

Macmillan coffee morning at Nichols Court from 10am on Friday on 29th September

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Gardening club celebrates 75th annual show

AFTER the massive thunderstorm a few days before the Gardening Club's 75th show it was good to see the village hall filling with horticultural entries on Show Day, although there were fewer fruit and vegetables than usual. These entries were complemented by the many delightful exhibits in the non-gardening classes.

Congratulations to all the prizewinners. Susan Anderson won the Edwin Swannell Trophy (most firsts), Village College Cup for vegetables and fruit and Alick Jacob Cup for best vegetable collection. She also received the Challenge Shield and Jubilee Challenge Cup for her tomatoes.

Jim Forrest received Dr Brown's Challenge Cup for flowers and the Banksian Medal.



Above: Flowers and cakes are set out before the show

Photo by Helen Townsend

Helen Stankowska received the Harold Gawthrop Cup for pot plants. Visitors voted her pink rose their favourite scented flower; the proceeds from this charity class will be donated to Support 4 Sight. Canon Maggie Guite presented the trophies

Many thanks to everyone involved in creating such a successful and enjoyable event including all the helpers, exhibitors, judges and visitors who came along in the afternoon.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September in the village hall, Clare Kneen will be giving a talk on *Irises through the year*. Come along and join the Club.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary)



The vegetable and herb section

Photo by Helen Townsend

Jan Sheppard won the Rose bowl Challenge Trophy and Connie Wright Cup for flower arranging.

Yugene Dener received the Challenge Shield for his dahlias.

The Endeavour Cups were presented to Jill Morley (vegetables and fruit) and Fran Armes (flowers).

Ron Pitkin retained the Handicraft Cup.

Mike Judge received the Photography Cup and Jill Morley the Domestic Cup.

The children's trophies went to Maisie Conway (8-14 years) and Linton Infants School (Green Fingers Cup). Sadly no one entered the under 8 years classes.



Above :Daisy Haughton -Perry receives second prize in the 8-14year olds – it was her first time in the older childrens' section

Left: Susan Anderson receives her cup. Canon Guite presented the trophies

Photos above and left taken by Roger Lapwood



Besieged by planning applications

PLANNING applications just keep arriving. While we were at the SCDC Planning Committee meeting, hearing the good news that the decision on the Gladman application for 95 houses off Back Road was a unanimous refusal, they sent through another one. This time it is for 65 houses off Balsham Road. This would be on the way out of Linton, on the right of Balsham Road, behind Brinkman Road, looking up to the ancient hedgerow interspersed with mature trees on the skyline. Opposite is a site of special scenic interest, leading up to the Water Tower.

The Parish Council plans to have a meeting to include lengthy public consultation. This will give residents time to express their views on the application.

The process will be part of a Planning Committee meeting, so please stay to hear the committee decision and how their comments have been influenced by yours and incorporated into the response that will be submitted on your behalf. Until the PC has made their decision, councillors cannot comment on applications – but we can, and do, listen to your views.

The Clerk, Kate, will be putting up information boards so you can see plans and contact details for your comments, and we will advertise the date, as soon as we know. Please send comments to:

www.scams.gov.uk/services/planning-applications
Rebecca Ward, SCDC Planning Dept -
South Cambridgeshire Hall

Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne. CB23 6EA
Please refer to application S/2650/17/OL, and send a

copy to Linton Parish Council.

Meanwhile, Gladman have submitted an appeal on the Back Road decision and the appeal on the Horseheath Road application will be heard at a Public Inquiry.

The review of the decision to approve 55 houses at Bartlow Road confirmed the original decision, despite a Supreme Court decision, involving the balance of relative harm against benefit of a development. No evidence arising since the original decision in 2016 – for example, that schools are now admitted to be at capacity or oversubscribed – was allowed to be taken into account. This was desperately sad, not to say wilfully unfair, as we have had so much more experience in repulsing speculative development since then. We live to fight another day...

Councillor Enid Bald,
Planning Committee

Remember 80th celebrations

ALL are invited to the 80th anniversary of Linton Village College, from 2 to 4pm on Sunday 17th September.

Enjoy photos of LVC through the decades, meet old classmates, tour the buildings and discover what the college offers today for students and the community.

Free tea and cake. Music from Linton Jazz.

If you are in touch with former LVC students, please let them know about this event.

Anna McMahon, 07931 966952

LVC80info@gmail.com

Facebook: @LVC80

Flu clinics

Flu jabs are now available to book at:

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High Street, Barley, Royston, Herts, SG8 8HY.

From Saturday 16th September between 8.00am and 2.00 pm

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From Saturday 30th September between 8.30am and 2.00 pm

Sawston Medical Centre

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- Family of people on chemotherapy living in the same house
- Pregnant mums
- Aged over 65
- Diabetes

We can offer pneumonia and shingles to those who are eligible.

If you are not eligible but want a flu jab we are offering private flu jabs through the Granta Pharmacy at all sites. Please ask Reception for details.

Granta Medical Practices

Goodbye to Too good for jumble...

In recent months we have been receiving fewer items for sale in this section and buyers wanting to buy them. Therefore we are suspending this item until further notice.

Many thanks to Kate France for taking care of this service and to all who advertised or bought items over the years. You have helped many charities.

But as a final gesture Kate has hollyhock plants freely available to dig up – phone 891602 – or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

Editor

Get in the picture

LAST month, Linton Camera Club had a presentation on landscapes using telephoto lenses by Chairman Tony Smith and members brought their own macro images based on work at the July meeting.

In September there will be an open discussion on photography problem solving. Club members are preparing their best pictures for the annual exhibition on Saturday October 14th in the village hall – more details next month.

Mike Crofts, 893619



Bringing in the harvest

Picture by Tony Smith

Errata

On page 1 of last month's edition of the Linton News in the article on the Choice of Pharmacy, under the section which looked at the background, we stated in the third paragraph that Granta Pharmacy in Sawston was offering free delivery on repeat prescriptions if you used their Pharmacy and that they deliver to Linton Pharmacy or the patient's home address.

In actual fact they deliver to Linton Health Centre not Linton Pharmacy.

Editor

Feavers - An event to remember

AT the end of the school year, the class of 2017 graduated from Linton Heights. A group of parents wanted to send all of the children off with a party to remember and we certainly achieved that.

With the theme of *Feavers* a leavers festival, we all celebrated four fabulous years at LHJS.

The party began with goodie bags and themed T-shirts followed by inflatables, mocktails, festival face paint and a multitude of nail varnish options to mention just a few.

The music played in the background while the Year 6s undertook an army style assault course and even attempted it blindfolded. This was a marvellous activity and was provided by Peter Hockey, a CRC lecturer in sports, uniformed services and a teacher with the Army Cadets. Peter commented, "What an

amazing bunch of kids. They are an absolute credit to the school. Well done you on organising such a fantastic day".

After sitting down with their food, the children were greeted by the ice cream van (provided by Steve's Ices), who served the pupils with a variety of cold treat options. We finished off the afternoon with a mass water fight between pupils and teachers, 380 water balloons in just a few minutes. The afternoon was a huge success and pupils went away full of excitement.

Now, with a heavy heart, we officially say goodbye to LHJS as the pupils take on their next education adventure into secondary school.

Thank you to Linton Heights for allowing us to put on such a fabulous *Feavers* event, which has made even more wonderful LH memories, to last a lifetime.

Kate Wright
(Year 6 parent)



Year 6 leavers Ruby (left) and Izzy enjoying the photo shoot
Picture by Kate Wright

Who was Thomas Coram? Linton Historical Society will reveal all

OUR next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday September 19th in Linton Village Hall when John Caldicott will be talking about the Foundling Hospital and the Coram charity.

Thomas Coram was a sea captain who, on his return to London in 1720, was shocked to see children abandoned and dying on the city's streets.

After a long campaign, the Foundling Hospital was created in Bloomsbury to provide a home and education for children born outside of marriage. Over the years, more than 25,000 children's lives have been saved.

We look forward to seeing members, old and new, at the new season of talks. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per meeting.
Pat Faircloth, 893928



Linton Heights Goodbye to 2016-2017

AS a successful year drew to a close a new one begins. It is fabulous to see how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic to the sporting and the creative arts.

From all of this year's highlights my favourite was getting to know the Year 6. They started in September as children but by the time they left in July were young adults. Year 6 sums up all that Linton Heights is about. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year but also had a fantastic time. In addition to doing very well in their SATs examinations, the children have enjoyed the French trip, Aylmerton residential, the summer production *Macbeth* and so many events and activities. I hope they look back at their time at Linton Heights with fondness and perhaps return and regale us with their achievements.

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for the Class of 2017, we also welcome a new Year 3 intake. We never stand still and are always looking at how we can improve – 2017-18 will be no different.

Although there have been no pupils at the school over the summer holidays, a lot of work has taken place. New carpets have been laid and now all of the classes have Clevertouch interactive screens.

Many thanks to George Holleyman for the carpeting and James Dobson of Digicopy Saffron Walden for the boards. Progressively, we have created a school that our pupils and community can be proud of and where quality learning can take place.

We look forward with eager anticipation to the new academic year.

James Puxley, Head Teacher

Love in a box Christmas appeal

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

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

Lorries loaded with your boxes have to start their long journey across Europe at the beginning of November. This means that we need your boxes by 29th October.

Before you pack your box please pick up our Love in a Box leaflet so that packing and contents comply with customs regulations. These can be obtained from Linton Library or St Mary's Church. Failing that give us a ring and we will drop one off for you. Please deliver boxes to our house or we can collect. Our address and phone number are given below.

Colleen and Derek Lockstone, 1 Rhugarve Gardens, Linton CB21 4LX, 891931 or colleenlockstone@outlook.com.

What the Dickens are they talking about?

LINTON WEA offers a literature course this term. The tutor is Melissa Lloyd and she will focus on *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. Starting on 10th October the course runs for 10 weeks from 10 to 11.45am each Tuesday at Linton village hall. The cost is £54 and you are welcome to try a week before committing to the class.

The WEA is a national organisation, sub-divided into regions and the local organisation is by volunteers. The regional body sources tutors and, somewhat surprisingly, our nearest branch of Great Bradley has also been allocated Melissa Lloyd. They meet on a Wednesday in Great Bradley Village Hall and will be studying *Nicholas Nickleby* and *Hard Times*, starting on 13th September.

Both courses will link the books to the social conditions of the period and provide an insight into Dickens' life and work. The spring course for Linton will have a gardens theme and be led by Andrew Sankey who has previously given very enjoyable courses. For more information contact me on 892737.

Sue Mudge

Going into Year 8?

Why not join the Air Cadets?

AT the time of writing we currently have a lot of our cadets and cadet NCOs at RAF Odiham for summer camp. RAF Odiham is the home of the RAF's Chinook fleet. I look forward to updating you on this once those that have attended are back. I'm sure that this will include stories of air experience that the cadets have gained in this iconic helicopter.

For us left back at the squadron there is much to look forward to. A combined visit to Earl's Colne airfield flying school and the Herts and Essex air ambulance being one of the highlights of the upcoming schedule.

The Air Cadets are one of the biggest providers of the Duke of Edinburgh award. We are busy preparing for the assessed expeditions that will

take place whilst the weather is still on our side.

As well as working on general fitness we cover all the essential skills needed for a successful expedition: route planning and navigation skills, first aid, kit preparation, nutrition and cooking in the field.

Now is the perfect time for those that are 12 years old and will be in year 8 at the start of the new academic year, to start getting involved.

So, if the Air Cadets sounds like it may be for you or someone you know, please come and see us. We can be found in the red zone at LVC on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7.30pm, or you can give me a call.

Cl Bradley Wright,
01279 714521,
07943 873272

LVC adult community learning courses

THERE is still time to enrol for autumn term courses. All evening classes start the week beginning 25th September.

Courses include pottery, cake decorating, photography, mindfulness, fun with textiles, upholstery, silver jewellery, Indian cookery, Tai Chi, beginners French, Spanish and Italian and improvers Spanish and Italian.

There are two daytime classes: watercolours at Hildersham on a Monday 1.30-4pm and flower arranging at the college Wednesday 10.30-12.30pm

We also run Saturday workshops. For the first time we are trying a two day silver jewellery for beginners workshop on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th September.

On Saturday 14th October workshop subjects are making a nuno felt scarf, autumn flower arranging designs, pottery and sugar craft. Indian cookery, upholstery and handmade chocolates are on the agenda for Saturday 9th December.

For course or workshop details or an enrolment form please email adult.education@lvc.org or telephone 891233 Ext 303 or 317. Please feel free to pop in at the main reception at Linton Village College to collect a brochure.

Margaret Kiddy and Jane Carpenter,
Adult Education Department

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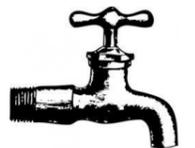
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OUR THANKS

What a fantastic result

Dear Editor
The team behind the Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk is pleased to announce the final result from the 2017 fund-raising event. We saw a fantastic turn-out of walkers – there were 805, many with dogs. The event raised an amazing total of £12,901.50. This will be split equally between the three local charities, Bartlow Church Restoration Fund, Linton Health Centre Community Fund and Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust.

A huge thank you to all people (and dogs) who came along. Also to the wonderful team of helpers, who came out of the woodwork this year to help with the event, in many different ways.

Please note the date for next year's walk is 6th May 2018 and put it in your diary
Hetty Findlay

English spirit distillery

DR JOHN Walters, our speaker, was instrumental in opening the distillery in Great Yeldham, Essex and now makes about 30 different spirits, around a million bottles a year. He also has a shop at Dullingham, near Newmarket.

He told us if you want to make gin you have to start with vodka, then add juniper berries, making compounded gin, about 99.9% of all gins on the market. Distilled gins use vodka made from sugar beet which is then redistilled. A dry gin has an alcohol content of 70%. The alcohol burns off when adding mixers one to one, leaving the flavours. Adding more mixers releases more flavours. Interestingly, if a nut is added to the recipe the nut oil will grab a greater range of flavours.

Gin was brought here by William and Mary in about 1700 and quickly became more popular than beer as there was no duty on it. The licensing laws were introduced when the gin's quality deteriorated.

Rum is fermented molasses, treacle or cane sugar and is famous for the naval ration. The term proof comes from adding gunpowder to the rum and lighting it. If it bangs it is the right strength. Nelson's body was put in a barrel of rum but back in port, holes had been drilled in the barrel and it was drunk dry. Hence the expression tapping the admiral. The rum colour is produced by the oak barrels. Cooling is the most expensive part of distilling so a water source is needed and the water used is four times cleaner than Evian.

Vodka is Russian for little water, so a minimum of water is used. John had brought a selection of different spirits which he invited our members to sample. Visits to the distillery can be arranged.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 5th September in the village hall. The talk is *An Unexpected Journey* by Catherine Armstrong. New members or visitors are always welcome.

Sally Proberts, 891021

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PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

SOMETIME between Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd July a Vauxhall van was stolen from Symonds Lane, Linton.

Between 7.30 am and 6.30 pm on the 23rd July a bicycle was stolen from outside a home on Kinsey Place. Crime number CF0421640717 refers.

Between 7.28pm and 7.30pm on 12th August a burglary took place at a business premises on Cambridge Road.

If you have any information regarding these crimes or saw anyone acting suspiciously around the time or prior to the crimes, please either reply to this e-cops, call 101 or you can call crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Chris Wiseman and Alice PCSOs Sawston police station
Lindsay Gardiner PCSO, Cambourne)

Damage to buildings at Anglian Water Site at Sawston

THE Police and Anglian Water are appealing for any information regarding severe damage caused to the Anglian Water Treatment Site at Cambridge Road, Sawston.

The first crime was reported on the morning of the 7th June. Windows had been smashed, damage caused to filters and locks to electrical appliances broken. It was likely this damage was done in the evening. Crime Reference CF0316420617

The second crime CF0388060717 was reported at around 7pm on the 8th July. Offenders got on to the secure site and set fire to items within the building causing severe damage. It will now have to be taken down to one storey. The building is now extremely dangerous and has been secured. Someone reported seeing six youths around 12 to 13 years of age, just off Cambridge Road, laughing and pointing at the fire.

Regan Harris from Anglian Water, stated: "We expect the damage to be in excess of £30,000. Water recycling centres are where your water goes when you flush the loo or do the washing up. Used water is filtered, disinfected and cleaned before it is returned to our rivers and streams. The centres contain lots of machinery, industrial equipment and deep tanks and are dangerous places to be without proper supervision and safety equipment. "Given the serious nature of the fire and extensive damage caused to the building we are keen for people to come forward with information. If anyone can help with our enquiries please email Leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk or telephone 101 quoting the crime reference number CF0388060717."

PCSO 7239 Leanne Fisher
Sawston Police Station.

News from St Mary's

THIS month at St Mary's we have new beginnings. Over the summer the construction work was completed on our Peace Garden (behind the Church Pavilion) and as autumn approaches we are looking forward to putting the plants in and making it a quiet and reflective space that can be used by the whole community.

The Peace Garden will be the venue for our new venture, *Wild Church*. Many people find that nature fills them with a sense of awe and mystery, from the stars in

the night sky to the smallest blade of grass. They feel closer to God outside than inside. Other people worry that we are losing touch with nature – especially children and young people – and long for ways to help them discover the natural world.

Wild Church will take church outside, and will involve story-telling, learning about the natural world, fun and creative activities outside and time for prayer and reflection. Each event will end with a campfire and some campfire food. This month our theme is *New Beginnings*.

The *Wild Church* will take place at 2.30pm on the first Sunday of each month (the first being on 3rd September), meeting in the St Mary's Church Pavilion. While you're in the Pavilion you will have a chance to admire some of the fantastic art work on the theme of *Our Village* done by children at our Arts and Crafts club over the summer.

Revd Nicola Bown, 977164
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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, 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
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
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 CC
Linton Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

SEPTEMBER 2017

2 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
2 Pudding evening, 7.30pm St Mary's Pavilion
3 **Wild Church, 2.30pm** St Mary's Pavilion
4 **Camera Club, 7pm** VH
5 **ACE trip to St Albans, 9.30am** D&D
5 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
6 Reading group, 8pm VH upstairs
7 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
9 Ride&Stride, 10am-6pm, Historic Churches Trust
11 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
12 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
12 **Garden Club, 7.30pm** VH
13 Community navigator, 10am-12noon HC
15 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
17 Walking group, 11am Church Lane
17 **LVC 80th Celebration, 2-4pm** LVC
17 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
19 **Historical Society, 7.30pm** VH
20 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am-12noon HC
21 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC
29 McMillan Coffee Morning, 10am Nichols Court, Flaxfields

OCTOBER 2017

1 **Harvest Lunch, midday** St Mary's Church
2 **Camera Club, 7pm** CC
3 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
4 Reading group, 8pm VH upstairs
5 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
7 Farmers' Market, 9am-12 noon VH
8 **Wild Church, 2.30pm** St Mary's Pavilion
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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Linton blue and green bin collection: Mondays 11th and 25th September

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The next training course is running in Cambridge across six mornings, from 10am to 1pm, on the 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th of September and the 4th and 5th of October. Special arrangements can be made if you cannot attend all these dates.

If you are interested in volunteering/finding out more, please contact the office on 416141 or email: enquiries@cambridgeshire-hearinghelp.org.uk

Please see our website for further information www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk

Ruth McAllen

King's Choral Festival

ON Saturday, 16th September, members of St Mary's Linton church choir will join around 200 other singers from church and community choirs in the area for a festival of church music.

You are warmly invited to join the congregation for the festival service in King's College Chapel, Cambridge at 5.30pm (Please be seated by 5.15pm). The theme this year is *One Church, One Faith, One Lord*.

David Parry-Smith, the Director of Music at St Mary's, is delighted to have been asked to direct the singers at the service. The organ will be played by the new organ scholar at King's, Donal McCann.

A wide variety of church music has been selected by a group of parish church musicians from across the Diocese. For further details contact David Parry-Smith at David@parry-smith.co.uk or www.accms.org or phone 894715,

Anne Parry-Smith, 894715

Let's get this party started

THE annual Addenbrooke's Breast Cancer Appeal, organised by Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT), asks people to host a party for family, friends, work colleagues or fellow students this October to help raise money to transform care for patients. Party suggestions include getting together for tea and cake, a prosecco party, office party or even a summer BooBieQ.

Former breast cancer patient Ruth New is fronting the campaign.

To get involved or find out more:

Call 349885 or visit

www.act4addenbrookes.org.uk/ABCappeal,

or email fundraising@act4addenbrookes.org.uk

Jo Elliott

Head of communications



Ruth with her son William

Picture supplied by ACT

Autism Spectrum Disorder

A NEW autism spectrum disorder service for young people is due to start in the autumn thanks to the lobbying of Pinpoint, our Healthwatch and the National Autistic Society. The service will be run by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and will provide an assessment and intervention service for young people aged 12 to 18 years.

From August, education, health and social care professionals will be able to refer the most urgent cases to the new service following funding from commissioners. It is hoped a full service will be able to start after September.

The Trust is also recruiting new staff to help support young people who are moving from children's mental health services to adult mental health services.

Adult mental health services officially start at 17, but as part of improvements to increase the support available, some young people will be able to continue with children's services until they are 18.

Decisions on which young people remain with children's services and which move to adult services will be made in collaboration with families.

Please do keep sharing your experiences of children and adolescents' mental health services with us. We want to know how well local services are supporting young people's emotional well-being. You can call us on 0330 355 1285,

email enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

or leave your feedback online.

Angie Ridley, Communications manager
Healthwatch Cambridgeshire



CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Working together to improve community safety

September Bulletin from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

THE school summer holidays are coming to a close and we hope you have enjoyed the time with family, going on holiday or even creating your own adventures at home.

Before the children head off back to school, take the opportunity to teach your children about fire safety and design your very own fire escape plan for them to share with teachers and other students back in the classroom.

We recommend every household has a fire escape plan and regularly runs through it with the family – especially when guests are coming to stay.

Here are a few things to consider when writing yours:

- Everyone should know where the window and door keys are.
- Your normal way out of the house is your best escape route so always keep it clear of clutter – think of the difficulties you'll have using this route in pitch darkness or smoke.
- Walk your escape route with the rest of your family or housemates and make sure everyone can open windows and doors easily.
- If you, your neighbour or family member might be vulnerable or have trouble escaping from their house in a fire, get in touch with us to see if we can help by calling 0800 917 9994.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

Shed security

WE have recently had an increase in sheds being broken into. Many people underestimate the value of the items they store in their sheds, criminals don't. The following advice can help to keep your property secure.

Position your garden shed as near to your house as possible so that it is clearly visible from your home.

Paint your house number and post code on to your valuable gardening equipment eg lawn mower, strimmer and tools. This makes them much less attractive to potential thieves and also increases the chances of the property being recovered if it is stolen.

Avoid storing valuable items such as power tools, fishing tackle or golf clubs in a shed. These items should be stored inside your home or a secure garage.

Ensure that you lock away tools such as spades or forks when you are finished. Tools left out overnight could be used by an intruder to gain access to your property.

If you don't intend to use the windows in your shed you can make them secure by screwing them shut or fitting window locks. Hanging old curtains or netting up against the window will prevent any prying eyes from seeing what is stored in your shed.

Locks and bolts – the most effective way to secure shed doors is to fit a strong hasp and staple, also called a pad bar. Secure this with coach bolts. These are long bolts with a smooth head that cannot be undone with a screwdriver or spanner and lock the hasp over the staple with a closed shackled padlock.

You can further protect your shed with items such as shed bars and larger items such as cycles can be secured to shed shackles. These and other approved products can be found at www.sold-secure.com or www.securedbydesign.com

Secure the shed door hinges with clutch head or coffin screws. These are a special type of screw that once fitted can only be unscrewed with a special tool. They can be purchased from DIY outlets and on the internet.

Lindsay.Gardiner@cambs.pnn.police.uk

We have moved

AFTER 15 very successful years in the High Street at Linton, Boyz2Men Barber Shop has moved.

Nina wants to welcome you to her new premises at 37/39 High Street Linton (the old butchers shop). There will be a larger waiting and cutting area for men with a ramp for wheelchair access, a dedicated children's area and somewhere for mums and dads to wait. It will still be on a no appointments necessary basis.

The exciting news is that there is now also a Ladies' Hairdressing Salon adjacent to Boyz2Men – namely Chickz Next Door. The entrance to the elegant Salon is at the rear of the building. Please call on 07483 128990 to make an appointment with Sophie.

Nina, Carl and Sophie look forward to seeing all their regular clients and meeting lots of new ones.

Kim Warner



The new premises open for business

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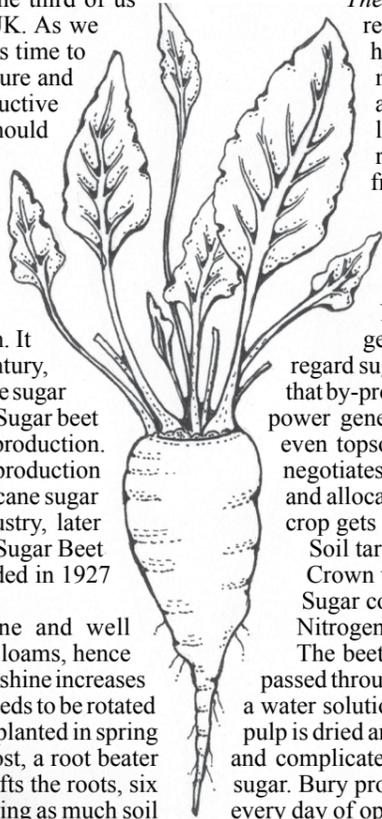
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

All you need to know about sugar beet

I WAS struck by a recent article saying that one third of us Brits do not know that sugar is grown in the UK. As we live in prime sugar beet country I thought it was time to take a look. Our local farmers combine agriculture and wildlife protection in an extraordinarily productive manner and I think any look at flora and fauna should include local crops.

Beet looks like chard on top, with a huge white parsnip root crop under the ground. The sugar content is formed by photosynthesis in the leaves, with the sugar stored in the root. Each beet is between 0.5 and 1kg in weight, made up of 75% water, 20% sugar and 5% pulp. The foliage is brilliant green, growing to about 35cm. It was originally developed in Prussia in the 19th century, and after many generations of experimentation, the sugar content has risen from 1.5% to the current 20%. Sugar beet now makes up one quarter of the world's sugar production. We can attribute the beginning of the UK beet production to the Napoleonic Wars when Britain blockaded cane sugar from France and thus stimulated the new industry, later supported by Government subsidy. The British Sugar Beet Society was formed in 1915 and finally succeeded in 1927 to develop a stable production business.

Beet needs level rich soil, damp, alkaline and well drained, but will also grow in sand and in heavy loams, hence the huge scale production here in East Anglia. Sunshine increases the sugar content but beet exhausts the soil and needs to be rotated every three years with peas, beans or grains. It is planted in spring and harvested in autumn. Soon after the first frost, a root beater chops and lifts the crown and a beet harvester lifts the roots, six rows at a time, dumping them into trucks, removing as much soil as possible. This long process from soil to processor is called



The Campaign, reflecting the huge organisation required to deliver beet to the processors 24 hours a day, seven days a week for around five months of the year. You can see it and smell it as you go past Bury. And as you go past our local fields, you will see huge piles by the roadside awaiting collection, often protected from frost. Sheep are often turned out on to the fields to eat any remaining beet tops and if they don't get them, geese will.

British Sugar is the only processor in the UK, with four factories, in Bury, Cantley, Newark and Wislington. They produce a staggering 1.4 million tons of sugar per year. If you regard sugar as a personal and national foe, remember that by-products include 500,000 tonnes of animal feed, power generation for 120,000 homes, bioethanol and even topsoil. Each year the National Farmers Union negotiates with British Sugar to determine the price and allocation of growers' quotas in the UK. When the crop gets to Bury, it is judged according to

- Soil tare – the non-beet content
- Crown tare – level of sugar in the beet
- Sugar content – amount of sucrose
- Nitrogen content – for future fertiliser content.

The beet is then mechanically made into strips, and passed through a machine to extract the sugar content into a water solution. Once the sugar solution is extracted, the pulp is dried and sold as animal feed. Then follows the long and complicated scientific process of making crystallized sugar. Bury processes around 17,000 metric tonnes of beet every day of operation. Next time you are looking for a day out, try a guided tour of your local beet factory.

Horse race night

LLAMADRAMA Theatre Group is holding a Horse Race Night on Saturday 30th September at The Townley Memorial Hall, Fulbourn Centre. The doors open at 7pm and the first race is at 7.30pm.

There will be eight video races during the evening from the Townley Race Course. Bets are from £1 with Tote betting or own a horse (min. £3) and see your horse romp home to victory (or not).

There will also be an optional Horseracing Quiz, together with a hot supper if you so wish. Wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available in the hall, and the Fulbourn Institute bar.

Booking is essential for the evening, with or without supper. You can bring your children to join in the fun and to pick a horse that they fancy but youngsters under 18 will not be able to lay bets.

All profits from the evening will go towards our January 2018 family panto, Cinderella, details of which we will give you in due course, but keep 6th or 13th January free.

Please book on the website: www.llamadrama.org.uk or, for any queries, or difficulties in booking, please email Carole Ransom at carole.ransom7@googlemail.com or telephone 01354 694782.

Wandlebury September events

FOR more information on any event : email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Wandlebury Adventurers Club - Mondays from 4th September from 6pm to 8pm for ages eight to 12. Leave the kids with the team for two hours in a safe, supervised environment with activities such as fire-making, building dens and cooking. Booking is essential. Children to be brought to and collected from Stable Rooms.

Nordic Walking Wednesday 6th and 20th September with 1pm, 2pm and 3pm starts. Three levels of walk: 1pm start for those with restricted mobility, 2pm for a healthy lifestyle speed, 3pm total beginners. For more information and booking: contact Oliver on 07947 835522 or email: info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk

Healthy Walking every Thursday from 10am or 10.30am to 11am. Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. Free of charge and no need to book, but please arrive 10 minutes early to register if it's your first time.

Autumnal Wild Flowers - Sunday 10th September from 2pm to 3.30pm. Identify and learn about late flowering plants that thrive in the beautiful chalk grasslands. Please book in advance. For adults only.

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POT POURRI 149

Two people's ages.

Two people stated their ages, and if their ages were squared, the total was 1,818. What were the ages?

For example if the ages were 11 and 12 then $11^2 + 12^2 = 265$.

Solution to 148 – There is shopping and patience.

Join line 2 at the checkout – it has two people.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Hildersham Jam Stall

IN August, we sent a donation of £242 to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). Many thanks to our loyal customers for your continuing support.

Jill Heale.

Hildersham Lecture

THE next series of lectures begins with *An evening with Keith Day: a lifetime with the NHS*. This will be not so much a lecture as an informal evening of stories told by Keith. While Keith wasn't actually in at the start of the NHS (begun in 1948) he knows and understands this national treasure better than most.

The lecture will be at 7.30pm on 29th September in Hildersham Church.

Entry is £5 at the door including refreshments. Under 18s free.

Cathy Myer on 892848 or catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

NICHOLS Court will be holding their Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September from 10am.

There will be numerous stalls, coffee and cakes, a raffle, a tombola and more.

Please join us and bring your friends for a sociable get together with friends.

Contact Wendy on 897723 if you can contribute in any way to support this cause.

Bel Griffiths

Yoga for all

NEW Yoga classes are to be held in the Dance Studio at Linton Village College.

Sessions take place on Sundays from 11am to noon and Thursdays from 7 to 8pm.

For further details contact the instructor Wendy on 07811 689276

Julia Swift

Ride, Drive and Stride to raise funds

THE annual Ride, Drive and Stride event for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust takes place on Saturday 5th September. This is the main fundraising event for the trust which offers loans and grants to assist local churches with repairs and new facilities.

People are sponsored to cycle, drive or walk around a route of their choice visiting as many churches and chapels as possible. Half of the sponsorship raised is donated to the participants nominate church.

Many churches offer light refreshments and there may be people there to answer questions and describe unusual features.

You could spend the day visiting village churches, some of which have sections dating back to Norman times, or take the opportunity to walk around Cambridge to see city centre churches as well as the many college chapels, which will also be open.

Please contact me for more details and sponsorship forms. Sue Mudge, 892737

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The Marsh mail



HEALTHY competition has an important role in education. Having recently witnessed great sporting achievements and house spirits at our sports day, I am proud to recognise and reward the successes of students at LVC.

Competition doesn't only take place on the sports field, though. This summer our Year 11s vied for their places on the bell curve of exam results to govern their academic outcomes. Students' relative performance, compared with all other entrants, determined the letters and numbers that they will have received in brown envelopes on 24th August. The same is true of schools.

Education itself is not a competitive sport yet as I write this, awaiting the publication of GCSE results, I am acutely aware of how the school is judged against other institutions on the basis of a few select headline measures. School league tables were introduced in 1992. The stated aim by the government at the time was to give parents the consumer information they needed to create a free market in school choice. This Compare the Market style approach offers a very narrow and reductive assessment of schooling and creates a false sense of commercial competition. Furthermore, when the stakes are high, they can encourage immoral or divisive practices.

At LVC we believe that collaboration is more fruitful than competition. Our involvement in a number of educational networks, including our Teaching School status and our role as founding school in the Chilford Hundred Education Trust, reflects our commitment to reciprocal relationships that work in the best interests of all children. CHET's opening of a new primary school in Red Lodge and exploration of partnership with Long Road Sixth Form College are indicative of the Trust's ambition to sustain and grow educational excellence in the region.

An important vacancy of Clerk has arisen at CHET. This part-time, flexible role plays a significant function in supporting the Board of Directors to ensure the effective running of the organisation for the benefit of local education and students. Further details about the post and how to apply can be found in the vacancy section of the LVC website. We look forward to applications from those who share our commitment to securing exceptional education for all.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

Together in sound

A music therapy project for people living with dementia

SAFFRON HALL and Anglia Ruskin University are working in partnership to provide an opportunity for people living with dementia and their carers to attend a free 10 week music therapy group.

Together in Sound music therapy groups aim to bring the power of music to those living with dementia.

We'll focus on joint music making and listening with a goal of supporting communication, relationships, and increasing quality of life through a collaborative group process.

There will be opportunities to sing, play and listen to live music together, with weekly sessions led by music therapists and visiting professional musicians from Saffron Hall.

There will be taster sessions on Friday 22nd September, and the 10 week group sessions begin on Friday 6th October.

Both taster and weekly sessions will take place at The Salvation Army Hall, Abbey Lane, Saffron Walden, CB10 1AG, with the final celebration at Saffron Hall.

For further information and to apply contact www.saffronhall.com/togetherinsound or ring 01799 588545 or Email: togetherinsound@saffronhall.com.

The 10 week groups will conclude with an informal sharing and celebration with friends and family.

Sue Sylvester-Bradley

Memories of Linton



Part 1 - I might have been an undertaker

AS I gather together my childhood memories of the village of Linton in the 1950s, I'll start with a little provenance to confirm my links with the village.

From sometime in the 1800s my maternal great-grandfather, Edwin Burgess, owned a firm of builders and undertakers in the High Street. Apparently he had six children but I only ever knew two of them personally: Philip (my grandfather) and Edith.

From all accounts my grandfather had a pretty easy time of it as a lad and got up to all sorts of mischief.

During what would have been the first decade of the 1900s he and his best friend decided to go boating on the Linton stretch of the River Granta. They didn't actually have a boat but that didn't stop them.

With the Linton Workhouse in the parish there was always a stock of rough, but pitch-sealed pauper, coffins in the company storeroom. With a suitable bit of plank as an oar these coffins apparently made excellent canoes, their flat bottoms being ideal for the shallow stretches.

Unfortunately, none of my great-grandfather's sons were interested in joining the family building and undertaking firm.

My grandfather was more interested in tinkering about with the early motor vehicles of the time and persuaded his father to pay for him to go on a residential motor mechanic apprenticeship in Colchester. He had a natural aptitude for anything mechanical, and as a child I spent many enthralled hours watching him as he competently tackled anything from sewing machine repairs, to totally rebuilding a bicycle wheel from scratch, to carrying out emergency weekend repairs to a desperate farmer's combine harvester.

His sister, Edith, I remember as Aunt Edie. I had no idea she was actually my great-aunt. In fact, until I was an adult and thought to question these things, I wasn't aware of any relationship to her at all. In those more genteel times, when politeness and good manners were still the social norm, children were often taught to address various selected adults as uncle or aunty. When my Nan took me on our occasional visits to her house I had to be even better behaved than normal. But it wasn't a problem. Just give me a book and somewhere to sit and I'd happily comply with the children should be seen but not heard ethos that still prevailed.

When visiting her house at 88 High Street, my Nan and I would often combine it with a call to drop off or collect shoes at Ben Cottage's cobbler shop nearby. Whilst my Nan was being served, I would surreptitiously breathe deeply on that heady blend of freshly tanned leather and pungent adhesive (and you thought glue sniffing was a relatively modern thing). In fact, all the shops in Linton seemed to have their own individual smells. One had a sinus clearing mixture of paraffin and mothballs; another the salty aroma of the freshly boiled ham on the bone sitting there on a white china pedestal; whilst another, dark and dingy, that you stepped down into, always smelt sort of musty and damp. You just don't get those sorts of olfactory memories walking round Tesco.

With none of my great-grandfather Burgess's children showing an interest in the building and undertaking business, upon his death it was sold and became Messrs Paintin's. A board bearing that name was still at the entrance to the yard for all my childhood and beyond. Once I was old enough to contemplate such things, I used to gaze at that board and wonder how different my life might have been if my mother's side of the family had stayed in the undertaking business.

Brian Goodliffe

Editor's note: There are more parts to come from time to time.

Do you enjoy music?

Would you like to sing or play an instrument?

DUXFORD SATURDAY WORKSHOP holds group tuition sessions where children from Year 5 onwards can learn to play an instrument. There is also a Junior Music Group for children from Year 1 upwards, as well as classes for adult beginners and groups both for improvers and for competent players.

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Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2570/17/FL, Carol Smith, **3 Clover Court**. Proposed living roof (double glazed system to replace polycarbonate roof).

S/2574/17/VC, Mr & Mrs Greg & Carpenter, **3&5 Wheatsheaf Way**. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of Condition 3 (parking spaces) and Condition 4 (provision of visibility splay) of planning permission S/1795/15/FL for external alterations and subdivision of existing single dwelling into two dwellings.

S/2586/17/FL, Mr Thomas & Tucker, **5 Balsham Road**. Alterations to former Post Office and change of use to form two bedroom flat.

S/2670/17/TC, Stephen Maddox, **5 Market Lane**. T1-Ash-Reduce the crown by approximately 30% to allow more light into the garden. T2-Lime-Reduce crown by approximately 30% to allow more light into the garden. T3-Box Elder- Reduce crown by approximately 30% to allow more light into the garden. T4-Holly-Reduce crown by approximately 30% to let more light into the garden. T5-Norway Maple- Fell to ground level to allow more light into the garden. T6-Ash-Reduce crown by approximately 30% to allow more light into the garden.

S/2711/17/TC, Jennifer Copley-May, **12 Symonds Lane**. T1- Picea abies (Norway Spruce)-To remove to just above ground level. T2-Malus (Apple)/T3-Pyrus (Pear)/T4-Prunus/T5-Malus (Apple)/T6-Mallus (Apple)/T7-Malus (Apple)-To undertake a crown reduction to incorporate removal of extraneous stems, shortening branches to reduce the leverage/load and crown thinning as part of a maintenance program to retain trees. T9-Prunus (Plum)-Sever Ivy at base to leave a 60cm clear stem and remove dead wood. T10-Ulmus procera (Elm)-Remove to just above ground level.

S/2743/17/FL, Mr & Mrs Dylan Brock, **22 Bawtree Crescent**. Two storey side extension.

S/2796/17FL, Mr & Mrs Jason Cottage, **2 Malting Cottages**. Proposed front porch and first floor rear extension.

S/2899/17/TC, Michael Wilcockson, **Queens House, 16 High Street**. Lime trees (7)-pollarding and pruning. This has been done in the past every 2/3 years (last done in 2015). Box tree (1)-cut down. Excessive height and not in keeping with garden. Replant 2 small box trees near far gate.

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Parish Council Matters

Children's Centre

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LINTON Children's Centre is located in a bright, modern extension to the Cathodeon Centre, next to the library and Chestnuts playgroup. Children's Centres were introduced by the last Labour government to co-ordinate support for children under five and their parents. The centres were introduced in phases, with the first two phases focused on areas with a high concentration of need, usually in city centres.

Linton and its surrounding villages - the Centre serves Balsham, most of Great and Little Abington, Castle and Shudy Camps, West Watting and West Wickham, Carlton and Horseheath - are not centres of social deprivation. Neither, though, are they areas of uniform affluence. Around 50 people use our Centre each month, and some of them are in much more urgent need of its services than simple statistics would suggest. For example, a significant minority of users are children on the 'at risk' register, and support for parents has included providing support and protection from abusive partners. We have had several examples in recent years of the consequences of removing safety nets of this type. Peter Connolly (Baby P), in Haringey, was a consequence of cuts in inspection and scrutiny of social services, and the recent Grenfell disaster resulted from penny-pinching on safety.

There is, quite simply, nowhere else for the users of the Centre to go. There is no public transport connection between Linton and Sawston, the nearest Cambridgeshire Centre, and the suggestion that people might go to Cambourne is as realistic as asking them to travel to Land's End. Of course, this may or may not matter to the councillors charged with making the decision to 'redesignate' the Centre, a point to which I'll return shortly. One of the big problems with contracting budgets has been the tendency to make cuts across the board, rather than making sensible decisions about what is, and is not, an essential service - an arbitrary cut of 25% in Children's Centres is an example of this kind of thinking, and disproportionate, if not quite as bad as the proposed 48% cut in library services we fought off in 2010.

The real issue is that this extension to the Cathodeon Centre, which cost roughly £500k of public money, is under-used. Midwives and social workers meet there regularly, parents' groups are

often oversubscribed, and the quality of support to individuals is of very high quality, as I've seen from individual testimonies and case studies. Still, I'm not the only one to visit the library and see the Children's Centre dark, or used only by one member of staff.

The solution may be to extend its activities rather than focus purely on the needs of children up to five and their parents. Children's Centres could, at next to no extra cost, become family centres, extending the safety net to the whole of a child's life, to include, for example, mental health services to teenagers. While I was running a literacy centre for Essex, in the '80s and '90s, I worked with such a centre at Tiptree, supported by the local industrialists, Wilkins, of Tiptree preserves. The organiser provided very effective help to parents and children of all ages, including older children with mental health problems, and the centre became, in effect, a community hub, with support from many quarters, including churches and social services. It makes no sense to spend £500k on a building and then write this off without exploring every avenue to provide value for the public investment. Extending the scope of the Centre's activities would ensure that the building was properly used, and quite possibly save money on the provision of other services.

The consultation on the future of Children's Centres is at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation. It recognises the value of centres in 'bringing together key services, such as childcare, health visiting, midwifery, employment and adult learning into one place', and the county council's continuing responsibilities under the 2006 Childcare Act, which remains in force. At present, the county council proposes to redesignate our Centre in terms that amount to closing it. What is needed is redesignation as a family centre that ensures good use of the public money invested in the building, and extends services to the wide range of villages that it serves.

The consultation closes on 22nd September. It is most important that as many of us as possible complete it, and particularly that we use the comments section to make the point that the services of the Centre need to be extended, and not reduced.

Cllr John Bald



Catch the bus campaign

APPARENTLY this was a national campaign held in early July to celebrate the benefits of taking the bus. Just in case you missed it, one of the service operators taking the opportunity to promote their activities was the Essex and Suffolk DaRT.

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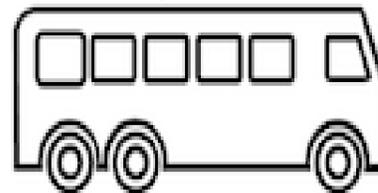
Apparently, where other rural buses services are in decline and get axed to save money, this service is, in fact, growing (well, in Essex anyway).

They combine bookings to plan the routes and therefore don't have operating costs where there is no demand but target the routes where people want to go, (which sounds a fairly sensible idea.)

The F29 service is the one that is currently operating into Linton from Saffron Walden. There are going to be timetable changes as from 29th August, which will probably involve the removal of the first morning service (presently unused) on a Tuesday, and an additional service on a Saturday. The operators say they will take passenger input before they make the changes and they would appreciate any other advice on how they can serve Linton's public transport needs.

In Linton, the F29 stops opposite Parsonage Way and opposite Hillway with a final destination of the Aldi Stores in Saffron Walden. To book call 01621 874411 - it must be pre-booked no later than two hours before travel.

If you are interested in how the service works there is more information on www.essex.gov.uk/dart



Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Market Square and High Street parking for people

OUTSIDERS see our village as a pinch point for traffic flow between Haverhill and Cambridge. We see it as an historic home and growing commercial centre. It has its problems; please help us tackle them.

We know that the Market Square and High Street (and many Lanes) are used as 'park and ride' for commuters into Cambridge, who come from villages without bus services, and for some Linton residents who live far from bus stops. This takes up space needed for shoppers and short stay parking; we understand the problems.

It is proposed that parking at Market Square is restricted

to two hours from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday, making it predominantly a shoppers car park. This is intended to stop P+R and long stay parking. There are ways to enforce parking restrictions and to issue fines - this is an area owned by the parish council, to be used for the benefit of the village.

However, restrictions here might shift traffic problems to other parts of the village. Our High Street is the narrowest in the area, and difficult to negotiate because of cars parked on the western side. We are now also seeing cars on the eastern side, parked on road and paths, often opposite cars properly parked, and causing severe congestion.

To enforce thoughtful parking it is suggested that double yellow lines are installed between the Bridge and A1307 junction. This will help traffic flow, but again problems might just be shifted elsewhere.

One proposal emerging from the City Deal workshops is for a P+R site near Fourwentways. Better might be a large P+R near Haverhill then small hubs along the A1307 - and we need our own P+R sites. These could be at the end of Bartlow Road or near the village college - where else? Suggestions welcome.

Other City Deal proposals target improving bus flow through our High Street. The proposed 'shared space', where

the road and pavement are at one level, without traffic/pedestrian separation, is not practical in the busy through-route that is our High Street. On the other hand, cumulative small changes might be more effective. For example, changing priorities at the Back Road/Balsham Road junction and widening Coles Lane, would speed bus journeys. Anything else? Perhaps extending the one-way system? Again, please send suggestions.

The challenge is to adapt our mediaeval village to modern needs, whilst still keeping its character. We need to work together to achieve this.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20th July 2017.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Simon Hill, Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Beatrice Ward (Dr); Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr John Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor. Members of the public: one.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Amy Smith; Angharad Hammond; Brian Cox (Dr); Graham Potter. District Cllr John Batchelor.

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

Councillor vacancies: Mr Chris Negus' application to be co-opted onto LPC. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Ward. All agreed.

Chairman's comment: (Following notification of his resignation) Mr Champion was thanked for his service and the expertise that he brought to the council and the chairman noted that council would like to wish him the best going forward. The chairman also noted that there had been lots of great community activity within Linton of late, with the ACEs Garden Party, the Flower Festival and the Friends of St Mary's afternoon teas. It was also noted that there had been a remarkable storm in the early hours of the 19th July which had affected many residents within the village with many residents' vehicles and property being damaged and several properties flooding.

Vice-chair Mannassi also spoke thanking Cllrs E and J Bald, and Cllr Cox and his wife, Margaret, for opening their homes and gardens to residents in the interest of community events.

Open forum for public participation: A resident enquired regarding the spend listed on the agenda to CN Historic, the external consultant that LPC has been using for consultancy regarding planning applications and the Neighbourhood Plan. She raised the concern that whilst she understood the requirement for advice that she felt many of the planning terms and points can be applied across multiple applications and this should mean an ongoing use of the service should not always be required. Cllr E Bald responded that the applications LPC has received have been judged against completely different points and the legal and planning policies that apply are all different for each of the large applications that Linton has received. Cllr Poulter said that amidst such a barrage of large planning applications Linton could be left vulnerable without the support at this time although this may not always be the case going forward.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Written reports submitted. The Local Plan is currently still in suspension and a final decision will be in 2018 however there should be an indication in September that could begin to carry weight with immediate effect under consideration by the officers.

It was also noted that Linton's Children's Centre is currently very vulnerable and is at risk of being redesignated. This is currently only a consultation period and members of the public and the PC are able to comment until the 22nd September 2017. Cllr E Bald noted that this may revert to ownership of the PC if the decision is made to close the Centre due to the original agreement made when this was built.

Planning matters: It was raised with District and County Cllr H Batchelor that LPC had concerns regarding the level of consideration of LPC's comments SCDC were taking and it was requested by Cllr E Bald that Cllr H Batchelor assist in extending an invitation to the planning officers to come and familiarise themselves with the village.

Update on appeals on Horseheath Road applications S/1969/15/OL and S/2553/16/OL: The appeals will both be heard together in the form of a public inquiry as a result of the submissions from SCDC and LPC. There has been rumour that there may be a third application in the pipeline for the same site for which LPC is now awaiting a formal submission.

Update on S/0096/17/OL, application for up to 95 new residential dwellings on the agricultural land northeast of Back Road, following the hearing at SCDC: The decision to reject this

application was unanimous, in part due to the great presentations provided by Jean Kelly from Hildersham, District and County Cllr H Batchelor, District Cllr J Batchelor and Cllr E Bald from LPC, all of whom were thanked at the meeting for their time and effort and assistance in the great outcome.

Notification of the public consultation Gladman Developments are currently holding prior to submitting a planning application for 65 new homes on Balsham Road, Linton: Noted. LPC could not formally comment upon the application as this had not yet been received.

Update on S/1963/15/OL, Bartlow Road decision review with SCDC due to the recent Supreme Court ruling: Council was advised that the planning committee recommended Cllr E Bald to speak and this was agreed. Cllr E Bald updated council that an S106 meeting had been held with the schools and contingency plans are being formulated however reconfirmed that the main objective remains to fight the application.

District & County Cllr H Batchelor left the meeting after this item and thanked Mr Champion for his work and advised that he had been very helpful throughout his time with the council.

To formally adopt the new Financial Regulations as recommended by the finance committee: Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Hine. All Agreed.

Consideration of the purchase of a leaf vacuum for the village custodian for use in the autumn months: Clerk to review viable options on pricing for both purchase and leasing of equipment. Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Poulter. All agreed.

Confirmation council are happy to adopt the proposed agreement with the fire service regarding the installation of a defibrillator at the fire station, Linton and authorisation for the clerk to progress the project: Proposed by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr Manley. All agreed.

Review of the ground maintenance tender for lot 1, large grass areas, with the revised costings supplied by Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance and for a decision to be taken of how to progress with the contracts: It was proposed that the contract should remain with Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance as originally agreed despite the increase. Proposed by Cllr E Bald and seconded by Cllr Ward. All agreed.

Skateboard ramp: Update on the project: The comments collated from the youth have been reviewed although there is not much in the way of consistency, the key ideas that were reoccurring were a concrete park and a pump track. Due to the slow progress it was proposed LPC should implement a temporary ramp, until the installation of a permanent ramp, up to the budget of £5000. Proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr Hill. Agreed. Clerk to co-ordinate with Cllr Hine. Cllr Hine was thanked for his work on the project and in return Cllr Hine thanked Cllr Ward for her assistance.

A decision to be reached as to whether or not the fencing around the skate ramp site should be removed: Agreed.

Haverhill Town Forum meeting report: Written report from Cllr E Bald. There was a recent presentation on highway safety and accidents have dropped by 50% over the past five years, possibly due to the implementation of the 50 miles per hour speed limit.

Review of jobs listed for Local Handyman Services and review of the current outstanding jobs listing and scheduled working days: Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed.

Beacon Youth Trust report: Written report submitted.

Cathodeon Centre: For council to provide permission to allow the Cathodeon Centre trustees to have and pay for 'give way' markings across the entrance of the Cathodeon Centre. Proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

For council to provide permission to erect a sign for the 'Cathodeon Centre' on the PC land at the Cathodeon Centre, paid for by the trustees. Proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed.

Consideration of the proposal to limit long stay parking on Market Square: It was proposed to enforce a two hour parking

restriction between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday - Saturday, except where a permit is held. No return within two hours. The options for enforcement to be reviewed. Clerk to check if a change in byelaw is required. Proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Poulter. All agreed.

Double yellow lines were proposed on the side of the High Street to prevent people parking on here due to the change in parking regulations. Proposed by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr Ward. All agreed.

To decide if LPC wish to make a financial contribution to the Community Peace Gardens project at St Mary's Church and confirm the donation sum if agreed: Concerns were raised that this is on a flood plain. The finance committee made the recommendation of a £600.00 grant. This was proposed by Cllr Manley, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed.

Traffic issues: To decide if the PC are in support of running a Speedwatch programme within Linton. Proposed by Cllr Hine, seconded by Cllr Mannassi. All agreed.

Parking issues on Green Lane: Noted.

A1307 City Deal Local Liaison Forum meeting update: There have been three workshops focusing on improving the bus flows, priorities include changing the junction to Coldhams Lane and Linton High Street. These will be reviewed to see which items will be presented to the board. £6.9million was originally allocated to the bus flows in Linton but as this is low priority it risks being reassigned. Due to this incremental changes are being reviewed such as the junction from Back Road to Balsham Road, widening Coles Lane and possible extensions of the one way system.

Village maintenance: For council to nominate a team to spearhead the litter bin replacements. Cllr E Bald, Cllr Ward and Cllr Hill were nominated to lead the project as the open spaces working group. Agreed.

To decide if council would like to pursue the idea of installing a waste bin at the number 13 bus stop on A1307: To be reviewed by the open spaces working group. Agreed.

Update on benches for the village: This project is still being reviewed, update deferred.

To support or refuse Cllr Ward's proposal of providing a bin store for the grass cutting from the cricket field on the recreation ground: The proposal was to support the request. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr E Bald. All Agreed.

Leadwell Meadows: Residents' letters regarding the cutting of the paths at Leadwell Meadows. Noted.

Update regarding the contract for Leadwell Meadows: Noted. The clerk was thanked for her work on the project.

Notification that the lock at Leadwell Meadows has been vandalised and permission sought to repair this: Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance to submit quotation.

Consideration of correspondence received: Mr Taylor's funding request for two bus stop flags on Balsham Road: Cllr Hill to pick this up in his capacity of public transport representative.

Mr Ambrose regarding DaRT bus service: LPC would look to support this.

Cathodeon Centre regarding amalgamation of Wicksteed works: It was proposed that the clerk review works advised by Wicksteed in the assessment and co-ordinate this with the works at the Cathodeon Centre where possible. Proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Hine. All agreed.

Consideration of the clerk's request to employ an administrative assistant on a fixed term contract and permission for the clerk to manage both the project and recruitment process given her experience in this field: The personnel committee recommended a six month fixed term contract of five hours per week on national minimum wage. The clerk was given permission to authorise extra hours up to 50% and any further extra hours must be authorised by the chair or vice-chair of LPC. Proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Ward. All agreed.

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