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Centennial Acts of Remembrance in Linton

REMEMBRANCE Day, which marked 100 years since the end of the First World War, dawned bright and clear in Linton. Many villagers, young and old, together with the Linton Army Cadet Force, the Air Training Corps, the Scouts and Brownies and members of Linton Fire and Rescue Service gathered in St Mary's Church, with standing room only.

The Revd Maggie Guite led the service with Revd Nicola Bown assisting. The church choir was joined by the choirs of Linton Heights Junior and Linton Infant schools.

The sermon, given by Revd Guite, developed the theme of poppies, with their colours symbolising darkness and sin (black), blood (red) and life and hope (green). There was a collection for the Poppy Appeal.

The names of Linton men who died in the first world war were read out in full so they were remembered as people, not statistics. Other wars were also considered, both past and present, as conflicts are going on to this day. Will we ever learn?

As well as remembrance, the overall themes of the service were to promote the healing of the wounds of war, reconciliation, peace and to work for a just future for all humanity.

After the Last Post, Silence and Reveille everyone followed the Cadet forces through the village, past the village hall to the cemetery where another Act of Remembrance took place next to the war memorial.

Wreaths were laid by all the groups represented. The Last Post and the Reveille were played by Tom Mason, with two minutes silence between. It was an emotional time.

After this many gathered in the village hall, where Esther Cornell had laid out an exhibition on the men from Linton who had died in the war. All their names were listed in texts on poppies around the wall, and letters from them to their families during the war, with some photographs, were displayed. Esther has spent the last six years collecting the information.

A display of Esther's work will be moved to the library and the



The wreaths speak of remembrance



There was a huge assembly of clergy, villagers, choirs and cadets around the war memorial.

Photos by: Above right Tony Smith. Above left and below Roger Lapwood



One hundred marked out in crosses

details of the soldiers will be uploaded to the web.

All were able to partake in a wonderful spread of tea and cakes provided by St Mary's Church. A collection was taken for the British Legion.

A truly memorable occasion for the village and thank you to all those who have helped to preserve our democracy and freedom by suffering in our wars.

Revd Maggie Guite; revd Nicola Bown; Lt John Kell and S/Sgt Rudderham, Linton Army Cadet Force; CI Bradley Wright Training Officer, Linton Air cadets; Esther Cornell and the Editor

GRANTA Medical Practices

Newsletter December 2018

New telephone number

WE'VE got a new freephone telephone number 0300 234 5555. You can contact the Sawston, Linton, Barley, Market Hill and Shelford surgeries via this one number and it's free to call from mobile 'phones and landlines. The individual surgery numbers will continue to work for the next few months.

Holiday Season

Our seasonal opening times are as follows:-

- Friday 21st December, open 8am to 6pm
- Saturday 22nd December closed
- Sunday 23rd December closed
- Monday 24th December, open 8am to 6pm
- Tuesday 25th December closed
- Wednesday 26th December closed
- Thursday 27th December, open 8am to 6pm
- Friday 28th December, open 8am to 6pm
- Saturday 29th December closed
- Sunday 30th December closed
- Monday 31st December, open 8am to 6pm
- Tuesday 1st January 2019 closed
- Wednesday 2nd January, open 8am to 6pm

Please go to www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk for the opening times for our pharmacies, dispensaries and for details about our extended hours.

Alternative services

When your local surgery is closed, there are GPs on call at the Urgent Care Centre based at Addenbrookes. If you need to be seen by a doctor or nurse, or need advice while your surgery is closed, please call 111. This service operates between 6pm and 8am on weekdays and 24 hours at weekends and on Bank Holidays. It is free to call from mobile 'phones and landlines. Your condition will be assessed over the 'phone and if they think you need to be seen by a health professional, they will refer you to the out-of-hours GP service.

Repeat prescriptions

Please ensure that you have enough medication to cover the holiday period, allowing two clear working days from making your request to collecting the prescriptions.

Home help

You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, and upset stomachs easily at home. Stock up with essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, and heartburn / indigestion treatment.

Sandra East, Granta Communications, 0300 234 5555, sandra.east@nhs.net

Too good for jumble...

A Brabantia solid ironing board is now on offer – ironing area 15" wide x 48" long.

Further items available include the red and gold bound set of six Jane Austen books; the upright mahogany piano 146cm wide x 62cm deep x 128cm high; and a pair of bunk beds with wooden ends and ladder. The bed is 2m length x 76cm wide x 1.5m high overall.

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

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

Father Christmas is coming to Linton

FATHER Christmas will be joining Linton's On-call Firefighters once again this year for another exciting ride in the fire engine on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd December.

On both nights we aim to set off from Linton Fire Station at 5pm. 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. Live updates on Father Christmas's tour of Linton will be posted on the Linton Community Board Facebook page.

We are also hosting a Disco for over 18s from 7.30pm to midnight on the evening of Saturday 22nd December at the Linton recreation pavilion. Festive fun includes music by DJ Kane, Christmas raffle, BBQ and bar. Entry by minimum £5 donation per person on the door. All money raised from ticket sales, BBQ and raffle will go to The Firefighters Charity.

Seb Croot, Crew Commander at Linton Fire Station said: "Following on the fantastic success of last year's events, we hope the addition of the disco will help us raise much needed funds for The Firefighters Charity.

'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, come and visit us on a Wednesday evening between 7pm 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/on-call-firefighter or call 01480 444 500.

Seb Croot, Crew Commander, Linton Fire Station

A shout in the church

It was not until the Centenary Remembrance Service that I realised why the firemen always stood in a row at the back of St Mary's church, Linton.

At 2.50pm six of the nine who received calls on their alerts quickly left the church to attend a road traffic condition on the A505 which turned out to be a three vehicle collision. They were away for the rest of the afternoon.

Had they not answered the call, or *shout*, it would have been answered by firefighters in Cambridge, Haverhill or Saffron Walden.

The Linton unit is very keen to invite anyone over 18 (male or female) who lives and works locally, to visit the fire station on a Wednesday evening to discuss possible recruitment. On-call firefighters are paid but, most importantly, they are an essential service in the community.

Kate France, 891602



Above and below, routes for the rides

Maps supplied by Seb Croot



November Parish Council Minutes

I MUST apologise both to readers and the Parish Council for the wrong Parish Council minutes being printed in the November issue of the Council Pages of the Linton News. Correct copies can be found online or at the Parish Council office.

Editor



Stunning scientific students

CHILDREN from Linton Heights Junior School enjoyed two days of science on 13th and 14th November. Classes 1 to 8 tested their science skills, completing various scientific investigations. This included volcanic eruptions, making lava out of oil and testing aerodynamics of paper planes.

They grappled with tricky scientific concepts such as surface tension and polymerisation, making a non-Newtonian fluid, also known as making slime.

Local Cambridge company, Mundi Pharma, sent along science ambassador, Lisa Taylor, to Linton Heights. She led a session using lamb hearts and lungs to show the circulatory system. Additionally, she explored the chemistry behind making ice-cream. Chocolate and strawberry were available to taste.

These science days are loved by the children and happen each year. If any local scientists or companies wish to get involved and come and help, they would be very welcome to get in contact with Sue Faircloth, Science Lead and Year 3 Class Teacher

Phoebe Hayes and Oralie Travers, Year 6 students



Countdown to Christmas

THE children have had another busy month at the playgroup. They enjoyed helping to create Snoopy and his aeroplane and our guy for the fireworks, which came away with a first prize. We also commemorated the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One with a visit to the Linton War Memorial to lay our wreath.

As we move towards Christmas we have a few outings planned for the last weeks of term. We will also welcome the community into the playgroup for our Christmas event on Saturday 15th December from 3pm-5pm at the Cathodeon Centre. There will be crafts, stalls, refreshments and a visit from Father Christmas himself. Please do drop in and see us. If you can't come then another fantastic way to raise funds for the playgroup whilst you shop for Christmas is through the Easy Fundraising website. Just go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/2LV9JG/ to get started.

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 each week we are open.

Please contact our Administrator to arrange a visit or for further information: admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk, 07342 900120.

Elaine Mingay on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup



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Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

WE have been doing things all very Christmassy this half term. We were pleased with our second place in the Guy Fawkes competition at Linton Fireworks with our entry of Pippin and Aunt Mable's plane, and our remembrance poppy display.

The relaunch of our Toddler group (Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am) has proved to be very popular, apologies to anyone we have had to turn away due to being at capacity.

We have been practising every day for our Christmas performance and have sent a letter to the big man himself, Santa Claus, to which we are excitedly awaiting a reply. Our Christmas Fair gets bigger and better every year. This year the Christmas fair is from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 8th December in the Village Hall

We also have shared our Christmas songs with some of the older generation in the village. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Linton Granta Playgroup Team



New beginnings at the Infant School

DECEMBER has arrived and the school has that unmistakable sense of anticipation which comes every time this year. Rehearsals for the Christmas performance have started and the songs are floating along the corridor.

Our recent Helping Hands event was hugely successful; it never ceases to amaze me how much can be achieved in a short space of time with our volunteers, thank you for giving up your time to help improve the learning opportunities for the children.

The newly formed School Council organised events to raise funds for Children In Need. At the time of writing, I don't know how much we managed to raise but the events were enjoyed and supported by the children and staff. Thank you to our catering team who baked and donated cookies and muffins and prepared fruit pots for the children to buy.

As you may be aware, I am expecting a new addition to our family and my maternity leave will have started by the time you read this. I am leaving the school in the very capable hands of the Assistant Headteachers, Mrs Little and Mrs Cooper, along with the rest of the staff team. I hope baby makes an appearance before Christmas Day.

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

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre The Cathodeon Centre Outreach (Previously Linton Children's Centre)

THIS month we have had lots of fun creating autumn displays in our groups. The children also enjoyed exploring pumpkins in a messy play session within *Stay and play*. We are now planning some lovely Christmas activities ready for December.

Stay and play is becoming more popular each week which is great to see.

Our *Bumps to babies* group is very quiet at the moment. We are hoping numbers pick up but if they do not we will need to review running this group.

In other news The Linton *Baby Health Clinic* held at the Health Centre is now only running on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 2pm to 3pm. This is where you can get your baby weighed and speak to a Health Visitor about your baby.

Dates for diary

Every Tuesday until 18th December inclusive we have:

Stay and Play from 10am to 11.30am this is for nought to five year olds and costs £2 per session unless you are in receipt of additional benefits.

Bumps To Babies 1pm to 2.30pm this group is for expectant mothers and babies up to a year old. This group is free.

Emma Chipps, 01954 284672,
Business Support Assistant

Linton Village College Adult Education

LOOKING for inspiration for a Christmas present? Want to amaze your family and friends with something different this year? Look no further than Linton Village College where you can book a place for you, friend or family member on one of the many Saturday workshops which will be running from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 9th March 2019 at LVC. The cost of each workshop is £40 (some may carry a small additional materials cost).

For the creative we are offering *Artists' sketchbook* (focusing on spring growth) and felt picture workshops.

For the musical, you can *Learn how to play Blues harmonica* (no previous experience required)

For those who enjoy a project we have an *Upholstery workshop*.

If you know someone getting married then they will enjoy the *Wedding flowers workshop*.

For those of you wanting to buy something different for the children, why not buy them an experience on a *Family art workshop* on Saturday 9th February 2019.

At 9.30am to 12.30pm we offer *Pattern: How to become a designer*. This workshop will explore pattern making and design and will include lots of printing and making ceramic tiles. Bring your apron, as it will be ink.

At 1pm to 4pm we offer *Teeth and tusks: depicting danger*. This workshop will take you on an exploration of dangerous creatures in drawing, printing and clay. Please bring an apron.

To book a workshop or for more information please email adult.education@lvc.org or telephone 891223 Ext 303 or 317. or go to www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk our new website.

Jenny Logan, Admin Assistant

Save Linton Heights swimming pool

FOLLOWING the article by Debbie Belsham in last month's Linton News about Linton Area Pool Project (LAPP), I wanted to write an update about the Linton Heights swimming pool refurbishment.

For those not aware, the Heights' outdoor pool is in a dire state and earlier this year had to be decommissioned owing to several major faults including lining and heating system. The cost to repair the pool is £18,000.

The school does not have the budget for the extensive repairs so, working with the school, Save Linton Heights Swimming Pool committee was formed, the goal being to raise the necessary funds. We are non-profit making and all funds go directly to the school to be ploughed into the pool repairs.

Closure of the pool is a major loss for our Linton school-children as well as the community. Children from the Heights and Infant schools are no longer able to have their essential swimming lessons. Swimming is a life skill to keep children safe in and around water and is a great activity for fun and sport. It is also a national curriculum requirement for school-children to be able to confidently swim 25m by the age of 11.

Alternative options such as transporting the children to pools in neighbouring towns have been examined in depth but have proved unworkable due to cost and time constraints.

However, we do have a plan to raise the money to get the pool back in operation. We have a big target but have broken it down into several possible sources such as Linton Heights fund-raising, Just Giving donations, grant funding eg LAPP fund, local businesses. We have one pledge already. If any other businesses wish to donate, we'd love to hear from you.

We aim to have the funding in place and repairs completed by June 2019, in time for the new swim season.

For more information and latest updates, please read our Facebook page: search for Save Linton Heights Junior School Swimming Pool or type in @SaveLintonHeightsPool.

For funding ideas, questions, any offers of help or if you wish to donate, please contact us via the Facebook site or email us at: linton.heights.pool.upgrade@gmail.com

David Walker, Save Linton Heights Swimming Pool

Sawston Adult Education

WINTER has most definitely arrived and you might be looking to start something new in the New Year. Some of the courses starting in January that have places available are:

Monday evenings

Creative art workshop, Flowers for fun

Microsoft Office and Google docs

Understanding your iPad, Curry in a hurry

Tuesday evenings

Wedding decorations, Fused glass jewellery

Wednesday evenings

Creative writing beginners, French cuisine

Workshops on Saturday 19th January

Flamenco - Fandango for beginners, Fused glass jewellery,

Vegetarian Indian delights - new menu, Working with royal icing,

Basic car maintenance, Beautifully confident with make-up,

Creative writing - write snappy dialogue, Dream analysis - empowered living via your dreams, Drums for beginners, Fabric manipulation techniques and Family pottery

We are already taking bookings for our spring term courses, which start week commencing 14th January 2019.

For further information call us on 712424, or pop in to the Adult Education reception 9am to 1pm on weekdays during term time. Course booking is available online through our website www.sawstonadulted.org but if in difficulty contact us.

Amanda Hoskins

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The Gardening Club hosts Plant Heritage

FOR our November meeting the speaker was Richard Gant from Plant Heritage. He gave a very interesting talk about the work of Plant Heritage and their Plant Collection and Gardens.

Garden plants are inextricably bound up with our cultural and social history. They are vulnerable and need constant work to conserve. There is also the threat of climate change: floods, strong winds and harsher winters. The increase and ease of international travel means that pests and diseases spread more easily and, once established, they are hard to eradicate.

Plants are also affected by changes in fashion and older varieties can sometimes be lost forever. Specialist nurseries are often struggling to survive financially and many close down.

There are 620 specialist collections, also private collections and those held by botanic gardens and nurseries, and academic collections.

We can help by propagating rare and old varieties and sharing them with other gardeners who will care for them.

Tuesday 11th December will be our social evening with *We'll Meet Again* – An Evacuee's story. Our speaker is Bryan Thurlow. Please remember to bring a glass; donations of mince pies and nibbles would be welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the village hall at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

Anita Daws 892113
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

News from St Mary's

IN December, you can't avoid the approach of Christmas. For some people, especially children, it's a time of huge excitement; for others, it spells a lot of hard work. Yet others may dread Christmas, because they've lost someone they loved, or feel lonely or left out for other reasons; for them, Christmas can seem almost unbearable.

Christians celebrate Christmas because we believe that God loves the world so much that in Jesus he came to live with us, bringing light to all our darkness. This year we begin our Christmas worship with a special quiet service on 20th December, *The Longest Night*, devised for those who find Christmas difficult – a time to bring pain and loneliness to God, and to be reassured that he loves you.

Our other services follow more traditional, festive patterns: a Christingle (celebration of Christ, the light of the world), complete with candles, for all ages at 10am on 23rd December; a traditional Carol Service at 6pm the same day; Carol Singing in the street at 2pm on Christmas Eve, followed by a traditional Crib Service at 4pm, when the figures of the Nativity will be placed in the stable; the *Midnight Mass* beginning at 11 pm on Christmas Eve; and a quiet Communion to start Christmas Day, followed by a joyous festival service at 10am.

Please look at our full programme, and join us at whichever service or event feels right for you.

Maggie Guite (Rector) margaret.guite@icloud.com

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Invitation to Midnight Singers

ALL singers welcome to take part in the choir for the Midnight Mass on Monday 24th December at St Mary's, Linton, see below
There will be a rehearsal at 10pm in the church and the service starts at 11pm.

For more information please ring David Parry-Smith on 894715 or email to David@parry-smith.co.uk

If you would like to sing, please let David know, so we can get the music ready.

Anne Parry-Smith

Christmas Services 2018

St Mary's Linton

Thursday 20th December 7.30 pm, The Longest Night, a quiet service for those who find Christmas difficult

Friday 21st December 10am to 11.30 am. Children's Christmas Activities, Linton Infant School (parents/carers to accompany children, please)

Sunday 23rd December, 10 am, All Age Christingle Service, in aid of the Children's Society
6.00 pm, Carol Service

Monday 24th December, 2pm to 3.30 pm, Carol Singing in the High Street, for Christian Aid
4.00pm, Crib Service, (preceded by refreshments in church at 3.30pm)
11.00pm, Midnight Mass.

Tuesday 25th December, 8am, Book of Common Prayer Communion (said)
10am, Festival All-Age Communion Service

Revd Maggie Guite (Rector) margaret.guite@icloud.com

Linton Free Church

Sunday 9th December 10.15am to 12 noon Christmas Lighthouse

Sunday 16th December 10.30am, Christmas Cafe (Church Hall)

Sunday 23rd December 10.30am, Christmas Nativity (Church Hall)

Monday 24th December 11.30pm, Midnight Communion (Chapel)

Tuesday 25th December 10.30am, Christmas Day Celebration (Chapel)

Revd Chris Kemshell, 890118, chriskemshell@hotmail.com

St Boltolph's Church Hadstock

Sunday 2nd December 6.30pm, Music and readings for Advent during which the Christmas tree will be lit on the village green, join us there after the service for a glass of mulled wine.

Sunday 23rd December 9.30am, Holy Communion

Monday 24th December, 6pm Christmas Eve Light of the World service, awaiting the birth of Jesus with Carols and candlelight

Tuesday 25th December, 9.30am, Holy Communion with carols
All welcome. Contact for more information:

The Revd Paula Griffiths, 01799 599141
paula.greatford@btinternet.com

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LINTON DIARY

For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office; failure to do so could mean non-entry to the diary here. You may also email your event details to diary@linton.info

Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.

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

WEEKLY

- Beacon Astro Football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
- Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
- Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion
- Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre
- Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
- WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH
- Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717 801056) LVC
- Scrabble Club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
- Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm CC
- Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
- Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30, LVC
- Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am CC
- Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1-2.30pm CC
- Storytime, Tuesdays, term-time, 2-2.30pm Library
- Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH
- Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
- IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC
- Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC
- Tots in tow, Wednesdays term time only, 9.30-11am VH
- Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm RG
- Walking netball, 6-7pm LVC sports centre**
- Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
- Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
- Beacon drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG
- Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
- Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
- Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
- St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm St Mary's church
- Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC
- For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

DECEMBER 2018

- For most Christmas Church services see diary on the left**
- 1 Farmers' Market, 9am - 12noon VH
 - 1 LMS concert and mulled wine, 7.30pm St Mary's Church
 - 2 **Advent Carol Service, 6pm St Mary's Church**
 - 3 **Camera Club, 7pm CC**
 - 4 **ACE Festive Lunch, 12noon Pavilion RC**
 - 4 **WI, 7.30pm members only VH**
 - 5 **Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs**
 - 8 Christmas Market, 10am-3pm Market Square
 - 8 **Linton Granta Playgroup Xmas Fair, 2pm-4pm VH**
 - 8 An evening with Paul Karensa, 7.30pm St Mary's Church
 - 9 **Christmas Lighthouse, 10.15am to 12noon URC**
 - 10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
 - 11 **VIP Group Christmas lunch, 1pm Chalklands**
 - 11 **Gardening Club, 7.30pm VH**
 - 13 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion, Horseheath
 - 13 **Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC**
 - 15 **Chestnut playgroup Christmas event, 3pm to 5pm, CC**
 - 16 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
 - 16 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
 - 18 **Historical Society, 7.30pm VH**
 - 19 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon HC
 - 16 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
 - 22 **Firefighters Father Xmas, 10am to 3pm, see map page 1**
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 - 24 Carol singing, 2-4pm D & D

JANUARY 2019

- 1 No WI this month
 - 2 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
 - 3 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
- 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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Digging at Bartlow Road



Not a moonscape, not the builders only the archeologists
Photo by Ron Pitkin

YES, it was very worrying to see those piles of earth on the Bartlow Road site but be assured, this is not the start of building work.

As soon as they were noticed, the County Archaeologist was contacted and we met on site and had reassurance that this development's archaeology programme is firmly in their sights.

The soil has been stripped to enable a full archaeological survey to take place. There are now large heaps of sub-soil and topsoil, with the chalk layer (the top of the aquifer) exposed.

There is a lot of archaeology to be seen – a road (which might be Roman or earlier) running across the site, with ditches to either side. This could be a drovers' road, a greenway or another type of route.

There are pits, lime quarry pits, flint workings, post holes and evidence of three Anglo-Saxon buildings and there is much more to excavate.

Already there have been finds – a bone comb, flint

scrapers and other tools, and a core (what is left after the worked flints) estimated at 5-6,000 years old. Also, pottery from mediaeval and earlier times. It is thought that metal objects might already have been removed...

The Archaeologists ask that we do not go on site, as evidence could be moved or lost by trampling, and that we do not go onto the soil heaps, which are built so they do not wash into the floodplain and river.

As I write this we are told that the site will be opened for us to see the work, with guided tours, in November (Ed: *It was see next issue*) and we hope there will be more tours.

The site has outline planning permission – building has been granted in principle – but is still at the Reserved Matters stage, meaning that the layout, housing mix and design and other features have yet to be finalised, and LPC is working to reduce the impact on the village.

Councillor Enid Bald

Boyz2Men



Nina outside her emporium
Photo by Tony Smith

IT'S been a year since we moved to our bigger premises, which has proved to be very successful, and it is our 16th year in Linton. Our sister shop, Chickz Next Door, is very busy and now Sophie does hair extensions too, the bookings are flying in ready for Christmas.

Our opening times can be found both in the Linton News and on our website, along with any exciting new things happening with the business.

We hope all our customers have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we thank you all for your continued support.
Nina Dye

WI Handicraft night

WE had something different from our usual meetings with an invited speaker. Committee members Sue Smales and Shelley Ray organised a craft evening which involved learning to make a yarn bowl. Passionate craftswomen, they are keen to spread their enthusiasm to other members. Sue is on the craft committee at CFWI Girton office.

Members had been asked to bring a suitable bowl and oddments of knitting yarn. The idea was to cover the bowl with cling-film, cut different lengths of yarn and dunk into flour and water glue (very messy, so latex gloves and pinafores were provided), then stick onto the base and sides of the bowl. Then dry, separate the yarn bowl from the cling film and there you are, the proud owner of an attractive item to display that you made yourself.

The next meeting on 4th December will be our Christmas party to celebrate Linton WI's 75th anniversary and is for members only. There will be no meeting in January but new members and visitors are welcome to join us on 5th February for a History of Bellydancing. Should be fun and an opportunity to join in.

Sally Proberts 891021

The Linton News would like to apologise for the omission of the Cambridgeshire Family Chiropractic Centre advert last month



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Record numbers

WE had a bumper crowd at Linton Fireworks this year with well over 4,000 visitors coming into Linton and, despite the initial gusty winds, the weather settled down to give us a perfect starry backdrop.

Linton Fireworks is one of the largest fundraising community events in the village. With every ticket, burger, hot dog, glow toy and drink you buy, you are directly donating to the three main schools of the village. Various other community groups such as the Scouts and Cubs, Brownies and Guides, Linton Fire Station and Linton's Air Cadets support the event with their time and receive a donation.

The theme, *Celebrating 100 Years of the RAF* was well received and was prominent throughout the evening. From the awesome spitfire replica that was part of the stage, the searchlights and air siren announcing the impending show, the firing backing track and the themed guys that members of the community made for the day. Thanks to the Head Teachers from Linton Infants, Heights and Village College for judging the competition. Our winners this year were The Waite Family and Chestnuts Playgroup with Anya Sparks and Granta Nursery coming second.

The committee is very grateful to the sponsors, as through their financial support we can reduce our costs and donate more to the schools. This year we had a record number of sponsors, Camgrain, Crem Recruitment, McKenzie and Hayward, Home from Linton, Grillo Outdoors, Body Control Pilates, Cook Curtis and Co, Paintins and Brick Marketing as well as amazing gifts in kind from Dalehead Foods, OS Comms, Ridgeons and MKM Building Supplies in Haverhill. The refreshments had a welcome addition of the Portable Pint who provided craft ales. If you would like to be involved next year with organising or sponsor the event, or if you are a community group that would like to help please get in touch with us at info@lintonfireworks.co.uk
Natalie Morris

Wylde Sky Brewing

DIRECTORS Paulo Figuerelli, Chris Heath and Paul Elilio have been working tirelessly in setting up Wylde Sky Brewing, the new microbrewery which is based at Unit 8a on The Grip Industrial Estate, and opened on the 24th November.

Our focus is on brewing true classics and uniquely crafted beers which are brewed and numbered in small batches. Our beers are evocative of classic styles and we plan to offer an interesting range of unique brews. All are unfiltered, unfiltered, unpasteurised and vegan friendly.

After a tremendous amount of planning, preparation, long hours, endless beer tastings (admittedly that's the easy part), we are really excited to have reached this stage.

Everyone has been very supportive of our new venture and we really do appreciate everyone who has helped us along the way. This includes all our suppliers, tradesmen and particularly our immediate neighbours at The Grip who have helped

us out enormously in providing the use of their fork-lift trucks, often at very short notice, when an unexpected delivery has arrived.

Our taproom hours will be Thursday 5pm to 8pm, Friday 5pm to 9pm and Saturday 11am to 10.30pm.

We hope to host occasional live music bands and a varied range of local food trucks and foodie pop-ups, details of which can be viewed on the events page via our web site www.wyldeskybrewing.com, or check our social media for updates.

Paul Elilio, 778 350

What is Walking Netball?

LIKE many sports, netball has a walking version of the game, devised to keep people playing longer. It is a slower version of the game: netball at a walking pace. The game has been designed so that anyone can play it regardless of age or fitness level but can still be just as competitive as standard netball.

The game follows almost the same rules as regular netball, with no running or jumping permitted, an extra step between moves and four seconds between passes allowed.

Women across the country have begun playing the game of walking netball for the fun, laughter and camaraderie the social session brings, as much as the health benefits it provides. Sometimes the hardest part of any sport is walking through the door. But once you've made that brave decision, you will be greeted with smiles and friends.

The walking sessions are run in the same format as the original version of the sport – a warm-up, fun mini-games and drills followed by a full-court game.

Local sessions run Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm indoors at Linton Sports Centre; £3.50 per session, first session free.

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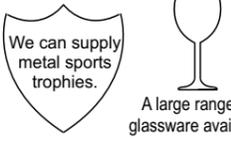
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COUNTRY MATTERS

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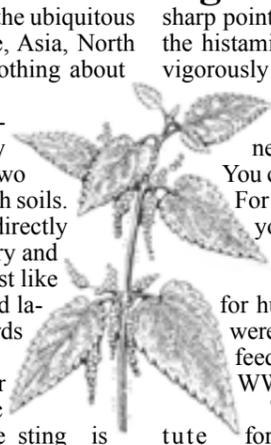
THERE are many sorts of nettles but this is about the ubiquitous stinging nettle, *Urtica Dioica*, a native of Europe, Asia, North Africa and North America. Even if you know nothing about plants you will probably be familiar with this one.

Nettles grow everywhere, in dense colonies connected by yellowish underground rhizomes. They are usually around one metre high but can grow to two metres in sunny openings near habitation and in rich soils.

The leaves are serrated, coarsely toothed and directly opposite each other. The stems are square and hairy and they have tiny fuzzy white flowers, which sting just like the hairs on the stem. They attract caterpillars, and ladybirds eat the aphids that shelter among them. Birds eat the autumn seeds.

Nettles have developed stinging cells to deter herbivores. This explains why rabbits and muntjac eat all your prize plants and never your nettles. The sting is in the long yellow hairs that cover the stem and the underside of the leaves and contains formic acid, histamine and other chemicals. A single stinging hair has a bulbous base which, when we brush against them, breaks off the bead like tip. This leaves a

The stinger



sharp point to penetrate our skin like a hypodermic needle. It's the histamine that does the damage, you can rub dock leaves vigorously on it to bring about temporary relief but it will still last 24 to 36 hours. You can watch a You Tube of a teenage boy wearing just his pants leap into a bed of nettles for a dare. It was a horrific experience for him. You can see why the word has rather negative associations. For example, if someone is being *nettlesome* it means you have to tiptoe around them to avoid an outburst. If you're *nettled* you're irritated.

However, on the plus side, nettles have been used for hundreds of years as food and medicine. Their stems were used to make twine, nets and snares, and dried nettles feed livestock in winter. Uniforms were made of them in WW1 and their dye used extensively in WW2.

They are rich in vitamins and can be a spinach substitute for soups and stews but don't eat them raw. They are used for treating muscle pain, joint pain, eczema, arthritis, gout and anaemia, and plants are harvested commercially for E140 food colouring. You can even pay 22 quid for 1kg of nettles from Fine Food Specialists, or have them for nothing from us in The Grip.

Scarecrow Festival calendar

SO MANY people enjoyed the festival in June that we have produced a commemorative 2019 calendar which features: the *Tooth fairy, Wizard of Oz, Effie Sharp, Dale Walker, the WI, John McEncrow, Serende, Edith, Dumblestraw, Scary Crow, Ember and Ash*, knitted scarecrows and *Homer Simpson*. The attractive front cover features the *Peace Garden*.

Calendars cost £7, with proceeds going towards the upkeep of our historic parish church. Look out for them in the *Home* and *Small Gifts* shops. Our thanks to Lucy Cooper and Brian Pettit for their kind support and to Oliver Plumridge for producing the calendar.

Planning for next year's festival is well under way. We'll soon be requesting ideas for a theme for next year. Keep the last weekend in June free and please consider joining in as individuals and groups. Remember that the idea is that the village gets together and everyone benefits.

Please contact me for more information.

Pam Richardson, 890921

Camsight VIPs news

WE were delighted to welcome David Albon, a popular local singer, to our meeting on 13th November. David entertained us with a wide variety of popular songs which included personal favourites requested by our members, who enjoyed singing along to the music.

This was followed by afternoon tea, again with the delicious cakes made by one of our members, and our raffle.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 11th December at the Chalklands Centre, at the earlier time of 1pm. If you would like further information, please contact me on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

A new sport in the village hall

NEW Age Kurling takes place at Linton village hall every Monday between 2pm and 3pm. New Age Kurling is a new version of the well-known Winter Olympic sport ice curling. The activity can be played sitting or standing, making it an activity anyone can join in with.

It costs £2.50 a session, pay as you play. Please contact me on ellen.bridges@scambs.gov.uk or ring 01954 713294 for more information.

Ellen Bridges

Extracts from the report for Parish Councils – November 2018

A1307

WE need some action on this now, the money from government will be taken away unless some work is started. We have been promised a prioritised bus lane going into Linton on the dual carriageway, more bicycle racks at the Babraham P&R and smart traffic lights at LVC.

Local plan

Whilst we now have adopted the current local plan, work on the next one isn't very far away.

Athletic referrals

Active & Healthy 4 Life is South Camb's exercise referral scheme for residents with medical conditions. It operates from sports centres across the district and is a 12-week personalised fitness programme, which is drawn up by supervised trainers. www.scambs.gov.uk/community/health/exercise-referral-active-healthy-4-life-scheme/

Emergency plans

The District Council is looking to update its Emergency Plan in case of any unforeseen disasters in the district. For this they need the support of local knowledge, mainly from Parish Councils. For example, if you know anyone in the village who has a chainsaw or tractor and would be willing to assist moving fallen trees if they are blocking the road, that information will be extremely welcomed by SCDC. Also, for those villages that regularly flood, SCDC does have a small stock of sandbags and would consider storing some locally if there was a secure location the village could provide. If this is the case, do let us know.

Universal Credit

This month saw the introduction of Universal Credit in South Cambridgeshire, which has been working hard for some months to try to smooth effects of the introduction on residents. We advise that any residents who feel they are not coping, particularly council housing tenants worried about getting into rent arrears, should contact SCDC at the earliest opportunity rather than letting problems build up.

The Pear & Olive

The pub in Hildersham has, after many years of non-operation, re-opened a gastro-pub, with the emphasis on the food rather than the drinking. It's another local pub that does need all of the support it can get, so please do go there and back them by using it.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

POT POURRI 164

What speed must the projectile go?

IF a projectile is fired horizontally, the law of gravity states that it must fall 16 feet in one second irrespective of its distance travelled. However, the curvature of the Earth also drops away from the horizontal.

At what speed must the projectile be sent horizontally such that in one second it falls 16 feet, but the curvature the earth also falls away at 16 feet?

Consider the Earth radius to be 4,000 miles and is a perfect sphere and neglect wind resistance.

Hint: All the information is in the question.

Pot Pourri 163 – Calculate your calorie intake

Further information on calorie burning for humans can be determined as follows:-

Calories used = Duration of activity in minutes x 0.0175 x w(kg) x task metabolic.

Sleeping = 0.9, Watch TV = 1, Walking (1.7mph) = 2.3

Walking(3.4mph) = 3.6, Bicycling(10mph) = 4,

Jogging = 7, Calisthenics = 8, Skipping = 10

eg If you walk (slowly) to the Co-op and back and it takes 30 minutes and you weigh 60kg, then;

Calories used = 30(minutes) x 0.0175 x 60(kg) x 2.3 = 72.5 (to one decimal place)

(That is the energy in one digestive biscuit).

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

ACE at Christmas

A REMINDER to all ACE members that our Christmas celebrations will be on 4th December at the usual time of 12noon.

We are having a buffet lunch followed by entertainment by Jancis Harvey. Many of you know Jancis and we are all looking forward very much to seeing and hearing her.

Those non-members of ACE who heard that Jancis was coming and are disappointed that we have been unable to accommodate them may relax as we have arranged a Saturday concert on 3rd March in the Church when Jancis will be with us for the whole evening. This will also be the occasion when we are able to give you all the programme for next year.

Colleen Lockstone, 891931

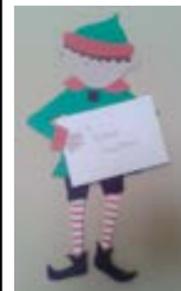
The Balsham Singers Christmas concert

THIS concert will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 15th December in Holy Trinity Church Balsham.

The programme is a mix of seasonal and secular music with something for everyone to enjoy. What better way to start Christmas? Tickets costing £10 can be purchased from Balsham and Abington Post Offices and from members of the choir. For further information contact me on 891141.

Lesley Crisp

Seasons greetings to all our library patrons



The library elf
Picture supplied by Anna

IN the busy run-up to Christmas we hope you'll still find time to visit Linton Library and borrow from our selection of festive (and non-festive) books. We're also offering a children's mini reading challenge and a fun *Whose Christmas wish-list?* competition – can you work out which book characters have been writing to Santa?

Christmas hours: the library will close at 1pm on Saturday 22nd December and reopen on Wednesday 2nd January.

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The Marsh mail

NOVEMBER marked an important anniversary of remembrance. The playing of The Last Post from the College roof was a poignant moment and two LVC students contributed to the Armistice church service at Linton.

The month has also marked other events in which to focus on being reflective and caring with Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need fundraising. Students wore odd socks and Pudsey ears to support charitable causes and raise awareness of children's welfare and wellbeing.

It's also a time when we invite past members of the College back for a Presentation evening to celebrate their time at LVC, awarding GCSE certificates and prizes to recognise their achievements. Aside from catching up with past students, it's a lovely opportunity to listen to their tutors speaking fondly about their memories and highlights of their form group, reflecting on time spent together and relationships built. A school reunion for LVC alumni also took place in the school hall – it is great to see past students booking the College for important events.

Bottisham Village College, another one of the early examples of Henry Morris' vision for community education, recently celebrated its 80th anniversary. Part of the celebrations involved their students visiting LVC for their commemorative *Project 80*. They explored the similarities in our Art Deco architecture as well as the more modern buildings as they formally opened their new Morris Wing. We featured in the video screened at their anniversary event.

What happens inside school buildings is more important than the buildings themselves. However, Henry Morris believed in the importance of schools' architecture to inspire and support learning. We are fortunate to benefit from some beautiful spaces at LVC. We are also keen to bid for funds to make improvements to dilapidated parts, including ageing mobile classrooms. We are bidding for capital improvement monies from the government to enable us to update and improve our facilities but need to invest ourselves.

If any community members would be able to support with philanthropic financial donations or fundraising to support with this venture then please do get in touch with Mr Darby, Deputy Principal. Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

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Maggie's Christmas at King's

JOIN Maggie's for their Christmas Concert at King's College, filled with music, story-telling, mulled wine and mince pies to raise funds for Maggie's in Cambridge, which provides free support to people with cancer.

The concert features the female voices of Serenata, a new choir of experienced singers from across the east of England. Serenata's music includes a wide variety of pieces and genres drawn from the 12th century to the present day.

The concert is on Sunday 16th December at the Hall of King's College, CB2 1ST. Doors open at 4.15pm for a 4.45pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £7.50 for children and under-fives go free. The price includes a handmade mince pie and mulled wine or non-alcoholic drink. Tickets are available at www.maggiescentres.org/how-you-can-help/take-part/all-events/maggies-christmas-kings/ or call 249220.

Helene Judge

Police matters

News from the Police and Crime Commissioner

I AM very pleased to be able to welcome our new Chief Constable, Nick Dean, who joined the Constabulary on 1st October and will be spending his first few weeks meeting as many people as possible to understand local needs. Nick and I will be taking calls on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire during our regular appearance on the Chris Mann show on 12th December. Please remember to tune in.

Jason Ablewhite

Crimes

Between 7.24pm and 7.41pm on 23rd October, two masked offenders wearing gloves broke into the winery at Chilford Hall by jemmyming the door. Nothing was stolen. Crime Ref. 35/39911/18

Overnight, between 11am on 15th November and 8am on 16th November, two pedal cycles, a black Carrera and blue Merida, a Stihl chainsaw and a cordless Bosch leaf blower were stolen from a shed in The Grip. Crime Ref 35/45425/18

Christmas boxes for Romania

MANY thanks to all who took the time and trouble to wrap and fill boxes for children and old people in Romania. We had more boxes from Linton and the surrounding villages than ever before. These, together with some from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, mean that we have sent off 128 boxes to bring joy to some of the poorest and disadvantaged in Romania, a country which is experiencing particularly bad times at present.

Colleen Lockstone, 891931

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Linton and District Historical Society

IN October, Mary Dicken spoke about the Suffragettes. Emmeline Pankhurst held many radical views and, together with her daughters, Christabel, Sylvia and Adela, was an enthusiastic proponent of women's rights. The first meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), dedicated to deeds not words, was held at her Manchester home in 1903. With a core of well-organized supporters and many volunteers, the Suffragettes gained support from the popular press but their detractors were equally vociferous, warning that men might be compulsorily married to these unattractive creatures and condemned to a life of housework and child-care.

Marches in London and being chained to railings, created publicity but led to many being repeatedly imprisoned and force-fed. In 1910, a Whitehall march resulted in the death of two women after many were manhandled and assaulted by police and male vigilantes. Militant supporters tried different tactics, ranging from breaking shop windows to burning down unoccupied buildings. In 1913 the Suffragette Derby took place, leading to the controversial death of Emily Davidson. All action ceased in 1914, with Suffragettes encouraged to support the war effort, however in 1918 the vote was extended to all men over 21 and, more importantly, to women over 30. Locally, there was some support for women's suffrage but Mrs Pankhurst's visits to Cambridge were subject to student disruption.

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 18th December at Linton Village Hall. The speaker on Solving the Housing Problem will be Janet Morris.

Pat Faircloth 893928

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3363/18/FL, Mrs Fiona Alper, Chilford Hall, Balsham Road, Use of site for marquee and associated equipment

S/3594/18/LB, Greene King Plc, 63 High Street, Kitchen extension to the rear, New fence and canopy to kitchen yard area. Construction of 2 No. covered seating booths and decorative arch to garden. Installation of flood barriers to external doors.

S/3583/18/DC, Mr J Wilson, 32 Mill Lane, Discharge of Condition 5 and 7 (Ecological Assessment) of planning permission S/1217/18/FL

S/3856/18/DC, Mr J Wilson, 32 Mill Lane, Discharge of Conditions 6 and 7 (Ecological survey/ enhancement) of planning permission S/1035/18/FL

S/3924/18/LD, Dr Sellick and Dr Pearce, 1 Hollybush Way, Certificate of lawful development for a proposed loft conversion S/3979/18/FL, Ralph Atkinson, 8 Cherry Close, Retrospective- Large shed/ room at rear of the garden

S/3989/18/DC, Mr & Mrs Nickalls, Little Linton Farm, Little Linton House, Cambridge Road, Discharge of Conditions 3 (archaeological works) 4 and 5 (foul and surface water drainage) of planning permission S/0615/18FL

S/4011/18/TP, Moore, Conkers, Beech Way, T1) Chestnut - Re-prune (back to previous pruning points) – To maintain at a size that befits its position. T2) Lime – Remove top 3m and reshape as required. There is extensive decay in this top section and it is deemed prudent to remove it (part of the crown overhangs Beech Way)

S/4140/18/TC, Travers, 3 Horn Lane, T1-T4 Lime Re-pollard T5 Yew Lift crown to 2m and reduce crown by 1.5-2m T6 Holly Reduce height by 2m

S/4152/18/FL, Yudjel Dener, Adjacent to 4 The Ridgeway, Erection of new dwelling house and shared access

S/4165/18/DC, Tyler-Smith & Xue, 14 High Street, Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials) of planning permission S/2920/15/LB

S/4175/18/OL, Executors of R Harrison Dec'd Harrison, 41 Back Road, Outline application for the erection of four dwellings with all matters reserved except for access and scale

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Linton speedwatch team update



ALL the sites proposed by the Speedwatch team have now been assessed by the police, with a number approved for the team to operate from. The safety of road users as well as the Speedwatch team was the most critical factor in the assessment.

The sites must be clearly visible to road users so that accidents are not caused by sudden braking when the team is spotted and there must be an escape route at each site for the team to retreat to if necessary. The distance at which the equipment picks up cars was also a factor, ruling out locations at or near curves in our roads and also those with an abundance of parked cars that block visibility.

The police assessor made some interesting observations during his visit. The most notable was the fact that on all the roads that were suggested, we witnessed vehicles travelling above the speed limit, including one car estimated at "well in excess of 50mph" on a road with a 30mph limit and a number travelling at 30mph or more through the 20mph zone. He was also concerned about the parking around the village, especially on the High Street where there were cars parked on both sides of the road and one vehicle that was parked completely on the pavement causing an obstruction (this is punishable with a fixed penalty notice).

We are sharing our Speedwatch equipment with Horsehath and should have a schedule arranged for this soon.

If there are any areas of the village where speeding concerns you, or if you would like to join the Speedwatch team, please contact me via the Parish Office, or by email at linton-speedwatch@outlook.com

Cllr Kate Kell

Office updates

TRAFFIC Issues and Green Lane – Linton Parish Council has submitted a Traffic Regulations Order (TRO) to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to request that they review the junction from the High Street to Green Lane around the Co-op. CCC will review this request and the requested works and will contact LPC with a price for the project and their recommendations. Hopefully this is a step closer to resolving an ongoing issue at this dangerous junction. LPC will keep parishioners updated on the response.

ROAD Repairs requested – Recently the LPC office reported several areas in Linton which require road surface repairs to CCC. The feedback from social media from residents were that residents would like Rivey Way, Rivey Close and Chalklands to also be taken into consideration by CCC for much needed surface repairs. These have now been put forward for consideration.

Rivey Lane – recycling the road

RIVEY Lane is an ancient trackway linking Linton to Balsham, part of a greater network connecting to ancient causeways and tracks closer to the river, the Via Devana and Icknield Way.

Linton has been occupied for over 5,000 years – there is evidence of Neolithic round houses on Rivey Hill. One reason for this is the presence of water, due to the geology of our glacial valley. Where the chalk and clay layers meet, a Springline is formed, water emerging in all but the driest weather.

So it is with Rivey Lane, a natural watercourse with parts that are muddy for walkers. Towards the cemetery the water runs into a drain, with a ditch to take heavier run-off (although the duty of CCC, LPC reinstated it to protect the ashes area of the cemetery and Back Road).

Thanks to the Rights of Way officer, the planings (yes, for once, planings, not planning – the tar they scrape from the old road surface) from the resurfacing of the A1307 are being used to restore the Lane. Priority will be given to the area from the Water Tower to Balsham Road/Chilford Hall corner for flooding and other road safety reasons at this dangerous bend. The rest is being used to reconfigure and resurface the uphill section of Rivey Lane. The new camber will direct water towards the field, where there was once a drainage ditch (so I am told) now ploughed out. That should help solve the problem but the springs are natural, have been there for centuries and might not be tamed. However, this latest attempt to improve walking conditions looks hopeful.

The surface might be rough for a while but should soon settle in, with soil and vegetation softening the appearance. See reports of the meeting with Peter Gaskin for further details and with Lead Local Floods officers re surface water flooding issues around the village.

Cllr Enid Bald

New councillor introductions – Councillor Carole Campbell

I WOULD like to introduce myself as one of the newly opted members of Linton Parish Council. My name is Carole Campbell and I live in Flaxfields and have lived there for the past eight years. I have four children and four grandchildren. One of my daughters and two of my grandchildren also live in Linton.

I am formally retired, although I work part-time for about 18 hours a week. My last full-time position was as a Sub-Postmistress in Haslingfield, where I ran a shop and Post Office with the aid of my son, other members of my family helped on a part-time basis.

Many years ago I was a Youth Leader in Balsham, where I lived for most of my life until moving to Linton. I was a charity fundraiser for the NSPCC and ran fêtes, jumble sales and bingo sessions to raise money. I was also a Governor of Linton Village College.

I am very keen to get involved with the Parish Council and the many matters they deal with.

I feel we are very lucky to have the Co-op and other shops that serve the village and, of course, the Doctor's Surgery and local chemist.

I hope to meet some of you when I am around the village and look forward to working alongside the other Councillors.

Cllr Carole Campbell



Market Square parking restrictions will be coming soon

AS you will have seen in previous editions of Parish Council Matters, Linton Parish Council has been considering implementing parking restrictions on the Market Square for some time. This is for several reasons, with the first and foremost being to ensure that the village maintains its excellent levels of shops and amenities for residents. Unfortunately, with limited parking available in the High Street, parishioners are often forced to go elsewhere, particularly those with mobility issues who cannot walk long distances.

LPC hopes that by introducing a two-hour short-stay parking restriction on the Market Square throughout certain periods will prevent this much needed parking space being used as long term stay and off-road parking, allowing more of a rotation of cars and more readily available parking. LPC does not intend to introduce this immediately. However, it will be being introduced over the next few months. Before it is, signs will be displayed on the Market Square to make residents aware and it will be advertised in both the Linton News and social media.

The new parking restrictions will be short stay parking only for a period of two hours at a time with no return within two hours 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. The only vehicles exempt from the parking restrictions will be permit holders. LPC has agreed that there will only be three permits issued for parking, these have already been allocated. Permit holders will be given a permit to display clearly in the window of their vehicle at all times when parked.

LPC also requests that when residents do park on the Market Square they try to be as considerate as possible with their parking, due to the limited number of spaces available. It only takes one car to park badly and it can affect the number of vehicles that can use this space altogether. This is an initial introduction article to forewarn residents and further communication will follow prior to this being in place but please be aware. If you have any questions regarding this then please feel free to contact the office to discuss this further.

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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 18th October 2018.

Apologies for Absence Cllr Graham Potter (GP), Cllr Brian Cox (Dr) and Cllr Kate Kell (KK).

Councillors' Declarations of Interest Cllr EB declared a pecuniary interest in item 141/18/19; expenses payment included on the payments list. Cllr MM declared an interest in item 136/18/19; The Village Hall.

Councillor Vacancies There are currently three councillor vacancies available for co-option

Consideration of the application for Parish Councillor for co-option from a parishioner. Mrs Carole Campbell was present at the meeting and introduced herself. The chairman then requested that the candidate leave the room and opened up the floor for discussions regarding the application. Cllr JB proposed that Mrs Campbell was co-opted onto the council which was seconded by Cllr AS. **Agreed.** Carole Campbell was notified that she had been successfully co-opted onto LPC.

Chairman's Comment Cllr LG was welcomed to the meeting. The external audit was returned and there were no areas of concern, the Clerk was thanked for her work keeping the financial records. The reading challenge was very successful once again and deserves full support of the village and LPC. The precept will be reviewed in an extra-ordinary full council meeting on the 29th November 2018. **Open Forum for Public Participation** A resident advised that there were some amendment suggestions for the Market Square meeting minutes which require further consideration on this item.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 20th September 2018. The minutes were agreed with the following changes

Item 112/18/19a to be corrected to "AgriTech", Item 112/18/19d, include synopsis from the report and item 106/18/19 "Friends of St Mary's" Cllr JB proposed, Cllr AH seconded. **Agreed.**

The Village Hall; Trustee presentation from Mr. Richard Jessop on behalf of the Village Hall. The Committee have struggled to raise outside funds and the current Trustees do not wish to continue running the hall so the only viable options they can see is to offer this to the PC. However, this is complicated, as the council can only take over the administration of the hall, and not acquire this as an asset. The accounts would be separate and the Charities Commission has advised that trustees would be appointed. The freehold of the building is invested with the Charities Commission. It is a complicated process and the village hall have been advised to try all other routes prior to passing to the PC, however these have been exhausted.

The Chairman advised that LPC needs to consider what to do, this is an important village asset that needs to be retained

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report 120/18/19 It is not a "new war memorial" just a commemorative area.

Report from the meeting with CCC Highways Officer, Nicola Burden on the 9th October 2018. Including update on the benches project, the planters, the Traffic Regulations Orders (TRO) and future CCC Highways work within Linton. Cllr MM proposed a TRO for £1,000 to resolve the Green Lane parking issue first and foremost, Cllr PP seconded. **Agreed.** Once this has been submitted Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) will come back to LPC with a price for the cost of the works. At this point this will be brought back to Council to review.

General updates. Grit bins are being filled in preparation for winter. Requesting permission to purchase and place a grit bin at Tower View. Cllr JB proposed Cllr AS seconded. **Agreed.**

Update on the air conditioning at the Pavilion. As this has already been purchased and installed without prior permission being granted, LPC will not be able to contribute towards the cost of this. Cllr PP nominated himself as a new representative to improve communication between the football club and LPC. **This was agreed.**

Request for a dog litter bin to be placed at the bottom of

Rivey Way near the ditch. There is one opposite which is visible now that the willow has been trimmed back so this is not required.

Planning Matters

Update from the Planning Committee re Consultants for the Bartlow Road planning application. LPC received a letter from the applicant via SCDC which indicates that LPC has not received any amendments from this application. LPC will be drafting a letter to SCDC regarding this issue.

Other District Local Plans and Stansted. Synopsis from the report – There are plans for major new developments in South Cambs and in areas adjacent to us in neighbouring counties. The impact of these was discussed along with proposals from the emerging Local Plans for Cambridge/South Cambs, Uttlesford and Haverhill/St Edmundsbury.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business The Local Plan is now back in place. SCDC must now begin to turn their attention to the next Local Plan as of spring. The Community Chest Grant is open again, The PC can not apply but community groups can and are encouraged to do so. The District and County Councillors left on this item

Traffic Matters Market Square; To review the report of the meeting submitted by the PC representatives from the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2018 and decide if this an agreeable proposal to alleviate the concerns relating to the parking on Market Square. Recommended adjustment to the minutes: Remove the Linton kitchen as transferred from 38.

Reviewed annually permit is allocated to a house number. Can apply for an additional one from 32 and 38 for two. Cllr JB proposed that the recommendations in the report be adopted by the Parish Council, Cllr EB seconded. **Agreed.** Clerk to progress next steps and to work with residents

Three residents left the meeting following this item Parishioners letter re Speeding on Bartlow Road. Clerk to respond and refer to the Linton Speedwatch Team. Clerk to review previous planning application to confirm the details pertaining to the missing kerb.

A1307 Parishes Forum The Cambridgeshire South East Transport Study – a lot of the comments and points are not accurate and a letter will be sent off from all parishes together detailing these points.

Confirmation of the successful completion of the External Audit for the year ending 31st March 2018. Noted

Clerk to be added and current Unity Trust signatories to be transferred. Cllr PP proposed and Cllr MM seconded. **Agreed.**

Consideration of the draft proposed Financial Terms of Reference and formal adoption. Approved. Cllr PP proposed, Cllr JB seconded. **Agreed.**

Benches project; recommended location and design and request for funds amounting to £2,000 to cover the cost of purchase and instalment. £2,500 was proposed by Cllr JB, Cllr AH seconded. **Agreed.**

The Skate Ramp – This is being placed on Contracts Finder due to the high value of the contract (as per the Financial Regulations), the Clerk is having training with Saffron Walden Town Council on this site.

Update from the meeting between LPC, The Beacon Youth Trust and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) held on the 16th October 2018 to discuss future funding options. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) was agreed in principle from the initial proposal for a three-year period. Proposed by Cllr AH seconded by Cllr AS. **Agreed.**

Subsequently the below elements were discussed: *In the first year of the 3-year agreement LPC will pay £19,320.00 per annum. (this is a 20% uplift on the payment paid last year through the S137 payments to allow for a period of adjustment and inclusion of new services now that the Beacon Youth Trust is working with Romsey Mill)

*For the further two years LPC will guarantee that the contribution of funding will not drop below that of £16,000, however they will agree to match funding beyond this to that of which the BYT raises.

* LPC has some KPIs they would like to monitor and information they would like to receive on a regular basis, these will be drafted into the SLA.

* LPC would also like it to be included in the SLA that LPC have the power to request additional services for the youth within the village and that these will be given due consideration and, wherever possible, auctioned and implemented

* The number of weeks of activities are to be added into the SLA and confirmation as to if this is term time only or if services are offered during the school holiday.

Cllr CH proposed, Cllr LG seconded, put to a vote with eight for and one against. **Agreed.** Clerk to work with CCC to draft a SLA then bring back to council for review. Following this it shall be presented to the BYT to review and brought back to council as a final draft.

The Recreation Ground Confirmation of the completion of the Zurich Inspection upon the recreation ground play equipment. Passed to the Recreation Working Group to review. Consideration of the proposal for increased regularity of Playground inspections. Clerk to source three quotations and bring back to council.

Update on the request to place a bench outside of the Pavilion at the recreation ground. Proposed by Cllr CH, seconded by Cllr AH, put to a vote with eight for and one against. **Agreed.**

Consideration of the removal of moles from the recreation ground. previous cost for the service was £105 plus VAT from works completed in February 2018. Cllr JB proposed, Cllr AS seconded. Put to a vote with eight for and one against. **Agreed.** **The Cemetery Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance re Cut and Collect quotation request.** The council discussed and made the decision not to progress this at this point.

Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance re Cemetery Ranger Service offered. The Clerk to approach the Village Handyman (Local Handyman Services) and failing this, obtain three quotations. Proposed by Cllr EB seconded by Cllr JB. **Agreed.**

Linton Speedwatch Noted. The sites proposed at the initial Speedwatch meeting have now all been assessed for safety and suitability for the Speedwatch team and equipment. Current Actions: Awaiting a response from Horseheath coordinator regarding when the equipment will be available (our equipment is shared with Horseheath). Plan 1st Speedwatch session. Continue to request a monitor capable of measuring speeding in a 20mph zone from the Police (the monitor we share with Horseheath will only monitor in a 30mph or 40mph zone).

Beacon Youth Trust Report for September 2018. Written report submitted. **Noted**

Consideration of an Emergency parish Plan for Linton as per the recommendation from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). Cllrs JB, CH and EB were assigned to work on this.

The next full council meeting will be held on the 15th November 2018 and the extra-ordinary Full Council meeting to review the draft Precept for the financial year 2019/2020 will be held on the 29th November 2018.

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