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A Happy New Year to all our readers



Look at what's happening in the fields beside Bartlow Road

IT was a bright but bitterly cold day when I joined one of the guided tours of the archaeological dig on Bartlow Road. The tours had been offered by Oxford Archaeology East (based at Bar Hill) who are undertaking the dig.

The archaeology staff wondered if anyone would visit the site in view of the rain earlier in the day. In fact, about 300 people turned up despite there being no time to advertise the tours in the Linton News ahead of time.

There were 20 of us in my group and we duly signed in and agreed to the Health and Safety terms. The dig was obviously very large and would cost a lot of money but, when questioned, our leader informed us that the dig had been paid for by the developers of the site under the *Polluter Pays* principle, which underpins the National Planning Policy Framework. Under this anyone who disturbs an archaeological site must pay for a dig before building can commence.

We examined some of the finds – a fragment of an Anglo-Saxon bone comb and a replica of how a complete one would have looked, a selection of Anglo-Saxon pottery and late Mesolithic flint scrapers.

We were then led over the site, which wasn't muddy as I had expected, but had been scraped back to the chalk bedrock. In one place there was what looked like a limestone quarry, limestone could be used as fertilizer or as building material. We were shown the evidence of a deep well (not fully excavated as yet), the holes for posts of what was probably an Anglo-Saxon storage building, and evidence of a large fire where flints had been burnt.

One exciting discovery at the southern edge of the site was a deposit containing many small flints remaining from the creation of stone tools by nomadic hunter gatherers near the river 5-6,000 years ago.

Also pointed out were the different coloured lines indicating previous tracks, parallel to the current Bartlow Road, dating back hundreds of years.

It is thought that one of the Anglo-Saxon buildings found was lived in and the others were ancillary buildings for storage or crafts such as weaving. It is likely that the Anglo-Saxon settlement was made up of further buildings to the north of the excavation site, under the road and houses.

We must thank Oxford Archaeology for a fascinating tour. OA East are likely to be on site excavating until January.

They were delighted by the turnout and the interest shown



Dan Firth, archaeological supervisor, showing a few of the many interested visitors around the site

Picture by Nanette Blackmore

by local residents. They will consider the feasibility of hosting another open day towards the end of the excavation but this will depend on the archaeologists' availability and the ground conditions nearer the time. If this is not possible, they will give a talk at an indoor venue to share the results of the excavation with the local community. Any further updates will be advertised through the Linton community Facebook page, the parish council and local schools.

Fran Armes, Editor
Clemency Cooper, Oxford Archaeology East

Don Coxall, a great life revealed

DON Coxall, a lifelong Lintonian, has worked all over the world and, at 94, still has a twinkle in his eye. He left school at 14 and was apprenticed to Crawley Agrimotor (later taken over by Acrow), becoming a centre lathe turner and machine setter – a reserved occupation in wartime – and meeting his future wife, Phyllis, when she came to work there.

In 1945, he was called up and became a Sergeant dispatch rider for the Royal Corps of Signals. He was in charge of the famous White Helmets, a motorcycle display team, who performed at military shows and the Royal Tournament and even accompanied royalty. He has photographs of some of his stunts, which included jumping over cars and through hoops of fire and loves describing their exploits. They travelled all over the British Isles and once entertained 18,000 people at Blackpool.

He married Phyllis in 1946 and brought her to live in Linton and, after four years in the army, went back to work for



Don Coxall, one of the many notable people living in Linton

Picture by Diana Lindsay

Acrow.

Don worked on specialist form work, such as making parts for the PO Tower and other projects in this country. He rose to become Works Manager for Acrow, trouble-shooting for them anywhere in the world. He travelled all over Italy

supervising local staff and training them in specialist work for the Kariba Dam. His trips away varied from three days to three months, including sessions at Acrow factories in India. He worked on bridges and tunnels in Belgium and Holland and the big road tun-

nels between France and Italy, an irrigation scheme in Hong Kong and a project in Kuwait.

After 45 years, Acrow closed its operation in this country and Don was made redundant. He then moved to a job in Newmarket, finally retiring at the age of 73.

He and Phyllis loved their garden and grew beautiful vegetables. He also enjoyed sea-fishing, and watching football in Linton, as an ex-member of the team.

He sadly lost Phyllis after almost 72 years of marriage but has bravely faced up to life without her with the help of his loving family. He pays daily visits to the cemetery and always enjoys the company of friends and neighbours.

Diana Lindsay

Apology

IN the December issue of the Linton News, on page 1 at the end of the article on the Remembrance Day, in the credits, we mistakenly referred to Lt John Kell as CI John Kelly. We do apologise.

The Editor

Why are General Practices merging?

GRANTA Medical Practices

IN April 2016 NHS England published the *General Practice Forward View*. In the introduction Simon Stevens, Chief Executive of NHS England states:

"There is arguably no more important job in modern Britain than that of the family doctor. GPs are by far the largest branch of British medicine. A growing and ageing population, with complex multiple health conditions, means that personal and population-orientated primary care is central to any country's health system. As a recent British Medical Journal headline put it – "if general practice fails, the whole NHS fails"."

Unfortunately the NHS, and in particular General Practice, is under increasing pressure. There is currently a divergence in that there is an aging/elderly population with increasingly complex health needs requiring more time and continuity in a system with decreasing resources, social care and community support. General Practice is being asked to provide better access with improved opening times whilst having a recruitment and retention crisis.

Surgeries are collapsing and the unthinkable is happening, surgeries are closing as they are no longer sustainable.

There are therefore two options:

Continue the status quo. Comfort is taken from a system that is understood. However, in doing this we must acknowledge that there is a significant risk that Primary Care will not continue in its current guise.

Innovate and look at system-wide change. This is difficult but provides a service that looks after the patient as a whole and is not fragmented and disjointed by the need to use different providers in the community.

With the mergers of Sawston, Linton, Barley and Shelford, Granta Medical Practices are addressing this struggle with a view to becoming a Primary Care Home. This provides stability as a practice, increased internal skills and an increased ability to adapt to change. This then becomes more attractive to the multi-disciplinary teams as a place to work, removing the recruitment crisis. It will bring together a range of health and social care professionals to work together to provide enhanced personalised and preventative care for their local community. Focusing on local population needs, the aim is to provide care closer to patient's homes, before hospital admission may become necessary.

With an increased size, and thus sustainability, come different working patterns. This provides increased access but then impacts on perceived continuity. You cannot have one without the other. However, behind the scenes, increasing systems are put in place whereby GPs are constantly communicating with each other about patient concerns, progress, improvement or deterioration, and patient care plans and notes are routinely reviewed. There is still a single named GP for every patient who has overarching knowledge and understanding of their patients but they may lead a team that provides ongoing care, rather than run the team.

It is a fine line between offering unlimited care on the day access and regular routine appointments and we must acknowledge that at times the balance can go either way. But it is with an understanding and open mind that we move things forward, learning from what we have achieved in the past to improve and redesign for the better in the future.

We are in a time of significant change and all of the staff at Granta are looking to provide outstanding care for their patients. However, we can only do this with the support of our patients. We must adapt to a patient's needs, always be open to suggestions, but maintain our desire to move the practice forward to what we believe it can become.

On behalf of Granta Medical Practices
Dr Tim Wright, Chief Operations Officer

Too good for jumble...

NEW offers this month include a white metal decorated headboard for a king size bed and a curved solid pine bed-head for a single bed.

The Brabantia solid ironing board, with ironing area 15" wide x 48" long, is still available as well as the red and gold bound set of six Jane Austen books and the upright mahogany piano 146cm wide x 62cm deep x 128cm high.

The bunk beds raised £10 for Linton Brownies.

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

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



Linton Heights

THE Christmas season is upon us again and Christmas wouldn't be Christmas at Linton Heights without a duo of amazing productions from Years 4 and 5.

Year 4 presented *Fleeced!*, a musical adaptation of Jason and the Argonauts. In order to reclaim the throne of his people from his villainous uncle, Jason assembled a trusty crew of warriors and set sail to claim the Golden Fleece. Along the way they met beautiful maidens on a tropical island, encountered gigantic bird women and navigated a stretch of treacherous seas before their final battle with an army of undead warriors and a dragon.

Packed throughout with toe-tapping songs and witty one-liners, *Fleeced!* was a rip-roaring success. Mia and Ezra, who played King Jason and Queen Medea, told us: "When we weren't in costume, it was obvious it was a school play and we had to guess who was playing what character. But once we costumed up, we looked more like the real people, which helped our characters and personalities shine through. The props and backdrop were spectacular too and really got us into the mood. It was our favourite production ever"

The audience agreed and at the end of each performance they were left asking for more. A fantastic effort from all of the year 4 team.

James Puxley, Headteacher

Adult Learning at Linton Village College

New Year, new challenges, new you

START 2019 in a fresh and positive way by learning a new skill or building on one you may already have.

Linton Village College is offering a great range of adult courses (daytime and evening) covering subjects as diverse as *Italian* and *Tai Chi*, *Creative Writing* and *Pottery*, *Flower arranging* and *Indian cookery* and *Spanish* and *Silver jewellery making*. We have a variety of art-based classes covering *Watercolours*, *Pen-and-ink drawing* and *Art and Drawing (all mediums)* at different times of the day.

The new term starts week commencing 14th January and courses last 10 weeks. All course details can be found on our new website at www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk. For more information about any of our courses or to book a place email adult.education@lvc.org or telephone 891223 Ext 303/317.

Jenny Logan, Admin Assistant
Adult Education & Lettings



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A HUGE Happy New Year to all our children, both current and past, and families and supporters of Chestnut Playgroup. We hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and is looking forward to the adventures that 2019 will bring.

The children had an exciting time over the Christmas period, ending the term with our Christmas party and a visit from Santa himself.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas event in December and made it so magical for the children. We really look forward to these events when we can welcome people of all ages to the playgroup to see what we get up to.

We also like to get out and explore the village and its facilities and meet the wider community.

In December the preschool children were invited to watch the Linton Infant School nativity dress rehearsal. The children also visited the day centre at Symonds House and

sang Christmas carols with the residents.

Thanks to the fabulous fundraising events organised by our committee since September, we are pleased to say that this year we will be investing in some hi-vis jackets for the children and staff, so that we can be safer and more visible during our outings. Please do look out for us around the village.

Places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs.

We are also accepting children who qualify for extended hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week we are open. Please contact our Administrator to arrange a visit or go to admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk for further information.

Elaine Mingay, Chestnut Playgroup



WE all at Linton Grant Playgroup would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us at our Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many happy faces having fun joining in with the games and craft activities, whilst we were raising funds to develop our home corner.

We had a festive dance session with Natalie from Made2Move and had lots of fun with our well attended Christmas Production and party.

We enjoyed baking gingerbread treats which we delivered to the residents of Symonds House and are looking forward to welcoming new starters in the new term.

LGPG Team



Young and old share Christmas cheer in Symonds House

Photo supplied by the playgroup staff



To the Infants and beyond

A HAPPY New Year to you all from the staff and children at Linton CE Infant School.

As you may be aware, Mrs Harries has started her maternity leave, leaving the school in the capable hands of the two assistant headteachers. I will be acting headteacher from now until February half-term then, my colleague, Mrs Cooper will take on the role.

I am writing this before the Christmas performances have taken place but I know our shows are always eagerly anticipated by the children and parents. These performances are always so well supported by parents, grandparents and other family members, giving us an opportunity to raise money for chosen charities. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

The children were served a delicious Christmas lunch, many thanks to our kitchen staff who work hard all year



Acting Head Mrs Emma Little

Photo supplied by the school round. Even Father Christmas made time in his busy schedule to visit the children, bringing gifts for each class.

It was lovely to meet so many parents who are considering Linton Infants as the school for their child to start with us in September 2019. The admissions window closes on 15th January 2019, any applications made after this date will not be processed until May 2019.

Emma Little,
Acting Headteacher



New trustees wanted

HOME-START Cambridgeshire's aim is for every child to have the best possible start in life.

The charity supports families across the county who are going through difficult times.

We are in an exciting period of change and are keen to appoint two Trustees who are passionate about supporting families with young children, keen to make a difference, creative and who enjoy being part of a team.

Both will be enthusiastic promoters of the charity and will be able to give time and energy to their role. Ideally one of them would have significant experience in HR.

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Our thanks

Christmas Market

Thank you to all who supported The Linton Kitchen's Christmas Market in December – it's always good to see such a large turn-out.

If you are interested in being a stall holder at their Easter Market please email gemma@lintonkitchen.co.uk
Gemma Whiting, 894949

Condolences for JR's family

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many sympathy cards sent to me and my family on behalf of the recent sudden passing of JR (John).

Thank you also to the many people who attended at the crematorium. He would have been absolutely chuffed so many people came to remember and say goodbye to him.

With thanks to you all.
Jenny Richardson and Family

Linton Gardening Club

WE are looking back at 2018 and forward to 2019.

At the December meeting Bryan Thurlow entertained members with his story of a brother and sister's wartime evacuation to an East Anglian farm. This was followed by Christmas nibbles and mulled wine.

Looking back, 2018 was another successful year for the club with an interesting programme covering a range of topics, including *Thrifty Gardening* and *Designing Small Gardens*. There was a June evening visit to Mary Challis House in Sawston.

The May plant sale and July Annual Show were, as usual, enjoyable and successful occasions. Many thanks to everyone who helped and to those who donated plants, bought plants or entered exhibits.

The club welcomed several new members during the year including *Gary the Gardener* who helped advertise the club during the Scarecrow Festival weekend in June.

Looking forward to this year's events, the plant sale will be on Saturday 11th May and the Annual Show on Saturday 27th July. The show is open to everyone, with many different classes to enter in the fruit and vegetable, flowers, pot plants, flower arranging, baking and preserves, photography, arts and crafts and children's sections.

Talks planned for 2019 include *Winter Gardens and Plants*, *Wildflower and Wildlife Gardening* and *Seasonal Container Gardening*. At 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th January in the village hall, Philip Whaites will talk about *The Restoration and Recreation of Wimpole Hall Gardens*. The club looks forward to welcoming members, both current and new, and visitors.

Helen Townsend lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk 893577

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75 years strong



AT our December meeting members enjoyed a festive bring and share buffet, and celebrated 75 years of Linton WI, which started on 16th December in 1943, and was the 5,800th institute to be formed. The annual subscription was just two shillings and sixpence a year. Members had been asked to bring in any memorabilia from the past 75 years and such items as ration books, wartime identity cards and an old wool winding machine were displayed.

Garth Collard, our local historian, had loaned several photo albums of past WI events. After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, our invited singer, Clare, backed on the computer by her daughter, Shannon, led us in a couple of Christmassy songs.

Members puzzled over a quiz and crackers were pulled. Margaret Clark, a WI member of 30 years, had written a short history of Linton WI containing many interesting facts from previous years' minutes and these she read out, assisted by Sue Smales.

During World War II Linton members helped distribute ration books, knitted many garments for liberated Europe, helped with billeting and civil defence, and canned fruit.

One example of our annual resolutions proposed by Linton stated that "all public telephone kiosks should be soundproofed as time is often lost waiting for vehicles to pass and on a trunk call only three minutes are allowed". After we had eaten, the delicious Christmas cake, made by Phyllis Reynolds, was cut and passed round.

Carols were sung and we finished with the National Anthem. There will be no meeting in January. On 5th February 2019, our speaker will be Sue Baker on the History of Bellydancing. Should be a fun evening. New members and visitors always welcome.
Sally Proberts (891021)

News from St Mary's

THIS month there is rather sad news from St Mary's, as Nicola Bown, our curate, is moving to a placement in Great Shelford in the middle of January. This is so she can get wider experience before she is put in charge of a parish somewhere else as a Vicar, in the summer.

Whilst Nicola is working at Great Shelford for about six months, she will continue living in Linton, so some of you may see her about. But she won't be taking services, weddings, funerals or baptisms in Linton or in any of our team parishes, nor visiting people here on behalf of the church, nor helping with our Tots in Tow group on Wednesdays, nor taking part in the Infants' School services on Fridays.

Although she has only been with us for two-and-a-half years, I know that Nicola has helped many through her ministry, especially at significant times, and those she has helped will be sad to see her go. She, too, will be sad at saying "goodbye". We wish her well for the future and hope that when she has finished her placement in Great Shelford, she and her family will move to another parish where they will be very happy.

Meanwhile, I will do my very best to serve everyone who looks to St Mary's for spiritual support, along with Lesley Gore, our colleague Ian Fisher (from Castle Camps), and our good number of lay ministers.

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



Police Matters

BETWEEN 30th October and 24th November unknown offender(s) have tried to gain entry to a property in Bakers Lane via a rear window, causing damage, but were unsuccessful in getting into the property. Crime Ref 35/47438/18

Between 7am and 7.52pm on 5th December unknown suspect(s) have forced open a patio door of a property in Hillway with a garden tool and have stolen a high quantity of gold.

Crime Ref 35/50183/18

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

WEEKLY	
New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm,	VH
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)	
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
WEA, Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm, term time	VH
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
Crickets club, Thursdays, 6-8pm	LVC
Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7.30-9pm	LH
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	

JANUARY 2019

1 No WI this month	
2 Reading group, 8pm	VH Upstairs
3 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion Horseheath
5 No Farmers Market this month	
5 Friends of St Mary's coffee morning, 10.30am	VH
7 Camera Club, 7pm	CC
8 Reach money advice, 1pm-3pm	CC
8 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
8 Gardening Club, 7.30pm	VH
13 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon	URC
14 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
15 WEA free starter & course begins, 10.30am for 8 weeks,	VH
15 Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
16 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon	HC
17 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
18 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
20 Walking group, 11am,	Church Lane
20 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's Church
23 SCDC over 65's event, 2pm-4pm	Chalklands

FEBRUARY 2019

2 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon	VH
4 Camera Club, 7pm	CC
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Reading group, 8pm	VH Upstairs
7 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion, Horseheath
10 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon	URC
10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
Bin Collection Dates
Linton refuse collection: Mondays 7th and 21st January
Linton green bin collections: Mondays 14th January
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Challenge yourself at Linton Army Cadets



Army cadets at Remembrance Day parade led by Lt John Kell

Picture by Kate Kell

IN a short period of time, the detachment has grown to an impressive 30 cadets. Since our last report the cadets have been involved with the Remembrance Parade, for which we had such a lot of positive feedback.

They have also been to the battlefields in France where they used the information they had already to find out about the Cambridgeshire Regiment in World War I of 1914 to 1918 and the men that served and gave their lives then.

They have also been on weekend camps at the Cadet Training Centre at Waterbeach. The cadets have been involved with training at detachment. Currently the cadets are in the middle of their Heartstart CPR training. This teaches them how to deal with both unconscious and conscious casualties which is a life-saving skill.

We are still recruiting, so if you are 12 years old and want to challenge yourself, come to Linton Heights Junior School on a Thursday evening for training between 7pm and 9pm.

S/Sgt Rudderham, DC Linton Detachment
Cambridgeshire Army Cadets

ACE Christmas lunch and entertainment

ON December 4th all our ACE members met for a buffet lunch and our special concert with Jancis Harvey.

The tasty and varied food was quickly eaten with many appreciative comments and then we all sat back in our chairs with much anticipation for Jancis to entertain us.

Jancis sang and played her guitar with songs old and new, interspersed with stories about her family growing up in Linton and her own time teaching at the school. In those days the school educated all children aged five to eleven, before Linton Heights was built. Some members were amused to hear not only the names of families known to them but also those of their own children.

Soon Jancis had us all singing along with her and then asked for requests. She seemed to have an inexhaustible repertoire which varied from songs from Barbados, a favourite destination of hers, to Elvis Presley and many old favourites. This proved to be a very popular Christmas lunch and few of our members left without telling us how much they had enjoyed it.

Jancis will be entertaining us again on Saturday 2nd March in the church; everyone is welcome. More information and tickets will be available in the New Year.

Colleen Lockstone

Councillors' report December 2018

A1307

THERE is currently an open consultation for the change of the dual carriageway, heading into Linton from Dalehead Foods, from two lanes into one lane for traffic and one lane bus priority.

Local Highway Improvement funding

For those parishes who have submitted an LHI bid, the panel meeting dates have been set for 14th and 16th of January.

South Cambs Business Plan

South Cambs District Council is currently consulting publicly on the draft version of their priorities for the period from 2019-2024 and would like public input, which can be done online at: www.scambs.gov.uk/the-council/performance-and-plans/council-plans-and-reports/our-business-plan/

Mobile Wardens Grants scheme

South Cambridgeshire District Council has a pot of £20,000 available to bid into for community groups that aid elderly people tackle loneliness. It's called the Mobile Warden scheme and the criteria and application forms are available at: www.scambs.gov.uk/community/grants/mobile-warden-scheme-grants/

Editor's note: I am assured that the PC has accessed this in the past and are covered for next year.

School Appeals volunteers required

The County Council is looking for volunteers to offer their time to sit on a school admissions panel, which hears appeals from parents of students that have been denied a place at their school of choice. The Council need people with an educational background but not be currently involved in the provision of education in any school. The closing date for applications is 19th January 2019 and more details can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/volunteers-needed-to-hear-school-admissions-appeals/>

Potholes

The P word again. Recently, government granted Cambridgeshire County Council £6.6 million extra to specifically tackle this problem. We haven't had access to this fund yet but it should help relieve some of the stress on our roads in the winter.

Mobile libraries

The County Council has committed to spend £275,000 on mobile libraries to keep remote areas serviced with the mobile library service. Keep an eye out for them.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Your MP writes...

WORKING together with local campaign groups, councillors, the Mayor and Government, I am delighted that projects I have championed are now reaching fruition. I am proud to have supported a number of successful campaigns; ensuring the continuation of the Princess of Wales' Local Urgent Care pilot and helping local commuters regain a pre 9am train service to Cambridge.

At every available opportunity I continue to make representations on behalf of local residents to the A1307 Strategy Board and the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) about concerns relating to the A1307.

In the short term, I am keen to see essential safety improvements delivered as soon as possible. I am also focused on engaging with the A1307 Strategy Board to highlight to them the significant reservations about a new dual carriageway between Haverhill and Cambridge, which I know concerns many residents.

Also ongoing is my commitment to local schools – securing extra funding, keeping up to date with our headteachers and overseeing my fifth Inter-School debating competition which recently took me to Linton Village College. I also enjoyed visiting pupils at Linton Heights Junior School earlier in the year.

I always enjoy meeting constituents. If you are interested in a free tour of Parliament or have anything you wish to raise with me personally please email me at lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk You can follow me on www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy or visit my web page www.lucyfrazer.org.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Lucy Frazer MP

Successful year at Linton ATC

THIS time of year is an opportunity to look back on the successes of the past 12 months. At Linton we have had many: a record number of hours flown in both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters; a record number of camp places; gold, silver and bronze medals in sporting competitions; cadets reaching regional level sports and drill teams. Duke of Edinburgh awards being delivered, with the first bronze certificates due soon, silver awards are being planned now; new BTEC awards being completed; a solid placement in both sector and wing field competitions; more first aid and cyber qualifications than previous years. The list goes on...

A lot of hard work from the cadets and staff goes into making Linton Squadron the success it is today and there is no better way to celebrate this than with our dining in night. All the cadets donned black tie attire for a formal meal, speeches, toasts and of course disco.

It is within the setting of the dining in night that we as staff see the true benefit of the ATC. 35 outstanding young individuals striving to be the best versions of themselves that they can possibly be. Helping each other achieve by teaching and learning from each other. The way we have gelled as a team is our biggest success this year and we have done that whilst gaining qualifications and having a good time along the way.

I'm looking forward to 2019 already. If you're aged 12 and in year 8 why not join us? Please contact me for more information.

Cl Brad Wright, 2523 Linton Squadron ATC
07943 873272, training.2523@aircadets.org



Dining in night, 2523 Linton Squadron ATC

Picture by Cl Paul Orton

Calling New Age Kurlers

NEW AGE Kurling takes place at Linton village hall every Monday from 2 to 3pm and is a new version of the well-known Winter Olympic sport ice curling.

The game can be played sitting or standing, making it an activity in which anyone can join. The cost is £2.50 a session, pay as you play. For more information please contact me on ellen.bridges@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713294

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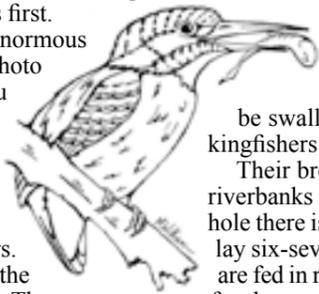
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

THIS month it was going to be eels but a flash of electric blue on the bridge in Horn Lane last Sunday changed the plan. It was such a treat to see a kingfisher perching on a branch looking down and then streaking off, and it was Ben's first.

At some reserves, you see people with enormous camera lenses waiting hours for that special photo of a kingfisher diving but the reality is that you can see one on any slow-moving river or lake, at any time of the year.

Kingfishers do not migrate. As long as the water is clean enough to support abundant fish, there is no wetland drainage and the winter is not too harsh, there will be kingfishers.

There are 90 species worldwide and ours is the *Alcedo atthis*, known as the river kingfisher. The most well-known elsewhere is the kookaburra in Australia weighing 15 times as much. Ours is only around 17cm long and weighs just 40gms. It is a champion fisherman, able to plunge beneath the surface and seize its prey with its powerful dagger of



a bill, the only British bird able to do this. It assesses the depth of the prey and dives at 25mph like a multi-coloured missile to nab lunch. As it enters the water, the bill opens and the eyes are closed by a third eyelid. Thus it is blindfolded as it catches fish, mainly minnows and sticklebacks. Once back on its perch, it strikes the fish against the wood to kill it, thereby relaxing the spines so it can be swallowed. If you think nature is cruel, bear in mind that kingfishers were a favourite target of Victorian taxidermists...

Their breeding habits are also unusual. They nest in holes in riverbanks requiring minimal building effort. At the front of the hole there is a slight depression to stop the eggs rolling out. They lay six-seven eggs and each chick can eat 12-18 fish daily. They are fed in rotation – the one just fed moves to the back of the hole for the next one to come forward. They take around 30 days to fledge, depending on the food supply. Once out of the nest, they are fed for only four days and then summarily driven away to find their own territory while the parents have a second and then a third brood. You'd think they might want a bit of peace by then.

Linton Library update

LINTON Library is much more than simply a place to borrow books – it's also a great social resource.

Storytimes: 2pm on Tuesdays in term time. Bring your preschooler to the library for stories and songs led by lovely volunteers. It's fun, free and a chance to meet new people – no need to book.

Children's activities: occasional special events and activities for children – look out for notices. There may be a small charge, to cover costs. The annual Summer Reading Challenge is free.

Bus pass and Blue Badge applications and renewals: on Thursday afternoons volunteer George Brooke offers this free service and also provides advice on using computers and tablets. Pre-booking required. Ask at the desk or call 0345 0455225.

Also see Computer Buddies in the diary.

Library at Home: If visiting the library is difficult due to infirmity, please get in touch (0345 0455225). A friendly Library at Home volunteer can borrow books or audiobooks on your behalf, bringing the library to you.

Engage sessions: free informal daytime talks on a variety of topics. Check Linton News and posters for details.

Daylight Readers: book group, 10.30am, third Friday each month. New members welcome – please ask at the desk. The library also offers lending services for other book groups.

We hugely appreciate the generosity of volunteers who enable us to offer these services at the library. If you can help out occasionally or if you'd like to join a library fundraising team, we'd love to hear from you.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy
Linton Community Library Assistants

Christmas coffee and carols



One of the Linton tables

Photo by Ron Pitkin

MRS Jenny Pullin, head of food technology, supported by students from years 8 and 9, again invited 140 older residents from the Village College catchment area to a Christmas coffee morning at the college on 7th December.

The students welcomed and assisted the visitors from the moment they arrived. They were also warmly welcomed by the Principal, Ms Helena Marsh, who donated a bottle of champagne to the winner of the lucky number ticket.

The guests enjoyed a musical entertainment led by director of music Ms Helen Jukes who conducted the choir as well as the school wind orchestra in a variety of Christmas music with guests joining in the carols. The hand bell ringers delighted the guests by playing *We three kings of Orient are*.

Tea and coffee were served by the students, who had made cakes, biscuits and mince pies for refreshments. Each guest received a Christmas cracker and a Christmas present.

The students had organised different projects to raise funds for the event and held an enormous raffle with seasonal gifts for the many winners. Other prizes were donated by families and the teachers. The cheerful good wishes by the students and grateful thanks of the guests ended this very happy Christmas event.

Kate France, 891602

Pear and Olive scratch kitchen fully open at last

THE accommodation part of the Pear Tree Inn has been up and running for some time. Now its Pear and Olive scratch kitchen is fully operational too.

Over the last few months hosts chef Gael Lecolley and his wife Cat have transformed the bar/restaurant area so that it has a chic artistic décor but it still retains an intimate cosy old-world feel.

It has seating for 23 inside but more can be seated outside in the summer months as it has a lovely garden area behind. But its main delight is the cuisine of a fusion of French and English gastropub styles with an emphasis on farm fresh local seasonal produce. Beef, lamb, venison and fish and vegetables are sourced from local suppliers.

Sample menus can be found on the website at :- www.peartreeinn.cambridge.com but be warned the website is undergoing some updates. However menus can change daily – it is a scratch kitchen after all. On Wednesdays, vegetarian and vegan dishes are highlighted with the ordinary menu available too. Reservations can be made by ringing 890446 or emailing reserve@pearolive.com

Opening hours are Wed and Thurs 4 to 10pm; Fri lunch 12 to 2pm, dinner 4 to 11pm; Sat 4 to 11pm; Sun lunch roast 11.30am to 3pm.

And if you want to drop by for a drink after work you can too.
Fran Armes

POT POURRI 165

How old is the Christmas tree?

A CHRISTMAS tree is three and a half times as old as a holly tree was, when the Christmas tree was as old as the holly tree is now.

The Holly tree is now twenty-one months old – how old is the Christmas tree?

Pot Pourri 164 – What speed must the projectile go?

The projectile must have a minimum speed of 5 mph in order to follow the Earth's curvature.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Year coffee morning

THE Friends of St Mary's are holding their annual New Year coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday 5th January in the village hall.

Savouries will be served and there will be a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle. All are welcome.

The Quiz Night held in November was very enjoyable and raised over £300 towards the cost of the new chairs in the church.

Dr Margaret Cox, 891231

Information event for over 65s

SOUTH Cambs District Council is holding an over 65's information event from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday 23rd January at the Chalklands Communal Building.

As part of the event they will be holding Functional Fitness MOTs, measuring resident's strength and balance. There will also be information about keeping warm and the support available for home improvements as well as information about the gadgets available to keep residents safe and independent.

For more information please contact me on :
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Ellen Bridges

Linton and District Historical Society

CHLOË Cockerill told us that Heraldry began in the 12th century as a shorthand indication of identity for royalty and nobility. Family arms decorated battle shields and were painted in a limited palette of colours, metals and furs.

The first Royal arms depicted three gold lions on a red background, representing the countries England ruled over, all later designs incorporated them as the centre shield became individualized to reflect marriages and sovereign territories.

The 14th century Royal arms of Edward III can be found in Balsham and Linton churches and over Trinity College's main gate. The arms of James I, showing the Union with Scotland, are carved on Hobson's Conduit and West Wickham has a rare example of Queen Anne's arms.

Chloë explained the civic designs for local authorities, including that of South Cambs, which appears on our wheelie bins. Educational establishments' arms often depict a book and references to the founders' families, such as the Perse pelican or the Lancastrian rose for the Leys. For a fee, anyone can now apply for their family arms, Sir Arthur Marshall's arms in Horseheath church has a motto *Happy is he who works*.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 15th January at Linton village hall, Coles Lane when the speaker will be Horry Parsons on *More Tales from the Tower* – (The Millennium Tower at Bury St Edmunds)

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The Marsh mail

DECEMBER was a great month for seeing members of the college community come together. Over 120 local residents joined us for our annual *Coffee and Carols* event. Our visitors were served by Year 9 students and treated to singing and musical performances from the orchestra and choir as a preview to our Carol Concert in Balsham. It is always brilliant to see how many students we manage to squeeze into the church to take part in the concert. The diverse range of music and readings is a really festive treat.

LVC students also had the joy of visiting King's College for their schools' Carol Service at the end of term. Those who attended were struck by the beauty of the music as well as the college's architecture and setting.

These events are a celebration of the season and an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. They also enable us to build community and cross-generational relationships and come together to appreciate the important, bonding quality of the arts.

Another triumph was our *Evolve* dance production. This year it ran over two nights enabling even more audience members to enjoy a showcase of wonderful creative talent at LVC. The shows included choreography and performances from all ages of students, from Year 7 penguins and Minions to a mixed hip hop group, an all-boys troupe and a number of accomplished GCSE pieces.

The end of term was also filled with lots of charitable events. Students donned gaudy Christmas jumpers in aid of REACH, a local Haverhill-based organisation that helps families in financial hardship. They also raised funds for a number of charities through an array of different stalls and activities at our charities fayre on the last day of term. Lots of ingenious money-making ideas showed off students' entrepreneurial skills as well as their care and commitment to those less fortunate than themselves.

When the tinsel and glitter is cleared away it is important that all of us remember that an appreciation of the arts and acts of charity and kindness are for life, not just for Christmas.

Helena Marsh

Linton WEA

THE next Linton WEA course is called *Every Life Tells a Story* and has a literature focus. The tutor, Janet Berenson, will examine the themes in the lives of well known people and help us discover the stories embedded in our own lives and experiences.

The course runs for eight weeks, starting on Tuesday 15th January in Linton Village Hall, with a fee of £59. Each session is from 10.30am to 12.30pm – a later start than usual as the tutor comes from further away. You are welcome to try the first week and see whether you like the course.

If you prefer history then go to Great Bradley on Wednesday mornings for *Europe between the Wars*, led by Stephen Corley. This is a ten-week course starting at 10.15 on 23rd January.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

The 1716 house, No 18 High Street



1716 house around 1900

Photo from Garth's collection)

IN his 1911 booklet entitled *Doctors in olden times*, Dr Palmer stated that Robert Stacey lived in this house from 1582. The thatched house was owned by Alexander Holt.

The house was opposite the Crown with Queens House, No 16 on one side and the Congregational Manse, No 20 on the other.

Robert Stacey was a surgeon and apothecary with a national reputation. He gained fame from his discovery of an ancient recipe for making incandescent torches by the use of glow-worms and quicksilver.

He was closely associated with the Parys family, the lords of Great and Little Linton. Philip Parys left him a small cottage at Little Linton and an income of £1 a year for 15 years for guiding his young son Robert during his formative years.

Stacey became so wealthy that he was listed as the fifth most highly taxed person in the village.

There were two cottages on this site, both thatched and each with a first floor. Two Linton maps of 1600 show the cottages. They had a long garden stretching to the Grip stream. In 1819 the bottom part of the garden was sold to build the present-day chapel.

By 1600 three tenants, including Stacey, rented part of the cottages. Holt was a tailor who used locally produced leather. By 1615 his son William was the owner of the property, he sold the site in 1635 to William Wardell.

It was let in 1640 to Thomas Tofts and bought by his descendant. In 1716 the two main cottages were joined into one wood-and-plaster L-shaped house. The site remained in the Tofts family until 1847.

In the 1847 sale catalogue the property was described as a small farmstead with about six acres of land. From 1852 it was let to James Tyler, the owner of a large grocery and drapery shop at 33-35 High Street, who let that property to Richard Holtum who then

bought the shop in 1875.

Tyler miscalculated the move into farming. Repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 allowed cheaper corn imports which decimated farming incomes. Tyler became bankrupt in 1875 and sold the 1716 house to John Boonyard.

By 1906 it was owned by Miss Dorothy Moore. She left it to her schoolteacher daughter Alice, head teacher of the Infant School. Her daughter Kate lived there until 1938.

Architectural surveys date one part of the house as early 17th century, with internal oak wainscoting and old oak beams. One beam over a fireplace had the words "Thomas Tofts sett et 1660" confirming the Tofts ownership and that there were once two cottages.

Both 1716 cottages were let to John Simpkin, a tinsmith, in 1875. Various blacksmiths and metal smiths thereafter based their businesses here.

Kate Moore as head teacher of the infant school was reprimanded in 1936 by the new head teacher of the mixed school for 7-12 year olds, who was head of both schools.

Mr Woods noted in the school log book that Kate and her assistant Miss Ketteridge neglected their duty by allowing the infant school children to leave the school premises to watch the huntsmen assembling at the Dog and Duck public house.

Kate continued to let part of the premises to professional people – for example in 1936 she let one room to a Cambridge dentist aptly named Dr Pain. When one of her staff, Miss Kemp, was married Kate let her use the house for her reception.

Dorothy Moore had bought the house for £350 in 1906 and Kate sold it for £1,000 in 1957 to Mrs Patricia McLean who had resided in Meadow Lane. The sale called the property *The 1716 house*. In 1971 it was sold to Mrs Dorothy Anderson.

Today it is the only thatched house in the High Street between the Green Hill and the river bridge.



Arthur's Shed activities Sharing time and talents

THANK you for all the very kind responses to the article we posted in the last issue of Linton News. We continue to have some spaces available to our various activities which can be found either on our website arhc.org.uk/arthurshed or by calling reception 675777.

Thinking ahead to the New Year: *Everyone Health* is joining us for seven sessions from 2pm to 3pm on 10th January, they will cover a variety of health issues, diet, exercise and sleep. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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- S/4285/18/FL, Mr and Mrs Martin Taylor, **3 Granta Vale**, Extension to front of garage
- S/4297/18/FL, J Collins, **R/O 36 & 38, Back Road**, Erection of a two storey dwelling, plus semi-basement with driveway and associated works.
- S/4318/18/TC, Anderson, **3 Mill Lane**, Robinia Crown lift by 1-1.5m crown reduce to clear roof of house by 1m clean out deadwood.
- S/3593/18/FL/LB, Greene King Plc, **63 High Street**, Kitchen extension to the rear. New fence and canopy to kitchen yard area. Construction of two covered seating booths and decorative arch to garden. Installation of flood barriers to external doors.
- S/3979/18/FL, Mr Ralph Atkinson, **8 Cherry Close**, Retrospective- Large shed/ room at rear of the garden
- S/3972/18/NM, Mr and Mrs Stuart Stanley, **61 Bartlow Road**, Non Material Amendment of Planning Permission. **Decision made no comments allowed.**
- S/3989/18/DC, Mr and Mrs Nickalls, **Little Linton House, Little Linton Farm, Cambridge Road**, Discharge of Conditions 3 (archeological works) 4 and 5 (foul and surface water drainage) of planning permission S/0615/18FL

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Iceni Homes proposes affordable homes



Proposed layout for the land north of Paynes Meadow

AT very short notice, Iceni Homes came to a Parish Council meeting with initial ideas to build affordable and social housing. The council heard this for the first time, like the residents. Neighbours expressed strong views, but there will be a public consultation for the whole village to participate.

The proposed housing is on land beyond Paynes Meadow, further up Rivey Hill. This is outside the village envelope but is an "Exception Site", which in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is a small site for affordable housing in perpetuity, to address the needs of the local community by accommodating current residents or those who have an existing family or employment connection.

This is the only such site in Linton, as landowners hope to get planning permission elsewhere for private housing, which would greatly add to the value of their land. The proposed housing mix would accord to local housing need, with 1-bed flats and 2 and 3 bed houses; as yet no plans for bungalows. The allocation would be primarily for Linton residents, then those with Linton connections.

Linton needs affordable housing for local people, which is not being met in the speculative developments around the edge of the village. Iceni plans to provide social housing, for affordable rent or shared equity, in a similar way to that at The Rookery and Paynes Meadow.

This is a difficult site, with water from many springs (the same ones that cause problems

on Rivey Lane). The site is not floodplain (though there is a patch in Paynes Pasture) but is a Water Protection Zone being over the aquifer which provides our water. Existing houses and gardens next to the site are affected by flooding and standing water, and this would have to be dealt with before there could be any building.

The boundary hedgerows would need to be preserved too. The site is next to the Icknield Way, and with Neolithic roundhouses in Rivey Wood, we might expect some interesting archaeological finds.

Back Road development was refused at Public Inquiry mainly due to the effect on our valued landscape and the setting of Linton – the character would have changed from a predominantly rural, pastoral landscape to a suburban one.

This site with the wide, tall hedgerows is part of that landscape, extending up the lower slopes of the chalk downland, so any proposals need to be compatible with that. At the appeal, additional demands on Back Road, services and infrastructure were not considered to have sufficient negative impact to be reasons for refusal for up to 95 houses.

For now, we have not seen a planning application, LPC has not made any decisions, and we are listening to the views and comments of the people of Linton.

Enid Bald, Chairman LPC Planning Committee

Priorities for the Parish Council – pushing custard uphill?

IT is four months since I wrote the original article and I have no idea where the time has gone but it has flown by.

My 93-year-old Aunt Dorothy once said that she thought someone used to steal days in the week but at her advanced age she now knew someone was stealing weeks in the year. I suspect she may have been correct.

A reminder – Residents Priorities (as we believe)

1.Improve/develop Recreation area (BMX/Skate park/bowls/loos etc)

2.Maintain general appearance of village including grass cutting, bins, flowers, railings, benches, state of the pavements and paths, bushes growing over paths etc

3.Address Traffic issues – parking, speeding etc

So, has any progress been made – Answer, yes and no.

1.Having marked out the area we have attempted to engage with specialist companies but this is proving difficult – a sort of chicken and egg situation.

They want to know what we want and how much money we have got BUT we want to know what they can do and how much it will cost. However, as luck would have it, the Town Clerk for Saffron Walden attended one of our Parish Council meetings and she has very kindly offered to take us through how Saffron Walden managed to get their skate park established. This has sadly been delayed as the Clerk damaged her ankle and

has been unable to get across to Saffron Walden, however the wheels are now back in motion to progress this project, and LPC we has discussed funding to ensure we are in a position to move forward. The overall objective is to be in a position to get a spade in the ground to start building within 12 months. Well – still eight months to go.

2.General Appearance – Grass cutting – Following some hiccups with the new contractors, this is now under control and more money has been budgeted for this for next year. LPC is now reviewing a practical and cost-effective way to manage Leadwell Meadows.

Benches – Three sites have been identified, spend of money to buy and install agreed by the Council and the benches are on order leaving just the installation. LPC would like to thank Cllrs John Bald, Enid Bald and Simon Hill for their work on this project.

3.The Speedwatch group is now active and Cllr Kate Kell is supporting this, having volunteered to be the co-ordinator.

Market Square parking – with considerable consultation, active participation of residents and development of a process to monitor the solution, we may finally be close to arriving at an acceptable solution – please see the Clerk's article in last month's Parish Council Matters.

Green Lane – LPC has discussed this with an engineer from Cambridgeshire County council who has

recommended a plan to make the junction onto the High Street safer. The office has now submitted a Traffic Regulation Order application to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and this is now in their hands to finalise a design action a public consultation, and deliver a project plan, including full costings to Linton Parish Council to enable the project to progress.

Back-burner items but the Parish Office still managed to get them moving – we have paid the deposit for material to re-instate the clapper stile; we are installing a bin in the bus shelter outside The Rookery on Cambridge Road to try and reduce litter to keep this area clean and tidy; the triennial tree survey is underway, this is a mandatory health and safety review that the parish council must action to ensure that trees within public areas are safe; the war memorial is being listed and a myriad other small but necessary task.

Against this in the background, Councillor Beatrice Ward left the Council and resigned as Tree Warden, which left a big hole. Cllr Kell has stepped into this breach.

A member of staff left the Parish Office, so recruiting a replacement has taken up valuable time. I hope in reading this you feel that things are happening.

PS – we have two new Councillors but there is still the opportunity for two more parishioners to actively participate on the Parish Council.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

The office welcomes Danielle Paintin to the team

LINTON Parish Council would like to introduce parishioners to the newest member of staff, Mrs Danielle Paintin. Danielle has joined the team as the new Administrative Assistant and Burials Officer for Linton Cemetery.

Many of you may know Danielle from her time working at HJ Paintin Ltd, the head office of the family run Funeral Directors and Monumental Masons based here in Linton. Her experience from her previous employment has put Danielle in good stead for taking on the role and she has already hit the ground running, making a great addition to the team. I am sure you will join the Council in wishing Danielle the best of luck in her new role.

Clerk



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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 15th November 2018.

Apologies for Absence Cllr Paul Poulter (PP) and Cllr Brian Cox ((BC) Dr), Cllr Angharad Hammond (AH).

Councillors' Declarations of Interest None

Councillor Vacancies There are currently two councillor vacancies available for Co-option

Chairman's Comment Cllr Carole Campbell was welcomed to her first meeting and Cllr Graham Potter was welcomed back after being off due to illness for some time.

John Richardson (JR) has sadly passed away recently. John did an exceptional job of maintaining the grounds for cricket club and generally helped maintain the recreation ground and has been an upstanding member of the Linton Community for many years. He will be sadly missed and LPC would like to send their condolences to his family.

The Remembrance Sunday events were excellent with a great turn out and brilliant contributions from the local cadets.

The Activities and Care for the Elders (Aces) held a very successful Fish and Chip lunch in the Pavilion recently, it was great to see such a turn out.

The Chair then advised that Icen Homes had contacted the PC and asked to attend the meeting to present their idea for 26 Affordable homes and they will now be invited to present to both Council and the members of the public present. Following the presentation, the council and members of the public present will be provided the opportunity to speak and ask questions and raise concerns.

Presentation from ICENI Homes re a pre-application presentation to council for an affordable housing development of 26 homes within Linton to the rear of Paynes Meadow.

Paynes Meadows is listed as an Exceptions Site, which means that although this is outside of the village envelope, as it is 100% social housing it would be allowed in principle above the point of the local plan. There would be a fixed price that can be paid for the land to build the houses. This rule allows it for social rent, part buy and in exceptional cases for commercial property. This has to be for the community and predominantly from a Linton back ground.

Two representatives from Icen Homes attended the meeting to discuss a proposal for 26 homes, 19 affordable rent and 7 shared ownership for local people with a connection to Linton, to obtain views and comments prior to progressing with the application.

They advised Topographical surveys, tree surveys and engineering works are currently being undertaken and once this data is confirmed this can progress to application stage.

The engineers are doing percolation tests to see what the risk of flooding are for this site and where attenuation would be required on this site.

As this is an exception site it is about £100,000 per acre and if it was other land it would be approx. ten times this, which is why affordable housing is not common due to cost.

When referring to affordable housing, the rented properties would be approximately 80% of market value rent and the shared ownership properties would be 25% shared ownership. The proposed break down of houses would be as below:

- 4 x one bed properties
- 16 x two bed properties
- 6 x three bed properties

The approval of the Parish Council is vital as this development will not progress without the Parish Council's support. The Parish Council noted that they could not support or object until this application was formally submitted and they had an opportunity to review all the data and information pertaining to the application.

There were 12 residents in attendance who raised strong concerns relating to the development site due to concerns of flooding and access. It was noted that many of the existing houses on Paynes Meadow have suffered flooding and the gardens are often 'boggy and marshy' where there is a high level of water under to soil from the natural springs.

It was raised that the only access to the newly proposed site would be through the Chalklands Estate, where the roads are in disrepair and have not been resurfaced in entirety since the 1950s.

The Parish Council thanked Icen Homes for their presentation and thanked the residents for their input.

LPC advised that they could not comment formally and would not support or object until the application was received. Icen advised that prior to progressing they would look to hold a public consultation for the village where they could take further questions and present in full.

Following this section of the meeting, all the residents in attendance and the representatives from Icen Homes left the meeting.

Open Forum for Public Participation This was included in the above section with the presentation from Icen Homes where residents raised questions and concerns.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th October 2018.

The minutes were agreed within the following changes:

138/18/19 "so they could not comment on this" JB proposed, SH seconded. Agreed with two abstentions. **Motion Carried.**

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report there are two people locally who hold the required qualifications on these. Cllr JB advised he would do this for a small donation for *A Book of my own*. There is also another contact within the village who could be asked to assist. Details with the Clerk.

Listing of the War Memorial update. The consideration of adding the remaining two names to the inscription and making the writing darker so this stands out more clearly as well as repairing the broken slab and cleaning this again in the future were raised as alternatives. This is still being considered and LPC is awaiting response from the public to the PC Matters article from Cllr Kell.

Road Repairs; Correspondence item 38. CCC re repair request of the road surface on Rivey Way, Rivey Close and Chalklands. For information District Cllr Henry Batchelor is to enquire with CCC as to why Dolphin Close is being resurfaced again and to request a focus on The Chalklands.

Linton Action for Youth Hut; maintenance and repairs requests. This is carried out by Linton Action for Youth.

Repair of the Recreation Ground main gate at the Meadow. Clerk to obtain quotes to repair both the small gate to the under-earths and to the main gate to the recreation ground. A Letter to be drafted to the resident on Meadow Lane regarding the overgrown hedge.

Planning Matters Consideration of the minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 18th October 2018 and the minutes of the Extra-ordinary Planning Committee meetings of the 1st November 2018. **Noted.**

Having taken advice from the District Cllrs, Henry and John Batchelor, the Planning Committee discussed and made the decision to amend the previous comment submitted re 25 Symonds Lane.

Update on the Bartlow Road Planning Application Verbal update from the Chair of Planning

There is no building yet, they are taking off the top soil for an archaeological dig. Cllr EB reviewed the site with the County Archaeologist. There is a road right across the site with a spur off the road towards Horseheath which could be linked into our cursus. There are remnants of Anglo-Saxon dwellings, bings and flints and part of the Roman Road. Residents are welcome to attend the open day on the 24th November 2018.

The drainage expert working with LPC has pointed out that a lot of the ecology has not been addressed. An initial report will be received.

S106 focuses for LPC Cllr LG proposed that £10,000 be set aside for the trim trail, Cllr AS seconded. Put to a vote with five in favour four against and one abstention. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Cllr CH proposed that £7,000 be set aside for the children play area, Cllr LG seconded. **Agreed with one abstention. Motion carried.**

Cllr JB proposed that £4,500 be set aside for the Village Hall, Cllr CH seconded. Put to a vote with eight for and two against.

Agreed. Motion carried.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business

The plan for the next Local Plan is now starting at the District Council and identifying sites for building is a key element. This is where LPC will get an option to put its views forward as to where these could go in the future.

Under the emergency plan for parishes program, parishes can apply for a free pallet of sandbags.

No recommendation will not go to SCDC Planning Committee, LPC should ensure comment stand point is revised. Clerk to send revision statement on comment relating to the planning application for 25 Symonds Lane requesting that LPC comments are to Object and refer to the SCDC Planning Committee.

Monthly Financial Matters. Cllr CH proposed, Cllr JB seconded. **Agreed.**

Update re Linton Heights Junior School pool project

Cllr JB proposed that LPC contributes £3,500 towards this project on the provision that the funds are only paid if the project is completed. Cllr AS seconded. Put to a vote with nine for and one against. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Priority Projects Review Benches update: The decision was made to order the benches and progress with the installation. Cllr JB Proposed, Cllr KK seconded. Put to a vote with nine for and one against. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Traffic Matters with focus upon Market Square and Green Lane; review of the proposed letters, system and documents the Clerk has prepared. The letters and permits and sign in principle were Proposed by Cllr JB, seconded by Cllr LG. **Agreed. Motion carried.** Clerk to present the mock design and dimensions of the sign to Council for agreement prior to ordering. Clerk to also check system and sign with the residents adjoining to Market Square.

Consideration of the installation of a bin on Cambridge Road inside the bus stop. Cllr JB proposed that this is done and that the Derby East Slimline bin is selected, Cllr EB seconded, put to a vote with nine in favour and one against. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

The Village Hall A public consultation will be held in January or February 2019.

Consideration of a WW2 Memorial. Ester Cornell was thanked for her work in finding out the names that were missing on the memorial. It was decided to ask the Historical Society if they would like to get involved.

New Councillor Listing and Working Groups listing. Cllr CH joined as a member of the Youth Representatives

Consideration of Correspondence Received

Item 19. Consideration of the request on Social Media for the painting of the phone boxes. The council noted that this is not under the LPC jurisdiction as these are still owned by BT, the resident is to be advised to contact BT.

The next meeting will be the Extra-Ordinary full Council meeting to review the precept on the 29th November 2018 followed by the ordinary full council meeting due to be held on the 13th December 2018. Noted.

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