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Santa is joining Linton firefighters for a second year

LINTON'S on-call firefighters have invited Father Christmas to join them for a second year, and will be taking him for a ride around the village on Friday 15th December and Saturday 16th December.

On both nights they aim to begin their journeys at Linton Fire Station at 6.30pm. The

engine will follow a different route each night, as shown on the maps. Firefighters will walk alongside the engine collecting donations for The Firefighters Charity, whilst talking to people and handing out leaflets to anyone interested in becoming an On-call firefighter.

Lee Allen, Watch Com-

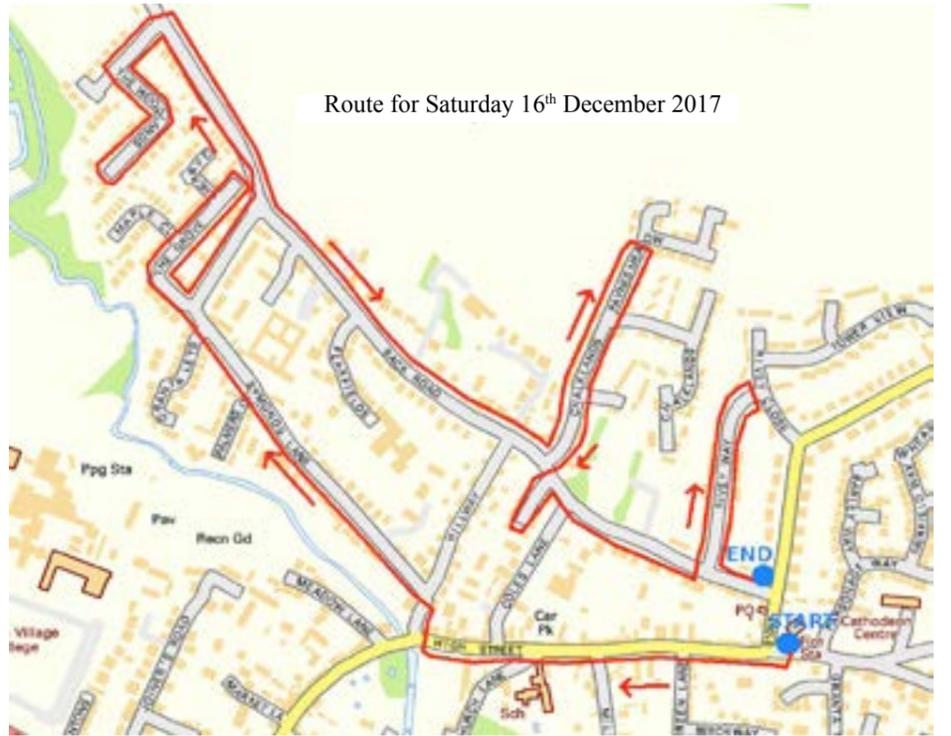
mander at Linton fire station said "Last year's visit from Father Christmas was an extremely popular event which was well received and supported by the residents of Linton. As such, we extended our invitation to Santa and offered to host him over two nights, which he gratefully accepted. It will be fantastic to see as many people as possible as we give him another tour of the village".

Lee, who has been at the station for 12 years, added "Linton Fire Station has a great bunch of people making up our crew with varying amounts of time spent in the service and from all different working backgrounds. The skills gained from working in the fire service are vast and you do things here that you wouldn't normally do in your careers. If you are considering joining Linton Fire Station then come and visit us on a Wednesday evening between 7 and 9pm, or pop in whenever you see the main doors open."

To find out more about becoming an On-call firefighter, please visit the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website at www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call us on: 01480 444 500.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Robyn Farmer
Cambridge Fire and Rescue



Route for Saturday 16th December 2017



Route for Friday 15th December 2017

Both maps supplied by Robyn

Winter is coming – not everyone is warm so let's give a little back

IT is one of my favourite times of the year. But this year it has got me thinking of those a little less fortunate than ourselves, so I have decided to try and give something back. With this in mind I shall be doing a reverse advent calendar.

Each day of December you put an item aside to donate, this can be anything from tinned food, a spare tube of toothpaste or that jar of marmite that has never been opened and probably never will be.

By the end of the year, you will have a box full of things that could make a difference to someone's Christmas in the simplest of ways. I am hoping to reach out to implore local residents to get involved.

The Village Hall has kindly agreed to accept the collection of these care packages so that

these can be taken to Jimmy's night shelter in Cambridge, which means you don't even need to leave the village.

For those of you that would like to make a donation, but not to make a reverse advent calendar, there will also be a large box kept at the village hall for any odd donations that you can give. These can include old coats, gloves, hats, dried or tinned foods and toiletries which are in high demand. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated – it may only be a little bit to us, but for some people it will mean a lot.

If you would like to get more involved or have any questions then please contact me 07849 870 339.

Kate Wiseman

Remembrance Sunday

AS usual, St Mary's was full on Remembrance Sunday at 2.30pm for the Remembrance Service, and it was heart-warming to see how many people turned out at the cemetery afterwards for the

Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial which followed.

Maggie Guite
Rector of St Mary's



A good turnout on the day

Photo by Roger Lapwood

2523 (Linton) Squadron Air Training Corps.

NOVEMBER is always a busy month for Linton Squadron. Our first public event being assisting with the smooth running of the much-anticipated Linton Fireworks display. We help with a mix of car parking and gate duties. Participating in community events is an important part of what we do and has the added bonus of being able to count towards the Duke of Edinburgh award.

The second public event is an important one in the air cadet calendar, Remembrance Sunday. Almost the entire squadron turned out for the two parades, including our full banner team. All of the recent ceremonial and drill practice came together to ensure we paid our tributes and respect to past and present serving personnel in a professional way.

The first parade took place at Castle Camps war memorial where we had two banners on parade, a union flag and our squadron banner.

Flight Sergeant Godfrey laid a wreath on behalf of the squadron, whilst the banners saluted and The Last Post was played. "Sacrifices have had to be made to protect our freedoms and as the second world war is lost from living memory, it is all the more important we mark Remembrance Sunday," says Godfrey.

Our second parade was in Linton, with a road march from the church to the memorial after the service. "It was a privilege to be a banner bearer at the Remembrance service and parade. I was proud to represent Linton Squadron" says corporal Keenan.

To learn more about what we do please contact:

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Training Officer 2523 (Linton Sqn)
training.2523@aircadets.org
07943 873272

Lonsdale Christmas lights

AS in previous years we will be raising money for charity, by means of our Christmas lights display in Lonsdale.

The charity we have chosen this year is Cancer Research. We hope that anyone who comes to view will give generously to this cause.

We would like to thank all of you who have participated in the past and hope you all enjoy this year's lights.

We are intending to switch on the lights on 1st December.

Wendy Bishop



Lights from an earlier year
Photo supplied by Wendy Bishop

Linton Christmas Market

THE Linton Christmas Market returns on 9th December from 10am to 3pm and will be near to *The Linton Kitchen* in the High Street.

As usual there will be a lovely array of local producers, selling great Christmas gifts with something to suit everyone. Local choirs will sing Christmas Carols and the Linton Belleplate ringers will be playing starting at 12.30pm.

Please do pop along for mulled wine, lovely hot food and to catch up with all your neighbours before Christmas.

For further details, please search The Linton Kitchen, or check out their Facebook page.

Gemma Whiting, owner, The Linton Kitchen

South Cambs Bin Collections

REMEMBER paper caddies are not to be used after the 11th December.

Put your paper for recycling directly into the blue bin.

Editor

Do you run a fitness activity?

IN the January issue of the Linton News we try and encourage residents to get fit by joining one of the many sports, fitness or dance classes in Linton. To do this we list as many of these as we can in this issue.

So if your club or class fits the bill and you would like them to be listed, please email me on lneditor@linton.info or ring 891517.

Editor

Too good for jumble

NEW items this month include a 15in high white pottery vase with black stripes, a Sony CD/DVD player (doesn't record) Model no. DVP-NS585P, and a Technics direct drive turntable Model SL-DD33. The SLR Olympus camera with case is still available.

The doll's house raised £20 for St Mary's church.

If you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602

or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

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



News from the Infant School



DECEMBER has arrived and the school has that unmistakable sense of anticipation that comes at this time of the year. As the children start to rehearse for their Christmas performance, day by day their confidence increases and the singing floats along the corridor to my office as a reminder that Christmas is well and truly on the way. I am sure they will all shine in their own special way during the performance and the hard work will pay off. I for one can't wait to watch the performance.

Our recent sponsored run event was a fantastic fundraiser for us. Collectively we ran 415 miles (which is the equivalent of Cambridge to Cologne, Germany) and we raised in the region of £1,670. These funds will support our projects in purchasing the next set of ipads, as well as supporting the re-development of the Foundation Stage outdoor play area. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

Our open mornings for pupils due to start with us in September 2018 were very popular, and it was lovely to meet potential new parents.

All that is left for me to say now on behalf of all the staff here is to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a restful New Year.
Kelly Harries, Headteacher



WE have had a very busy lead up to Christmas, making crafts and decorations for our very successful Christmas fair where we saw lots of familiar faces as well as raising in excess of £600, thanks to all that supported us.

We raised money for children in need by wearing spots, made Christmas cards and decorations to take home and practised for our Christmas sing along.

We have been on some local walks to the co-op to buy snacks, the bakers to buy biscuits and the children went to collect a raffle prize donation from Nina at Boyz2men.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and look forward to greeting some new families to our setting in the new year.

We are currently looking for a treasurer to join our committee, if you think you could help then please contact the playgroup at office@lintongrantplaygroup.org.uk.

Josephine Symons



Science can be fun

AS part of the broad and balanced curriculum at Linton Heights, periodically throughout the academic year, we have single subject focus days.

Pupils participated in Science Day on 17th October and had great fun, learning about a variety of scientific concepts. This ranged from density in liquids, where the children created a layered *mocktail*, to an investigation on gases called *Under Pressure*. Throughout the day, things whizzed, popped and exploded – much to everyone's amusement and excitement.

Priya Judge, Year 6, writes: "The Year 5 teachers introduced us all to our senses. Surprisingly, sometimes the senses can be misleading and make you see and believe things that are not happening. In one activity, the children were shown how to *bounce* their vision to see everything more left than it is."

Lois Prior, also from Year 6 writes: "The Year 4 team did an amazing Sounds Amazing experiment where we put different amounts of water (H₂O) in jars and bottles to make different pitches. Tara performed an Ed Sheeran hit *The Shape of You*. It sounded incredible."

Everyone agreed it was a great day with lots of hands-on science. Roll on Art Day.
Sue Faircloth Y3 teacher and science coordinator

Happy 100th Birthday to Elsie

ELSIE CHESHIRE celebrated her 100th birthday on 14th November 2017 at Symonds House, surrounded by flowers, cakes, cards and members of her extended family.

She was overwhelmed by all the attention, especially when she learned a newspaper photographer was in attendance.

The card from the Queen, with its beautiful photo and gold tassels, went down rather better than the one from the Department of Work and Pensions.

Elsie was born in Staines in 1917, but lived there for only four years. Her father had been working in Africa, caught malaria and died very suddenly of black water fever. Even the name of the illness denotes a bygone era.

Elsie went back to Colchester with her mother, attended Colchester Art School on a scholarship and later took up hairdressing.

She married Bill at the beginning of World War Two, was called for service but never joined up due to being pregnant with her son Neil. Eight years later her daughter Linda was born.

They moved regularly with the RAF, more times than she can remember. Bill was only



Elsie at 100

Picture by Roger Lapwood

in the RAF during the war and thereafter ran his own photographic business. The family relocated to Haverhill in 1963, and Elsie was sadly widowed in 1977 when Bill was only 62.

Elsie travelled to the former Yugoslavia in the 1970s, but has not yet managed the trip to Australia to see her grandchild and great grandchildren.

She has been at Symonds House for five years, with her fabulous smile, much loved by the staff and other residents. Sheer determination and a regular dose of The Archers has got her to her 100th birthday.

Oriel O'Loughlin

Bell ringers' success

AFTER a very close finish, Linton bell ringers are delighted to announce that they have finally won the Gipson Trophy, awarded to the winners of the Cambridge District year-long six bell striking competition.

Each team must compete against all the others, once in their own tower, then at the away tower, and we always enjoy the matches. They give us the opportunity to ring with different people and on different bells and that experience contributes to improving our striking. We first entered around fourteen years ago and winning the trophy is a testament to how hard our band have worked to improve their ringing. Each match needs a band of six, but eleven of our ringers have taken part this year.

Our second youngest ringer Jason was again a member of the Fen Tigers team, which qualified for the Ringing World National Youth Contest final in Birmingham. The team did exceptionally well again, coming second out of around a dozen teams in the call-changes category. By next year's final in London we are hoping that our youngest ringer Miles will also be in the team.

We hosted the District striking competition at Linton this year with a record 11 teams entering. Linton came a close fourth behind Trumpington, Little Shelford and Gt St Mary's.

In July we rang a quarter peal to celebrate the ordination as priest at Ely Cathedral of our curate, Revd Dr Nicola Bown. We rang the bells half muffled for Remembrance Sunday and are now looking forward to our busiest time of the year, Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Jackie Latham



Staying Healthy

HEALTHY living is one of the topics covered by Chestnut Playgroup this half term. We have had a visit from a dental nurse who has talked to us about how we keep our teeth clean. Thanks to the Sawston Fun Run donation we have some new toys to support this theme including a hospital play set, skeleton jigsaw and real x-rays to look at.

Our garden working party day was a great success and we very much thank the families that came along to lend a hand. Great progress was made, and we will be organising another one in the new year to install our water play and percussion walls.

As we move towards Christmas, there will be glitter in abundance as we look forward to the festive celebrations. For our end of year outings we will be carol singing at Symonds House and look forward to watching the Infants Nativity Play.

Places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs. We are also accepting children who qualify for extended hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week we are open. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information go to admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk or ring 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

Adult Learning

Linton Village College workshops

STUCK for something to buy for your loved ones for Christmas? Then why not buy them a Saturday workshop at LVC to learn new skills and try something new. All workshops cost £35.00 plus some have a materials cost.

Saturday 10th February 2018

- Brides on a budget – Make beautiful wedding designs and save money on your wedding costs.
- Indian Cookery Dinner for Friends – Learn to use herbs and spices to prepare a set menu of five delicious dishes.

Saturday 10th March 2018

- Pottery – Come and give pottery a try.
- Upholstery – Re-upholster a small chair.
- Spanish – Holiday Spanish.
- Handmade Easter Eggs.
- Indian Street Food – India is a vast country and its regional street food has many varieties which are rich in colour and flavour, an incredible cuisine. This course is a journey that will broaden your knowledge and experience of spices.

Margaret Kiddy

Adult Learning Sawston spring workshops

AT Sawston Village College we are very proud of the variety of courses that we offer the local community. Our Saturday Workshops start again on 20th January 2018 and include:

- Creative Writing – Write snappy dialogue
- A playful approach to drawing
- Dichoric Glass Jewellery
- First Aid – Basics
- How to apply make-up
- Indian Stuffed Breads
- Mindfulness Day
- Patchwork and quilting – Intro to English Paper Piecing

We would very much like to hear from you if there's something you can teach which you think might enthruse others. Also please get in touch if there is something you would like to learn which is not currently being provided.

If you have any enquiries or wish to make a booking please feel free to pop in at the Adult Education reception Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm during term. Alternatively telephone us on 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org, or check out our website at www.sawstonadulted.org. **Amanda Hoskins**

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OUR THANKS

Linton Helping Hands

A big thank you to all the Helping Hands drivers - in the last 12-month period they made a total of 1145 trips, of which 156 were to Addenbrookes. If anyone would like information about the scheme, please contact me on 891357. Oriol O'Loughlin

Shoe boxes for Romania

We wish to thank all those people in the village and surrounding villages for providing 120 shoe boxes for the charity Children in Distress for deprived, sick and disabled children and elderly pensioners in Romania. 58 of these boxes were generously donated by the Mormon Church in Cambridge.

These boxes have now been collected to a central depot from where they will be transported in time for Christmas. Colleen and Derek Lockstone

News from St Mary's

DECEMBER brings the season of Advent. I'd like to draw to people's attention to some pre-Christmas services, with a warm invitation to attend.

On 3rd December we are holding a Christingle Service at 3pm. You may know Christingle as a memorable service, when children are given oranges to hold, topped with candles, representing Jesus, the light of the world.

The collection is for the Children's Society, one of the UK's major charities supporting vulnerable young people. It works with those coping with the trauma of sexual exploitation and with child refugees, children who are missing from home, young carers, and children adversely affected by their parents' drug or alcohol misuse. It wants to transform the lives of more children by lobbying Government and local authorities to change policy and practice to protect them, and to challenge the negative attitudes that perpetuate harm and injustice. Please come with your families to enjoy Christingle, and to support this cause.

At 6pm on the same evening (3rd December) there will be an Advent Meditation in words and music, aimed to help us begin the busy month reflectively.

Our Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve is again being organized by St Mary's Messy Church team - look out for crib characters around the village in the preceding week, and come dressed as one of them yourself on the day.

Our other Christmas services are in the list of church services found below.

Maggie Guite (Rector of St Mary's)
margaret.guite@icloud.com

LMJS Back to silent films (Note the change of date)

LINTON Music Society welcomes pianist John Lenehan at 7.30pm on Friday 1st December at Linton Village College.

John Lenehan one of Britain's most experienced, versatile and sought-after pianists, presents feel-good silent films from the early days of the cinema, accompanying them with music by Mozart, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Lenehan.

Linda Bird

Beaumonts Butchers

Please read in time for Christmas

BEAUMONT Butchers are proud to supply high quality high welfare meat from local farms. We are still supporting customers from Linton and surrounding villages with an online shop <http://www.beaumontsbutchers.com/> and a delivery service which is free.

Our delivery van goes out

once a week on Thursday. Orders must be placed by 5pm on Tuesday or they will hold over until the next week's delivery. Alternatively, orders can be picked up from our shop in Fulbourn, or The Old Butchers Cafe in Balsham.

We are now taking Christmas orders for our Norfolk turkeys, ribs of beef, geese, cockerels and hams.

We look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in the shop to discuss your Christmas orders. Last day for orders for Christmas is 11th December. Contact us on 880955 or email info@beaumontsbutchers.com.



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House plants

OUR November speaker was Peter Jackson from Scotsdales Garden Centre, who gave us a talk on houseplants. Peter brought with him many splendid examples.

Orchids are the biggest selling plants, and in spite of their popularity they have a reputation for being difficult to grow. All commercial orchids are started off in test tubes. They like rain water, but do not overwater or leave standing in water. Dapple shade and regular feeding is also required. Over watering is responsible for the demise of many plants both indoor and out.

Amongst the plants that Peter brought along were cacti, succulents, ivy, begonias in all their bright colours, cyclamen and some very delicate air plants which grow on bark.

Ferns also make good houseplants and love bathrooms. Whatever you choose it is advisable to follow the care instructions for the best results. All plants have different requirements such as soil and feed. When potting on use a pot two sizes larger; pots too large will stress the plant.

An entertaining and informative talk. The Garden Club's meeting on Tuesday 12th December will be our Social Evening, and a talk by Andrew Sankey entitled Amusing Quotes of Famous and not so Famous Gardeners.

Please remember to bring a glass. Donations of mince pies and nibbles would be very welcome.

We look forward to seeing members and visitors in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Anita Daws, 892113, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Artistry in cocoa

CHERYL BRIGHTY, our speaker, who has a science background, learned how to make chocolate from a book 18 years ago, with the support of her husband and daughters. She has a shop in Newmarket, makes chocolate sculptures and runs workshops.

Cheryl demonstrated how she makes her award-winning truffles, grinding the cocoa nibs in a pestle and mortar to make the chocolate mixture, heating in a microwave to the right temperature and pouring onto a tray to set, moving it around all the time. It is then poured into a mould.

The fillings are piped into the holes made when the mould is turned upside down. While Cheryl talked she passed around to members an assortment of delicious samples, including white chocolate which she said is not made from cocoa at all but from the baobab tree, although it is often made only from milk and sugar.

Cocoa pods grow on the tree, the three main varieties of which are criollo, forastero and trihitaro, which can only be grown around the Equator. They are pollinated by midges and must be cut by hand. As the seeds ferment they go brown to make the cocoa bean.

Un sugared chocolate has health benefits, being better for your teeth than fluoride as it stops bacteria making acid, and also beneficial for high blood pressure.

Cocoa was originally grown by the Mayan people who drank it with a frothy topping made by turning the drink upside down many times. The name comes from Mayan hieroglyphics spelling cocoa. The Spanish explorer, Cortes, changed the name to chocolate and brought it back to Europe.

Cheryl had brought a good variety of her products for sale, and these were eagerly snapped up by members.

Our next meeting is our Christmas party on 5th December and is for members only.

Sally Probeta, 891021

Christmas Church Services

Linton Free Church

10th December - 10.15am Children's Christmas Lighthouse
17th December - 10.15am Café Service with Nativity
17th December - 6pm Candlelit Carol Service, followed by refreshments.

24th December - 11.30pm Midnight Communion
25th December - 10.30am Christmas Family Service

St Mary's

17th December - 6pm Carol Service with choir, candles, followed by refreshments.

24th December - 10am Parish Eucharist (no 8am service on this day)

24th December - 3.15pm Carol singing in High Street to support Christian Aid.

24th December - 4pm. Messy Church Crib Service, please come dressed as Nativity story character (adults too!)

24th December - 11pm Midnight Mass.

25th December - 8am Book of Common Prayer Communion (said)

25th December - 10am Festival All-Age Communion Service



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WEEKLY
Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion
Men's keep fit, 8-9.30pm Mondays 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, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP
Linton Granta playgroup, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC
Linton Granta playgroup, 8.30am -2.30pm Mon-Fri, LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH
Beacon Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays CC
Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057) URC
Tots in tow, 9.30-11am, Wednesdays term time only VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays URC
Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays CC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library
Beacon Drop-In Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm The Rec
Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays LVC
Beacon Youth Group, 7-8.30pm URC
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 CC
Linton Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

DECEMBER 2017

1 Linton Music Society concert, 7.30pm LVC
2 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
2 Friends of Granta School Xmas Fayre, 1.30-4pm, School
3 Christingle service, 3pm St Mary's
3 Advent service, 6pm St Mary's
4 Camera Club, 7pm CC
6 Reading Group, 8pm VH Upstairs
7 ACEs Pre-Christmas Event, 12.30pm Sports Pavilion
8 Heights Christmas Fair, 5-7pm LH
9 Linton Xmas Market, 9-5pm High Street
9 Dick Whittington, 3pm and 7pm LVC
9 Christmas tea party, 3-5pm 10 Whytes Acre
10 Christmas Lighthouse, 10.15 URC
10 Dick Whittington, 3pm LVC
11 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
12 Garden Club, 7.30pm VH
12 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
13 Christmas coffee morning, 10am - 12 noon Symonds House
13 Community navigator, 10am-12noon HC
14 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
14 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC
15 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
15/16 Santa rides with firemen, 6.30pm See map on page 1
17 Walking group, 11am Church Lane
17 Carol Service, 6pm St Mary's
17 Carol Service, 6pm URC
19 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
20 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon Linton HC
24 Carol singing, 2 - 4pm Outside D&D
24/25 For church services see previous column

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1 Camera Club, 7pm CC
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.
Bin Collection Dates Linton refuse collection: Monday 11th and Wednesday 27th December.
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PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters



Extracts from Sawston and Cambourne Panel Feedback

A SPOKESPERSON for Cambridgeshire Constabulary wrote: "Thank you for coming to the October meetings, both of which were really well attended. I would like to try and build on this. Comprehensive and honest discussion was had regarding issues, concerns and priorities."

Concerns were discussed around the 101 reporting route and perceived reduction in local knowledge and internal information sharing with centralised triage models.

- A feeling of no feedback to callers
- Slow response to 101 enquiries
- Matching up/linking in with previous incidents
- Lower confidence in reporting process

I cannot stress enough how important reporting is to us to reflect and direct a suitable police response. In addition to appropriate use of the 999/101 service, the following link is a quick and easy way to record and share information/intelligence.

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report.aspx>

Feedback will be sent to Supt James Sutherland who has responsibilities now for review of contact management. Whilst good contact and liaison with local officers was essential, this should not be used for direct reporting. This frees officers up to respond and allows for correct triage and resource allocation."

Parking issues were raised. This is part of community officers business as usual and where necessary positive action will be taken. Again, it was felt this could be better communicated to allow people to see results/presence and action."

Editor extracted from report sent by PCSO Lindsay Gardiner

Recent crimes in Linton

BETWEEN 11pm on 16th November and 6.30am on 17th a theft occurred of front and rear number plates from a motor vehicle in the Grip Reference CF0664621117

BETWEEN 2pm and one minute past 2 on 26th October a burglary took place in Back Road Reference CF0616991017

BETWEEN 4.15pm on 1st November and 7.50am on 2nd November diesel was stolen from a motor vehicle in Back Road Reference CF0631741117

Other news

Back in October we had some money handed in to us from the Sawston area. If you or someone you know has recently lost money then please go to Sawston Police Station. Opening hours are Tuesday 5.30pm to 8pm, Wednesday 1pm to 5pm, Thursday 1pm to 5pm and Friday 1pm to 5pm

PCSO Lindsay Gardiner

Spot the famous book characters

LINTON Library is offering a festive challenge this December: how many famous book characters can you recognise in our snowman display on the bookshelf in the library?

The characters are from a wide range of books for all ages, so you might need to bring the whole family along to help you identify them. Answers will be announced in the New Year and one lucky winner will receive a small prize.

As a special treat on Saturday 2nd December there's a chance to meet cast members from this year's Linton panto, Dick Whittington. Come along to the library between 11am and 12 noon for jokes, fun and photo opportunities with our local stars.

While you are in the library, why not pick out some good reads for the up-coming holiday? There are lots of choices in our special Christmas collection, and of course plenty of non-Christmassy books if you need a break from tinsel and mince pies. The last borrowing day before Christmas is Saturday 23rd December. With regret, all Cambridgeshire libraries are closed between Christmas and New Year (book return dates take account of the closure). We reopen in Linton on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Please note: the library's opening hours can be found at the end of the Diary section in every Linton News, and on your receipt when you use our self-service checkout.

Anna McMahon
Linton Community Library Assistant



Find our snowmen
Picture supplied
by Anna McMahon

Granta Chorale

GRANTA CHORALE are giving two performances of their seasonal concert *Behold That Star*.

St John's Cambridge:

At 8.00pm on Wednesday 13th December in St John's College Chapel, Cambridge, with this acclaimed chamber choir and organ accompanist David Parry-Smith.

The programme ranges from popular renaissance carols such as *Riu Riu Chiu*, to modern classics and seasonal motets by Poulenc, Lauridsen, Chilcott, Britten and many more. Hear also music by a three choir members and Christmas favourites with a new twist.

Tickets from Cambridge Live Tickets: on 357851 or www.cambridgelivetickets.co.uk

All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford:

At 7.30pm on Saturday 6th January on the Feast of the Epiphany, Gt Chesterford All Saints' Church offers a warm and friendly welcome to all – and interval refreshments will be available. Our guest performers will be a group of young brass players from Saffron Centre for Young Musicians.

Gt Chesterford Tickets from Elizabeth Marshall Tel: 01799 530265.

Granta Chorale Tickets from tickets@grantachorale.org.uk or 01799 531167 or Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre.

There will be a retiring collection for ACT, Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust, at both concerts. We look forward to the pleasure of your company.

Sue Sylvester-Bradley, 01440 783157
www.grantachorale.org.uk

Dick Whittington

DON'T forget the Panto is on at Linton Village College at 3pm and 7pm on Saturday 9th and at 3pm on Sunday 10th December see diary on page 3.

For tickets go to:-
www.lintonpanto.com or call Joyce/Tracey on 891790

Editor

ACEs feast for the eyes

ACEs met for a fish and chips lunch followed by an excellent and inspiring talk from Gordon Cummings, curator of the Fry Gallery in Saffron Walden.

We were told of its history, the stories behind the collection and how this continues to develop. The collection contains an impressive range of paintings, prints, illustrations, wallpapers and decorative designs by artists who have North Essex connections and have made a significant contribution to their field. The artists who settled in Great Bardfield in the 1930s — Ravilious, the Bawdens, Clausen — are its best-known strength, although the collection includes modern artists such as Grayson Perry.

Housing in Great Bardfield was not great but it was habitable and cheap. Furniture, rugs and fabrics were mainly hand crafted, so the interiors were quirky and comfortable. The resulting artworks were remarkable in their range and quality — some telling stories (including that of the postman and his unrequited love) and often featuring the artists' children. The gallery really is worth visiting.

The next ACE event is the pre-Christmas get-together — our treat to you. This is at 12.30pm on Thursday 7th December, at the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. Older people are welcome to get together with old friends and make new links — come along and bring a friend. If we do not see you there — ACEs wish you a Merry Christmas and look out for our activities in 2018.

Enid Bald 891069

The Portable Pint – coming to a village hall near you

IT is almost nine months since The Portable Pint held its launch night in Hadstock Village Hall. After seeing a number of local villages lose their pubs, this Linton-based micropub was established to provide pop-up pub nights to villages without a pub of their own. It has now become a regular fixture in Hadstock with its popular monthly pub nights, and has held almost 20 pop-up pub evenings in villages including Hildersham, Great Bradley and Weston Colville.

"The idea behind The Portable Pint is simple," explains founder Tony Kelly. "I hire a village hall and turn it into a pub for the evening, with real ale straight from the cask, some local cider, bottles of wine and prosecco, soft drinks and bar snacks from Jigsaw Bakery. There are no gimmicks, no music and no electronic entertainment, just the old-fashioned pleasures of beer and conversation, and perhaps some traditional pub games. Everyone is welcome and lots of people have commented on how these events bring the community together, with adults and children enjoying the atmosphere, including those who might not normally go to the pub."

The Portable Pint will be in Hildersham on Friday 15th December and Hadstock on Friday 22nd December. It will also be available in the new year for private parties or charitable events. For more details, call me on 07580 196194 or see www.facebook.com/ThePortablePint

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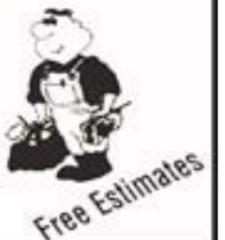
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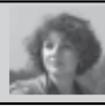
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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Little Egrets make it to Linton

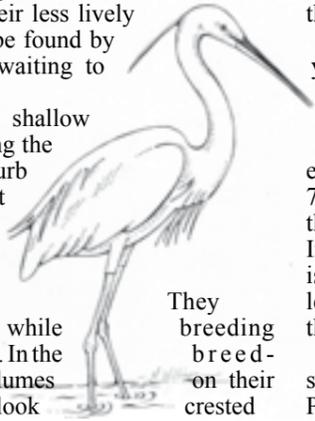
ABOUT the easiest bird to identify, either flying or standing, is the egret. Even Ben can recognise one at 100 yards. And now little egret, the most common variety in Europe, have reached far inland and will doubtless increase in number as they have all over the country. They are a member of the heron and bittern family, 60cm long, a wingspan of 92cm, and they weigh 450g. It doesn't seem much for such a large bird. Must be something to do with all those feathers.

Egrets are snow white with a long black bill, black legs and large yellow feet. Like their less lively cousins the grey herons, they can be found by water, often standing stock still waiting to ambush prey.

Alternatively, they run through shallow water, snapping at prey and agitating the water as much as possible to disturb the next fishy victim. They also eat small crustaceans, reptiles, mammals and birds, and make very effective use of opportunities provided by cormorants disturbing fish.

are mostly silent and solitary, but while croak and bubble within the colonies. In the breeding season they develop fantastic plumes head and neck which make them look

In the UK there are now over 700



They breeding on their crested breeding

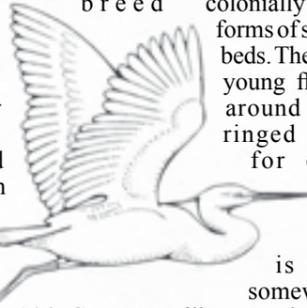
pairs of egret, with 5000 their way northwards. They other birds, making plat-in trees, bushes or reed four or five eggs, and the at six weeks. They live for years, but the longest living nine years having flown from the UK to Spain.

What they don't tell you in the bird books times have changed

Apparently, in 1465 George Neville was enthroned as Archbishop of York at Cawood Castle. One thousand egrets, among other birds, were included in the banquet. In 1885, 750,000 egret skins were sold in London in just three months, with their neck plumes being more valuable than gold at £15/ounce. In 1887 a single London dealer sold two million egret skins. It is hard to begin to imagine that sort of scale of bird slaughter. It led, of course, to a massive decline in numbers, and stimulated the establishment of the RSPB in 1889.

Having all but died out, egrets were reintroduced on Brownsea Island, owned by the National Trust and the largest island in Poole Harbour in Dorset, in 1986, and have been a great success story ever since

wintering birds gradually making b r e e d colonially with forms of sticks beds. They lay young fledge around five ringed bird for over



is that somewhat.

Historical Society

MIKE Lamport's October talk took us through 170 years of his family's association with railways, starting with his great great grandfather. As the son of a station master Mike became an avid collector of tickets, labels and other ephemera and later took up trainspotting, haunting the London mainline stations.

Ignoring the Beeching cuts of the 1960s, Mike also joined the railways. He soon landed his dream job looking after the London, Midland and Scottish railway (LMSR) photographic library. The past was being swept away, with many closures and the end of steam power.

However, steam enthusiasts rose to the challenge, restoring many old engines. In 1985 British Rail created the independent Railway Heritage Trust to protect heritage features of buildings and structures.

Developing a career in publicity, Mike was involved in celebrating 150 years of railway history, promoting the new Intercity trains and even the return of steam trips. He joined the BR Property Board helping dispose of surplus land and turning stations into retail opportunities.

Working for Network Southeast, he promoted both the new Stansted Express and the electrification of the Kings Lynn line. His final job was preparing Stratford station for the 2012 London Olympics.

Mike is now advisor to the Science Museum on railway heritage items. The family's love of railways has passed to Mike's son who is looking forward to driving a steam engine for his 21st birthday.

Our next meeting will be *A history of Christmas customs by Maureen James*, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th December in Linton village hall. Everyone is welcome.

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Wandlebury events

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Healthy Walking Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st December from 10am or 10.30am to 11am

MEET at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. Walks end around 11am. Free but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first session.

Children's Christmas Crafts Sunday 17th December from 11am to 4pm

HELP your children make attractive rustic Christmas decorations. No need to book but there is a charge. Children must remain accompanied by an adult throughout.

Outdoor Craft and Storytelling for accompanied children aged up to six Wednesday 20th December from 10.30am to 11.30am

RUN by the Vital Spark Theatre. Meet at the stable rooms. Dress appropriately for outside. Booking is essential for this event and there is a charge. For more information email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Christmas Wreath Weaving for Adults and accompanied teens Saturday 2nd December from 11am to 1pm

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POT POURRI 152

Pot Pourri 152 – Relative speed

TWO spacecraft pass each other in opposite directions. One is travelling at half lightspeed and the other one-quarter.

What is their relative velocity?

NB: Not three quarters.

Pot Pourri 151 – Equal areas

This should have said the pieces of land were of equal area as follows.

Two Pythagorean (right angle triangle) pieces of land are of equal area (less than 300 units). The sides of both pieces are all different. What are the dimensions of both triangular sides?
NB: The sides are whole numbers - not fractions!

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Christmas concert

BALSHAM Singers Christmas Concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th December in Balsham Church. This year the concert is full of exciting, fun and very beautiful music, some very well known. It will be the perfect start to Christmas.

Tickets can be bought from the Post Offices in Balsham and Abington. £10 in advance and £12 on the door.

Leslie Crisp 891141

Concert Haverhill

HAVERHILL singers (formerly Haverhill Choral Society) present a Christmas Fantasia at 7.30pm on Saturday 16th December at St Mary's Church Haverhill. Their Musical Director is Jane Wright and Nigel Brown plays the organ.

There will be music by Handel, Vaughan Williams, Britten, Byrd, Bach and many others.

Tickets on the door or ring 01440 786319

Martin Waldron

Hildersham News

It's Teatime Christmas Tea

THIS will be held in Hildersham Village Hall from 3pm until 4.30pm on 14th December. Do drop in any time after 3pm for festive fare. Everyone is welcome – children after school, walkers and all who enjoy tea and cakes.

For further details contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or email catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

The Portable Pint comes to Hildersham

LOCAL pop-up pub *The Portable Pint* will be returning to the village hall on Friday 15th December. The bar will be open from 6.30pm, so come along for a great start to the Christmas festivities

Cathy Myer

Christmas Tea Party

THE Friends of St Mary's are hosting a Christmas Tea Party from 3-5pm on Saturday 9th December at the home of Di and Chris Morse, 10, Whyts Acre.

Come and get in the Christmas spirit with Christmas cake, mince pies and other festive fare. All welcome and entrance is free, but any donations go towards repairs to St Mary's Church.

And then, to chase away those post-Christmas blues, come for mince pies and savouries coffee morning from 10.30-12noon on Saturday 6th January at the Village Hall. Entrance £2 and there will be a Bring & Buy stall and a raffle.

Margaret Cox, 891231

Heights Xmas Fair

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The Marsh mail

SUPPORTING children to grow up healthy and well is a key priority for schools and parents; good mental health is a crucial part of young people's wellbeing. Mental health, like physical health, is on a continuum; it is not a binary state. Studies by organisations such as Young Minds reveal that mental health issues are a particular concern for young people: one in 10 children have a diagnosable mental health disorder (that's roughly three children in every classroom); almost one in four children and young people show some evidence of mental ill health, including anxiety and depression, and half of all mental health problems manifest by age 14.

These conditions have a significant impact on children's ability to lead a happy and successful life; the consequences of poor mental health can have lasting damage. And yet there is a chronic shortage of access to specialist support: waiting times of over six months for a referral are standard. At LVC we have witnessed a growing number of mental health issues. We recognise that these can be triggered by personal circumstance or as a result of trauma, or due to stress experienced by a need to feel accepted and successful.

We have introduced Mental Health Champions who have benefited from specialist mental health training from Educational Psychologists and CAMH. We have also raised awareness and destigmatised mental health across the college, using the #oktosay initiative, to be able to identify concerns and signpost early support. We have also developed our PSHE programme to include educating young people about mental health.

Nevertheless, our ability to respond stops at first aid, as with other medical conditions: we are first and foremost educators, not expert clinicians.

The government's green paper on children's mental health is due to be published by the end of the year. It is anticipated to tackle Internet safety and the impact of social media. While we welcome this emphasis on e-safety and a preventative focus, there also needs to be a commitment to providing the necessary resources for schools and parents to support children's welfare and good health.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

A message from our Member of Parliament

WISHING all readers a merry Christmas. 2017 has flown by with so much to do and an unexpected election too! I have been pursuing with vigour the roll out of superfast broadband across the constituency, and am pressing to be among the first to trial 5G technology through industrial 5G pilots.

I am relentless in pursuing fairer funding for our schools. While welcoming the proposed £3.1 million extra for our constituency, I will continue to push for more. Fighting for funding for infrastructure is another priority. I am engaged with many projects on this front, and am also very much behind the initiative to introduce more cycle routes into Cambridge.

I enjoy every opportunity I have to meet with constituents, whether welcoming visitors to Westminster, attending a local gathering, a summer fete, an open meeting, or a surgery - I never pass up the chance to exchange views and listen to issues.

I thank all our primary schools for their wonderful Christmas card competition designs, and congratulate the 14 pupils representing all seven of our senior schools, including Linton Village College, in the final of our fourth annual debating competition at the House of Commons.

I am so grateful for all the support I receive from constituents young and old, and look forward to working hard on all your behalves in the coming year.

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Memories of Linton Part 3

BOTH my Grandad and Uncle Ted worked at Crawley's Garage near the top of the High Street; later to become the premises of McKenzie & Hayward's Car Sales. And in those halcyon days, before the Health & Safety Police deprived children of any insight into what work was all about, that is where I'd be found most weekdays during my school holidays.

Somewhere there that always intrigued me was the Battery Shed. This is where car batteries and accumulators (acid-filled glass batteries that were still being used in domestic radios – or *wirelesses* as they were often called) were recharged.

They would all be bubbling away, giving off obnoxious fumes that would probably remove the hairs from your nostrils if you breathed too deeply. There were great big glass carboys of acid sitting in there, waiting to give you horrendously disfiguring burns if you were silly enough to play with them. I wasn't really supposed to go in there at all, but



McKenzie & Hayward's Garage October 2001

boys will be boys. However, the fumes stopped you from staying too long, and you didn't need to be Harry Potter to sense that evil forces were at work in there. Besides which, there were plenty of other hazards waiting to catch you out – like mains electricity for example.

Industrial electrical installations were very basic in those days. None of the metal clad fittings that are installed by regulation in a modern engineering environment. It was brittle brown bakelite for switches and sockets. I can still remember my first ever electric

shock. There was a switched socket on a wooden pillar on the right-hand side of the workshop. I can't remember whether I was turning it on, or turning it off, but I can remember that it had a broken cover.

Boy, did I jump. I shook my still tingling arm and I learnt respect for electricity. I also learnt a variation on the phrase *look-before-you-lead*.

Another of my jobs, when there, was cleaning spark-plugs. On the left-hand side of the workshop there were some stairs up to a sort of mezzanine floor with a wooden cabin on

it. In this cabin was a magical machine that cleaned 'sooted up' spark plugs. You pushed the threaded end of the spark plug down through a snugly fitting hole in a thick rubber diaphragm. Then held down a button with one hand whilst slowly waggling the spark plug around with the other. Holding down the button produced a sort of hissing noise. After a while you let go of the button and removed the spark plug, which was now bright and shiny, like new.

I was rather intrigued by this machine and one day decided to find out how it worked. So, peering very closely into the open hole in the rubber diaphragm, I pushed the button. My eyeball was instantly blasted by a high-pressure jet of compressed air-driven blackened sand.

Isn't the blink reflex a wonderful thing? After a few minutes of profuse tears in one eye, and now with a rather dirty handkerchief, I was looking for something else to do.

Brian Goodliffe

Extract from our Cambridge Councillors' Report

Children's Centres

THE decision of the County Council last month was to vote in favour of the proposed closures, which means the centre in Linton will be closed or *re-designated*. The nearest centre is Sawston. They are planning to conduct some outreach services in our area, just not from a base in Linton. The County are also in discussions with the Cathodeon Trust to help with this service. This is a new change, so if you or anyone you know is affected, please do let me know and I will pass any comments on to the team.

Local Plan Update

THE Local Plan has been under review by a government inspector for more than three years. During that time our planning policies have been suspended, which is the reason we are seeing so many opportunistic planning applications around our villages. We have now had legal advice to say that we will have to wait for the inspector's final report, probably in March 2018. This is particularly disappointing as there are a number of appeals being heard in January 2018, that will now be much more difficult to defend.

City Deal

AFTER a series of workshops over the summer, three options have been developed for how the £40 million should be invested in improvements to the A1307. With luck, we may see something actually happening on the A1307 before the end of 2018.

Secondary School Teacher Recruitment

THERE is a push to enhance recruitment of secondary school teachers for September 2018 in Cambridgeshire, with a growing population and new schools being built in the area. There are some free open sessions being run across the county which outline the job role and offer the chance to ask any questions that potential applicants may have. More info can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-teacher-recruitment-event-tickets-38804272624> or by emailing contact@teachincams.org.uk

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3639/17/TC. Mr Geoff Smithson, **118 High Street.** T1 Walnut Remove. Less than 2m from corner of adjacent cottage. T2 Multi-stem Cherry Laurel Remove. Rubbing fence and very close to garden wall.

S/3816/17/FL. Mr O Didierserre, **22 Brinkman Road.** Proposed single storey rear/side extension.

S/3852/17/FL. Mr Richard Thompson & Mrs Saoirse Leonard, **135 High Street.** Erection of two storey rear extension with associated internal works.

S/3853/17/LB. Mr Richard Thompson & Mrs Saoirse Leonard, **135 High Street.** Erection of two storey rear extension with associated internal works.

S/3944/17/TP. Mr D Mould, **1 Horseheath Road.** Tree works as per application.

S4002/17/FL. Mr & Mrs Millard, **26 Cambridge Road.** Proposed new single storey dwelling, associated parking and improved access.

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Neighbourhood Plan

update and public consultation

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

THE Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team have, after much searching, succeeded in finding a specialist mapping company able to produce the policy maps needed for the public consultation on the NP – now being prepared for December 2017. The challenge has been converting the recommendations by working groups of residents into policy maps (examples

of these will shortly be on the Linton Parish Council website). These very detailed maps are essential to show the precise physical scope, location and constraints of each proposed policy for eg Housing and Development, Character and Heritage, etc within the parish boundaries. The process involves the complex electronic mapping of different layers

of information onto so called Base Maps. Originally the NP team had expected to receive technical support for this from specialist staff in the public sector but regrettably due to the pressure of so many largescale planning applications, budget cuts and loss of staff this was not possible. The maps are necessary to help ensure that the NP is approved when it is put

forward for examination by a government appointed inspector in the New Year.

More details about the NP and the process will soon be available on the Linton Parish Council website at www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk I would like to thank all those residents and councillors who have already given so much time on this project.

Cllr Paul Poulter

Parish council office

THE parish council wishes all residents a Happy Christmas. The office times over the Christmas and New Year 2017/18 period will be as follows:
Monday 25th December to Monday 1st January, closed.
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Parish council office

New councillor introduction

AS one of the newer members of the parish council I would like to introduce myself to those villagers I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. My name is Chris Negus and I have lived in the village for nearly 30 years. While I have spent the last three years working in London in the finance industry for me nothing beats the fantastic, beautiful village that we get to call home.



that I have thoroughly enjoyed growing up in and to ensure it maintains the pleasant lifestyle for all ages that we currently enjoy. To achieve this, I will be

working closely with our planning committee to fight against the large scale, unsustainable planning applications that Linton has unfortunately been allowed to be targeted with. I am also looking forward to getting involved with other parish council initiatives and

After leaving Linton Village College I attended Hills Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge where I studied Maths, Economics, Modern History and Politics. I currently work just outside of Ely for a finance company that specializes in renewable energy. For me, the environment and protecting the future of the planet is an issue that I am passionate about.

I have joined the parish council as I feel the time is right for me to give back to the village

working with the Beacon Youth Trust. With the stellar work that the parish council is already doing for Linton I can't see why the village cannot function with the way of life we have become accustomed to.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks and months and doing what I can to make Linton a village that we can all be proud of to call home.

Cllr Chris Negus

Raise your eyes ... planning is more than houses

LINTON is a special place. The central area has its historic buildings, with shops serving a wide range of requirements. We have schools and services, enough for our current population; spiritual, educational and physical needs are catered for. We are an active village, growing naturally with infill housing, re-use of sites and home extensions. We have need of some housing (especially bungalows, social housing and affordable homes), but not unsustainable commuter estates. Buy-to-let has also reduced the stock of affordable homes available to those wanting to buy for themselves.

We are unusual in that we are surrounded by hills - not big, but significant in this rolling chalk landscape. Any building on the rising ground has an excessive impact on the village, its residents and setting. Linton nestles into the valley, looking out to the skyline, a village that has reached its natural size. Our landscape is a key reason to have the current large applications refused, and to strive to maintain Linton as a village with its own character.

Part of the large applications are the 'boundary treatments' to screen any proposed housing and reduce their impact. Plans might show that existing hedges and trees would be retained and more planted - all shown as well grown, green and bushy, but we know they take time to develop and to have the intended effect. From experience, we know that it is difficult to ensure that these hedges and trees would be planted and retained - compliance with planning conditions is hard to enforce, especially when these might be in private gardens. We know that trees and hedges can cause problems (perceived or real). What then? They will be lopped, reduced or removed, losing their screening and scenic value. So, the housing could remain highly visible, a blot on the landscape.

Many of our hedges were originally inclosure boundaries, and the mature trees on the skyline are a vital part of our landscape character. The long views into, out of and across the village rely

on trees for their sympathetic effect. To lose them would be a loss of our history.

Within the village, mature trees have been lost; look up to see how bare the sky now appears. Notice also how much noisier it seems - trees protect us from road noise and help clean the air of pollution. Like trees and hedges, open green spaces are needed, tranquil places as part of the scenery, a benefit to health and a relief from hard surfaces. They are a significant contribution to what makes Linton a desirable place to live. There is more to village life than the housing.

Planning applications are looked at on their own merit, as are tree works submissions, but what is the cumulative effect of changes? This is where the views of residents count; not everything can be judged on planning rules, there is a subjective and practical view, which needs to be heard.

Another aspect of planning applications is traffic. Each development might be considered as having little impact in itself, but the incremental effect of adding around 250 more houses would turn us into a town - but with Mediaeval streets unable to cope with the extra traffic. Using the developers own data, we now know that Linton is a hub for commuters, so we have to cope with more than our own traffic. Many cars are leaving the congestion of the A1307 at Horseheath Road, and instead using Back Road, the High Street and Balsham Road, almost equally, to travel to work or other destinations (reversed in the evening). Commuters are also parking in Linton to catch bus links to Cambridge - our proposals to City Deal/Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership include using known sites around Linton for P+R hubs, and cycle stands at each bus stop, to reduce this and free parking spaces for shoppers.

The developers say that they expect us to use public transport, to cycle or to walk. However, their proposed developments are well beyond reasonable distances from village amenities. Their planning applications contain unrealistic and inaccurate estimates of walking times, distances and the extent of available public transport. They take no account of our lack of safe cycle routes, the condition of our paths, or of the adverse impact of extra housing on infrastructure.

The proposed developments do not meet the needs of Linton and are not sustainable. No amount of greenery can mitigate for the harm that would be done to our special village.

Cllr Enid Bald

Cottage in Green Lane with important trees in its setting



Picture taken by Simon Hill

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th October 2017.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr John Bald; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Chris Negus. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County & District Cllr Henry Batchelor; District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: seven.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs A Hammond and B Cox.

Councillors' declarations of interest: Cllr Poulter and Cllr Hine declared a pecuniary interest in the Horseheath Road planning applications item.

Councillor vacancy: Currently one vacancy for co-option.

Chairman's comment: Cllr Kell was welcomed to the meeting and wished well in her new role.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Written report: Noted.

The decision was taken by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to redesignate the Children's Centre in Linton. This is still being finalised but the end result will be that the Children's Centre will close, resulting in the nearest centre being in Sawston.

Mr Gore, a trustee of the Cathodeon Centre was in attendance at the meeting and requested to the chairman of the meeting to speak on this item, which was agreed. Mr Gore advised that the current proposals are to have some sort of Outreach programme working in conjunction with the Cathodeon Centre and there are hopes that this could extend its uses. He advised that the trustees made representation regarding this in favour of retention but despite this the Children's Centre was redesignated. CCC has made it clear that it does not intend to terminate the lease as they would have to repay central government the funds which were made available to make the centre programme, and this equates to approximately £500,000. It was noted that the ongoing cost to CCC is minimal for running and the fixed costs are low so an indication has been made that the expectation in Linton is that the services that will be provided will not greatly differ from those currently. Looking at the future, the trust will do what it can to ensure as much work is done with the Children's Centre to provide other services and they will look to take a more co-operative and comprehensive approach. To achieve this additional people and agencies will need to work together to be involved to make the best use of the building and provide the best services to the village.

At this point a resident enquired into the progress of the Local Plan to which District Cllr John Batchelor advised that the current status is there should have been feedback at the end of September, however the inspector had been away which has created a delay. There is hope South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) will receive feedback soon. As soon as the inspector indicates a view in planning context SCDC can start giving weight to the case. If the indication provided is good then there is a chance this could be looking to be in place for February or March 2018.

It was also noted that the consultation version of the Neighbourhood Plan could be looking to be produced at the end of November or early December 2017.

Planning matters: Updates on large planning applications: Balsham Road planning application S/2650/17/OL, the chair of planning, Cllr E Bald, advised that the initial comments have been submitted with further reports and comments to be sent. Cllr Hine was thanked for his assistance with the sustainability distances mapping which was included in the LPC comments. Council were also advised that there has been no confirmation on the meeting date for this to be heard at SCDC as of yet.

Cllr E Bald requested permission from council that the planning committee may be delegated the power to designate a representative from the planning committee to speak as a representative at the SCDC hearing. This was seconded by Cllr Mannassi and put to a vote. Agreed.

Bartlow Road planning application S/1963/15/OL: Cllr E Bald advised that there had been concerns on the way in which this was handled at the review hearing following the decision from the Supreme Court ruling and that as previously discussed a let-

ter has been drafted to send to SCDC noting these complaints.

Back Road planning application S/0096/17/OL: Cllr E Bald advised that the documents, statement of case and appendix for the appeal have been sent to the planning inspectorate and SCDC for review, and noted that a section on socio-economics has been added. This is due to be heard on the 16th January 2018 by means of a three day public inquiry. It was also noted that the Neighbourhood Plan had been referred to in several places to allow it to be discussed and taken into consideration at the hearing.

Horseheath Road planning applications S/1969/15/OL and S/2553/16/OL: Cllr E Bald advised that the appeal documents, including the statement of case and appendix have been submitted to the planning inspectorate in preparation for the appeal public inquiry. She also noted that a new application had been received formally by the office for 42 houses and less allotment space on the same plot, making this the third application from the Diocese of Ely on the same site.

Planning laws update: Cllr E Bald advised that she had attended a meeting aimed at developers which had provided much insight into the processes and which also covered information on the S106 as well as curtilage and land title issues.

To consider Kate Kell's application to join the planning committee: This was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Ward and put to a vote. Agreed.

S106 financial contribution requests: Written report from the internal S106 meeting of LPC held on the 2nd October: Noted.

Agreement for the purchase of trees, mats, protective mesh and other items for trees and biodiversity up to a budget of £500.00: Cllr Ward advised that the new grounds maintenance contracts are now established which means LPC can catch up on the last few years of planting as this was put on hold due to concerns with the previous grass contractor. This money would allow for the purchase of the above stated items to ensure their protection. This was proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr E Bald and put to a vote. Agreed.

Consideration of the review of the terms of agreement for Linton Action for Youth hut as the five year term of agreement expires in November 2017: It was proposed by Cllr J Bald that as LPC are reviewing the continued use of this building and possible erection of a new youth building, any contract renewal should be on an annual basis. Cllr Negus seconded this and it was put to a vote. Agreed.

The Bowls Club's verbal request to Cllrs Poulter and Manley to transfer remaining funds to the PC following the dissolution of the Bowls Club: Cllr Poulter advised that he and Cllr Manley had recently attended a meeting of the Bowls Club in which the club had advised that due to dwindling membership and personal reasons the decision had been made to close the club. As a result they have offered to transfer their remaining balance funds to the PC. This opened a discussion within council as to whether LPC would look to take responsibility for the bowls green going forward and if so how many lanes would be kept open and in use. It was recommended that it may be possible to keep two lanes open as a viable use of the money but that this would be reviewed at a later date. It was proposed by Cllr Poulter that LPC would accept the transfer of funds and the use of this money would be reviewed. This was seconded by Cllr J Bald and put to a vote. Agreed.

Traffic issues: Traffic working group report from the meeting of the 30th September: Noted. Cllr E Bald spoke on this item and advised that the suggested projects to be funded by the Local Highways Initiative had been submitted and LPC had requested funds for double yellow lines to be installed on the east side of the High Street. Cllr Bald advised that the proposal of three way traffic lights and the markings on the Hadstock Road and A1307 were both too expensive for this project and covered by the City Deal proposal. It was also noted that there had been a meeting with CCC at Whittlesford regarding minor highways and that from this a list has been created for future and ongoing works. Also noted was that following the confusion and error by CCC regarding the proposed double yellow lines in Meadow Lane these have been resubmitted for review. Concerns were also raised by

council regarding the proposed change of priorities from Back Road to Balsham Road by City Deal and it was noted by council that LPC has not given prior agreement to this and may choose to object when this is reviewed.

Issues with parking on Symonds Lane near to Hillway: Council noted the letter from a resident and advised that it shared these concerns. It is a dangerous blind turning and cars parking here create a serious hazard. The clerk is to contact CCC Highways for review, possible option for double yellow lines to be installed.

Cemetery report (verbal): Cllr J Bald advised that one way to possibly reduce the number of violations of the Cemetery Regulations could be to put the key pieces of information in an easy to read leaflet that is clear and concise and does not overwhelm those that have been recently bereaved. This was agreed by council and Cllr J Bald was nominated to draft the information into a leaflet.

Consideration of the request from the Pampisford Estate to install sleeping policeman on Back Road: Council recognised that the recent traffic data has advised that more traffic uses this junction than the High Street in rush hour and it can be a dangerous road, however it was noted that council felt sleeping policeman would not be a viable solution due to the style of the road. There was also concern that it may not be possible to install traffic calming measures on a road with a national speed limit in place. It was decided that the clerk would investigate as to whether the speed limit on this road could be reduced and confer with Hildersham PC. This was then designated to the traffic working group to review further. Agreed.

Approval from council to progress with the application for a further Government grant application for the Neighbourhood Plan: Proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Potter. Put to a vote with ten in favour and two abstentions.

Consideration of correspondence received: Herts&Cams Grounds Maintenance quote for an additional far end cut on the recreation ground. Proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed.

Mr Taylor regarding a suggestion for advertising revenue from bus shelter frames: Council reviewed this but came to the decision that this can lead to unauthorised leaflets and stickers being placed on the shelter which can leave residue and look untidy. It was proposed by Cllr Negus not to take this any further and formally decline, Cllr Potter seconded this. Agreed not to progress with one abstention.

Two residents regarding litter issues, recycling and litter bins: This is already under consideration with the current ongoing litter bin review project. Noted.

Two residents of Beech Way regarding details of flooding experiences: Council considered this request for a visit, however it was felt that as this is a drainage issue LPC would have little power to assist and recommended that this enquiry be referred to Anglian Water. Clerk to respond to resident.

Two residents of Lamb Fair Court regarding details of flooding experiences: Noted.

Two residents of Hadstock Road regarding the Hadstock Road footpath: Council had notified CCC Highways of this issue previously but had no response. The clerk is to chase up a response and contact the County Cllr to see if he could assist. It is also another item which will be added to the listing for the future LHI grants.

Resident regarding the widening of the Bartlow Road footpath: Council noted that they felt the email was very well written and its light hearted nature was appreciated by councillors. The PC had no knowledge of these works and will check.

Ms Richardson regarding a Linton Scarecrow Festival: Noted. It was thought that the PC could get involved by running a Scarecrow trail throughout the village for the children. Clerk to review ideas in preparation.

Landmark Restorations Ltd quotation for churchyard wall repairs: Proposed by Cllr Poulter to be accepted, seconded by Cllr Hine, put to a vote. Agreed.

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