr Brian Cox and Amy Smith. County Cllr Roger Hickford.

Councillors' declarations of interest: Cllr Hill declared a personal interest in the allotments item. Cllr Poulter declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning matters item.

Councillor vacancies: LPC currently has four vacancies.

Chairman's comment: The chairman thanked Cllr Bald for her contribution to the village as chairman of the PC and said that she would be a hard act to follow. The overriding priority now is to attract new councillors to the PC and the chairman asked all councillors to use their contacts within the village to encourage potential councillors to come forward.

Planning matters: Update on Horseheath and Bartlow Road planning applications: Cllr Bald spoke at the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) planning committee meeting on behalf of the PC, and Mrs Monica Poulter spoke on behalf of residents. Cllrs Henry and John Batchelor also spoke against the application at the meeting. The application was refused unanimously on the grounds of archaeology and an undeliverable number of dwellings. Councillors were pleased to see the Horseheath Road application refused, although the grounds for refusal were not strong and could be overturned. Cllr Poulter said that other applications being approved at the meeting were potentially very damaging to the village communities to which they refer; the strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) for Linton had helped as this application is outside of the village envelope.

All of the local schools had written to SCDC giving a true reflection of their current capacity, and it was therefore agreed that the PC would write to them thanking them for their input which had proved very helpful in defeating the application.

Appointment of council representatives and committee representatives 2016-17: The list of council representatives was reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr Champion that Cllr Walker be nominated for the position of Trustee to the Cathodeon Centre and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Mannassi. All agreed. All other positions were unchanged and agreed as listed. Proposed by Cllr Poulter and seconded by Cllr Champion. All agreed.

Committee representatives: This was deferred to the next meeting pending more information being made available to councillors in regard to their responsibilities, duties and obligations as well as the skills or experience needed to serve on the PC's committees. Current committees will stay in place and meet as usual.

Working groups (advisory committees): This was also deferred to the next meeting.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Cllr John Batchelor joined the meeting at 8pm.

Cllrs Henry and John Batchelor had sent a joint report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Henry Batchelor added that the Bartlow Road application would be going to committee possibly within the next two months, although

it could be pushed back again. The PC will look to hold a consultation with the planning officer regarding this application.

Cllr Henry Batchelor also highlighted the Boundary Review of South Cambridgeshire; comments can be made by visiting the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's website.

Cllr Poulter welcomed Cllr John Batchelor as the PC's new district councillor.

Departure notices for the Horseheath Road application have now been posted and there is still an opportunity to respond or object to this application as a departure from the Local Plan.

Cllr Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted.

PKF Littlejohn LLP - Audit 2015-16: The chairman read the annual governance statement for 2015-16 and this was agreed by all and signed by the chairman. The accounting statements for 2015-16 were agreed by all and signed by the chairman.

An internal audit had been carried out on 16th May and a full report will follow shortly.

Local handyman services: It was noted that Mr Blackman no longer wishes to provide a quotation for the work to repair the road in Horn Lane.

Glebe Land: The land has been cleared of rubbish and is looking very attractive. There is a distinct lack of green space in the centre of the village, and Cllr Poulter proposed that councillors take a look at this piece of land and come back to the next meeting with ideas on how it can be used to its full potential. The clerk will check the terms of the lease.

Update on Swan Bridge: Cllr Bald had met with Mr Jackson who agreed to carry out the snagging work to improve the appearance of the bridge. Cllr Mannassi and the clerk will inspect the work once it has been done to ensure satisfaction. The work is expected to be carried out free of charge.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan (NP): Cllr Poulter said that a final working group meeting is being arranged for 1st June. The scope of this meeting will be widened to include an update on the large planning applications for the general public. The NP is still on track and moving forward, and Cllr Poulter thanked Corrie Newell for her continuing support and advice.

Update on allotments: The PC has been advised by its planning consultant that it should now proceed with the compulsory purchase order (CPO) on the land off Horseheath Road. Councillors agreed that further advice on this should be sought from SCDC. Cllr Champion proposed that legal advice, and advice on the potential cost of the CPO, should be obtained once the planning application has been determined. A member of Linton Allotment Association was present and agreed that the CPO should now proceed. Cllr Hill will work to establish regular contact with the Allotment Association as this moves forward.

No other sites for allotments have been identified within the village. Cllr Poulter reiterated that the PC could only fund the purchase of the land subject to obtaining a public works loan.

Update on Leadwell Meadows: Councillors had received a number of positive comments about the work at the Meadow. Thought will now be given to new signage and whether seating should be provided.

Tree matters: The clerk reported that there had been complaints regarding the fallen tree on the recreation ground as it is laying across the river pathway and looks unsightly. It was agreed however that it would be uneconomical to have the tree removed and it will therefore be left where it is.

Traffic Matters: Horn Lane road repair: It was agreed to ask AJ Prentice if this work can be carried out for less than £1,000 which the PC has agreed it can spend on repairs without a specific resolution. Cllrs Bald and Ward will liaise with Mr Prentice in conjunction with the clerk. It is possible that old railway sleepers from Leadwell Meadow could be used to help retain the gravel/batts on the riverbank.

Double yellow lines on Coles Lane: This is part of the PC's consultation with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) highways officer Nicola Burdon, although the PC has no plans currently to apply to have yellow lines instated here.

Cllr Bald reported that a resident had contacted Lucy Frazer MP over concerns about the bus service. Ms Frazer had contacted highways and requested that road markings be inspected and repainted as necessary. (Some lines had recently been repainted.) Cllr Champion raised the issue of parking outside the Co-op as it had been strongly felt by residents at the annual parish meeting that this should be reviewed and the double yellow lines reinstated. The traffic working group will bring recommendations back to the next meeting.

LCPAS highways training course: It was agreed that this course could be run at LPC for £100 plus travel expenses.

Cllr Manley and the clerk will attend the Highways Open Day at Whittlesford on 27th June.

PCSO parking enforcement update: A final report on how many tickets have been issued should be forthcoming shortly. Reports that the PCSO had been seen issuing tickets were encouraging.

Personnel committee: Enrolment of PC staff onto workplace pension scheme: It was agreed that the clerk should be enrolled on a pension scheme and there was some discussion over whether this should be the Local Government Pension Scheme, which other current and previous staff were enrolled in. As the PC had set a precedent regarding this scheme, it was proposed by Cllr Champion that the clerk be enrolled into the Local Government Pension Scheme and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley. All agreed. (Advice is to be sought from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of local Councils (CAPALC) on the suitability of the scheme before proceeding.)

Churchyard matters: Mr A Gore has requested repairs be made to the churchyard footpath: Responsibility for this footpath needs to be clarified before proceeding and it will therefore be brought back to the next meeting.

Consideration of correspondence received: CAPALC membership renewal £602.57 (3% increase on last year): It was proposed by Cllr Bald to renew the PC's membership and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Ward. All agreed.

SCDC payment of public open space and community facilities contributions for development of Newdigate House, 3 Horseheath Road. (Payment of £25,546.67 public open space and £4,759.40 community facilities in regard to s106 agreement.) Cllr Bald proposed to accept the indemnity and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter. All agreed. The indemnity was signed by the chairman.

The Connections Bus Project regarding youth work provision for summer holidays 2016: The finance committee reported that funding is available for this. It was proposed by Cllr Walker to book the Bus Project for four one-day sessions at a total cost of £700 and the proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley. All agreed.

Mr R Sackin request for PC to pay half of the cost to replace his garden wall rear of Market Square: It was agreed that the wall in question does not belong to the PC and therefore it is under no obligation to fund its repair or replacement.

Wicksteed Playgrounds play equipment inspection report: Noted. The new tarmac beneath the carousel has been completed satisfactorily.

Linton Heights Junior School request for donation of £8,000 for rejuvenation project: The finance committee reported that there is currently no funding available to make this donation. It was agreed to politely ask the school to re-apply to the PC later in the year when the next round of s137 is allocated. More information regarding match funding will also be requested, although it was reported by Cllr Ward that funding from a Tesco initiative had been awarded. It is not clear whether this could be funded under s106 and the clerk will check this.

Ms A McMahon invitation to the Linton Children's Book Festival main event, 21-22nd May at LVC. Noted.

Mr C Poole, Haverhill town clerk, A1307 forum: It was agreed that the forum would be positive in bringing the villages together to discuss issues around the A1307. Cllr Bald volunteered to attend and the PC will look to send one other representative also.

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

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