

Annual Ride, Drive and Stride on 14th September at St Mary's Bartlow and Concert at St Botolphs Hadstock at 7.30pm on 21st September to raise money for churches. See page 3

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Scarecrow festival success



2019 Cohort of knitted scarecrows

Picture by Charlotte Ellis



Hansel and Gretel, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, not forgetting the duck race, the keen shoppers, Cambridge Rock Choir and children in Dan Penfold's Zorbs, it all happened at the festival Pictures by Pam Richardson, Ron Pitkin, Roger Lapwood and Fran Armes

THE sun shone; the temperature rose. What beautiful weather we had. So many people worked hard over many months to bring the different elements together. The stars of the weekend were the 50 plus scarecrows dotted around Linton – to the theme of Book characters. Many shops and businesses in the village kindly displayed a knitted scarecrow. We are extremely grateful to Lian Watkins and Anne Clarkson for the beautifully crafted knitted scarecrows and to Linton Parish Council for generously sponsoring printing the trails. There were 30 returned entries. The winners were Amelia Little and Rebecca Hine.

Thank you stallholders plus Dan and his Zorbs. We hope you were able to promote your organisation. We welcomed the return of the Dog Show, thanks to the Belgrave Veterinary Surgery. There was a variety of music over the weekend, much of it home grown. We also had old favourites – the Teddy Bear Jump (thanks to the Friends), the Duck race and a Grand Raffle. Two films were shown – Sing for children and Dad's Army for the adults.

Visitors had plenty of choice for refreshment – the restaurant in the Infants' School, the BBQ and Tony Kelly with The Portable Pint.

This year, there was a display by local artists and a wood turner. Plus, a pop-up Photography Studio. Another innovation was a Picnic Eucharist on the Sunday morning under the trees on Camping Close. A Festival Service concluded the weekend.

Total raised for St Mary's is £4,003. Thank you all. Note our next event is a coach trip to Yarmouth setting off at 9.30am on Saturday, 31st August. Cost £15 per person. Anne Parry-Smith 894715 (For St Mary's, Linton Events Committee)



Too good for jumble...

THERE are two telescopes on offer this month: a Simmons 100 power/50mm astronomical reflector and an M & S 25 x 60 max magnification X26Z. There is also a pine shelf unit 190cm long x 100 cm high x 34cm deep and two single beds with mattresses.

Still available are the eight large place mats and eight napkins in natural linen cut work, a boxed Tefel Steamer, a flexible 9in high desk lamp, a Philips D1575 12 band World Receiver portable radio and a Grundig Ocean Boy portable radio. The ladies Raleigh bike sold for £50 for the Beacon Trust.

If you are interested in any of the above items or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please phone Kate France 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundonsult.com.

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



Mary Poppins in the Peace Garden

Picture by Janet Conochie

Granta Medical Practices flu news

GRANTA Medical Practices are pleased to announce that they will be offering a complete flu vaccination service this year, with clinics being scheduled for October. The Department of Health has assured us that there will be no delivery problems and this year we will be using a highly effective quadrivalent influenza vaccine. The clinic dates will be announced shortly and there will be clinics run at all Granta sites.

Patients eligible for flu vaccinations include:-

- Anyone six months of age up to and including 64 years of age if they are in an *at risk* group, eg asthma, COPD, chronic heart problems, diabetes. If you are unsure if you fit into an *at risk* group don't hesitate to ask.
- All patients 65 years and above, at 31/01/20.
- All children from the ages of two to 10 years of age. Those children who are in primary school education will receive their vaccination at school.
- All pregnant women.
- Those in long stay residential care homes.
- Those who are carers.
- Those who are in close contact with immunocompromised individuals.
- Those with a learning disability.

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Sam Norris injured



Sam in happier times, last year
Picture supplied by Claire Norris

WE have recently learnt that Sam Norris, Linton's speedway star, was injured in a crash at the British Youth Championship in Glasgow on 16th June.

We have often reported on Sam's successes when racing for Mildenhall Fen Tigers but last month, whilst riding with the national youth team *The Young Lions*, Sam fell off his bike and the engine of another bike crashed into the back of his head. He suffered serious brain damage and lost the ability to walk and talk.

His family is reporting his recovery on his Facebook page, Sam Norris #7. In an early post, his family said Sam's recovery "will be a long one". It is still early days but now a video shows him starting to talk again with encouragement from his mum Claire. A later post says he is walking and has managed a few stairs.

Initially he was in hospital in Glasgow, and is currently being treated in Addenbrooke's hospital, but will soon be moving to the Children's Trust in Tadworth Surrey, which specialises in helping children with brain damage.

Supporters have set up a JustGiving fundraising campaign to help his family meet travelling and hotel costs while their son is treated. To donate, log on to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sam-norris.

We wish him well and know that he and his family will fight hard to get him back to health even though it may take time.

Fran Armes

Linton slimmers support Relay for Life

ON 6th and 7th July, the local Slimming World group members took part in the 24-hour Relay for Life and raised £2,873 for Cancer Research at Nowton Park, Bury. This is the 3rd year that Slimming World, Linton, has supported this event.

Karen Sanderson, one of the members of SW, received the Jackie Gardner Memorial Trophy for her fundraising for Cancer Research, Anthony Nolan and the outstanding fundraising done by Linton Jazz. This was the fourth year Linton Jazz had played at the event.

It was a really emotional weekend as we walked with survivors and remembered all the people who had lost their lives through cancer. Thank you, Slimming World.

Slimming World sessions are held at 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday nights at Linton



Karen and Mark with the well-deserved trophy

Picture supplied by Karen Sanderson

Heights Junior School. Without this group, I would not have lost over seven stone and I am still losing weight.

Karen Sanderson,
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Residential Deaf Schools in Rwanda

I HAVE lived in Linton for over 35 years and I was a Teacher of the Deaf and, when I retired, I went with VSO to Rwanda for nearly two years to work supporting schools for the Deaf there.

Since returning, in 2015, I have been actively involved in continuing to support these schools and visit annually, with a growing number of qualified colleagues, to plan and deliver professional development. Some Linton folk might also have met my Rwandan colleagues who visited England in the last six months, and attended the Junior school and both Churches in the village.

I will be going out again in mid-October, and would like to collect some items which we could take with us.

I attach a short advert for the type of items which we are looking for.

Wanted!

ARE you having a clear out? Do you have too many old toys and children's clothes? I am looking for:

Good quality plastic construction toys for example Lego, Duplo, K'Nex, stickle bricks etc. Anything small, lightweight and educational.

Children's clothes, especially those for boys aged between five and 16 years. These clothes will be going to Africa, so shorts, T shirts, school uniform, sports clothing.

Tools such as screwdrivers, hammers, spirit levels etc. Old is fine, but not worn out please. These are needed for the Vocational training Centre.

Last time we even took an electric sewing machine and a laptop that was surplus to requirements.

I am visiting the schools with six other colleagues in October, and we can take 14 suitcases with us.

We would like them to be filled with useful items for the staff and students. This is a picture of five of us arriving in Kigali two years ago, with 10 suitcases.



You can pack an awful lot into 14 suitcases. If you have items for me to collect or something you think might be useful, please contact me on 07852995242.

Isobel Blakely

Note: For further information about our activities in Rwanda, please visit this website <https://deafreach.org/>

St Tabitha's school play by Year Sixes

THE Year sixes of Linton Heights Junior School have performed a school play entitled *St Tabitha's*. Set in the 1950s school of St Tabitha's, it explores the old halls and corridors of this ancient building. The play involved a plethora of dramatic scenes including a ghost haunting the premises, an unexpected arrest in the dead of night and a secret door.

Each Year Six auditioned for a role in this play and the characters were chosen carefully by the two Year Six teachers, Miss Farr and Mrs Cassidy. Every student practised extremely hard and as a result, the performance was, some may say, outstanding. However, in the evening, there were numerous stand-ins including for one of the main characters. Although this happened, the persevering cast managed to pull it off successfully.

The props and sound department also deserve a mention for working with determination and resolution, despite not acting in the performance. Even though inevitable mistakes happened – as they were bound to – the performance carried on flawlessly and all concerned should be extremely proud of themselves. Everyone involved had a brilliant time and the only mistake with the casting was making Mr Puxley too tall.

Oralie Travers and Erik Russ-Czerwik

Linton Library news

WE hope to see lots of children at Linton Library over the summer, choosing books to read for the Summer Reading Challenge (it's not too late to sign up).

We also have some special children's events. At 2.30 to 3.30pm on Thursday 8th August there'll be out-of-this-world stories and crafting with a space theme; at 2.30 to 4pm on Monday 12th August get creative with loads of Lego; and don't miss our Abra-Star-Dabra magic show at 10.30 to 11.30pm on Thursday 22nd August. There's a small charge for each of these events, which should be pre-booked at the library counter or by email at [Cambridge referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Children are also welcome to drop in all day for Space Chase activities on Tuesday 27th August.

If you are travelling this summer, you can download library e-books and e-magazines onto your electronic device. We also offer audiobooks to keep you entertained on long journeys. For more information please ask at the desk or visit

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library and follow the link to online library services.

Did you know that we offer a free jigsaw exchange at Linton Library? Choose from our selection of donated puzzles, and when you've finished bring it back, or donate one of your own. We also have a jigsaw on the go inside the library, so come and puzzle with us – it's a good way to relax.

We are still seeking Storytime volunteers to share songs and stories with pre-schoolers during term time. Please ask us for details.

Anna McMahon & Lindsay Healy
Community Library Assistants
anna.mcmahon@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

chestnut A Fantastic Year

AS we look forward to a well-deserved and restful summer, we reflect on an extremely successful academic year for Chestnut Playgroup. In June, we were visited by Ofsted. Whilst this is often an anxious and busy time for any educational setting, we were excited to be able to show off the Playgroup at its best, with our amazing children at the very heart. We proudly retained our *Good* grading, with the personal development, behaviour and welfare standards rated as Outstanding.

The strong and trusting relationships that our staff members build with children and their families was seen as a particular strength. This is at the forefront of what we aim to achieve at Chestnut Playgroup. Thank you to all of our families for your excellent support and encouragement, particularly during the inspection period.

To read the full report, please visit our website www.chestnutplaygroup.btck.co.uk/ and follow the link on the Homepage.

At the time of writing, the pre-school children will be preparing for their leavers' graduation and party. It has been an absolute pleasure watching all of them grow and flourish into wonderful, motivated individuals. We will miss them all but know they are ready for the next steps in their learning journeys.

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

Chestnut Playgroup



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Fond Farewells

AS this current academic year has come to an end again, we have said goodbye to some of our children and their families, as they go on to their next big adventure.

We ended our term with :-

- a trip to the Spotted Giraffe funded by the jumble sale money that we raised in January
- a very emotional graduation with an end-of-term party
- a special visit from Calamity Clown.

It has been a lovely year working with the children and we will miss them very much. We hope you all have a fantastic summer break.

We would like to thank our parents for their support throughout the year and look forward to seeing some of you returning in September, as well as welcoming our new families into the group for yet another busy year.

From all at Linton Granta Playgroup .

Editor's note: In the Linton Granta Playgroup article in last month's issue we erroneously printed 'Our Bingo night in September.....' when it should have said 'Our Bingo night raised money for equipment for September.'

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Readers write...

Parking in Linton

Dear Editor

I read with interest the report from the Traffic Working Group in this month's Parish Matters.

I would question the results of survey that identified 20 cars using Linton High Street as a Park and Ride. On Sunday morning at 9am I posted a letter and out of interest I counted the number of parked cars between Market Lane and Meadow Lane, there were 19 and spaces for three cars. Maximum number vehicles able to park 22.

I am of the opinion that there are insufficient places for 20 drivers from outside Linton to park in the High Street and continue the journey by bus. What evidence does the survey team have to support their findings? What day and time was the survey carried out? Did they speak to the drivers? Did they actually see the drivers park their cars and board the buses?

I also notice that at long last the PC has identified safety issues from parking outside the Co-op. The Loading Bay has been in existence for seven years, unfortunately the PC has refused to obtain a Traffic Order to regularise the bay. One Councillor insisted that shoppers should be allowed to park outside the Co-op and do their shopping. This suggests that drivers are exempt from walking. Unless there are enforceable regulations for the Loading Bay any alterations are pointless. Name withheld

NHS dental charges

Dear Editor

There seems to be some confusion amongst patients and practitioners about NHS dental charges. Some points to remember are that almost all permanent treatments advised by your dentist are guaranteed for 12 months and will be replaced free of charge if they fail. If you have paid for dental treatment and within two months you require any further or other treatment including check-ups within the same or a lower charge band that treatment will be free of charge.

Fillings to front teeth can be made using white material at no extra charge. Finally, make sure that you have had all the items listed on your bill and query any you do not understand or think applies to you.

There are exemptions from charges for those on low incomes, or under 18 years in full-time education or in receipt of certain benefits. Details available on your NHS treatment plan or from your dentist. Name withheld

St Mary's Church, Bartlow

A FURTHER stage of restoration of St Mary's Church Bartlow is under way. This stage involves repairs to the buttress on the south side of the church repairing flint work and re-fixing slipped coping stones.

The work is largely funded by a share of the Bartlow Three Counties charity walk and with grants from the Allchurches Trust and the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CamHCT).

CamHCT offers grants and loans to help congregations look after their historic places of worship.

Its main source of income, apart from membership, is the annual Ride, Drive and Stride. Each September sponsored cyclists, drivers and walkers visit churches, chapels, and colleges throughout Cambridgeshire, sharing the money raised between the Trust and their local church. This year's event will be held on Saturday 14th September.

Details of the Trust's work can be found at www.camhct.uk
Stephen Bugg, 894668

A model building



Completed model of Ely Cathedral made of elm

Photo taken by Sue Smales



JAN MUNT, a former RE teacher, became education officer at Ely Cathedral in 2000. The public library beside the cathedral was bought as an education centre and the aim was to make the cathedral accessible to children, 80% of whom do not have the Christian faith.

As some schools couldn't afford a coach to come to the cathedral, a road show would be the answer. There needed to be something about the building. Taking the idea from a 3D model at St Alban's Cathedral, the Ely model was made in 26 pieces of English elm which Jan takes on her travels to numerous groups.

Each piece is labelled with a number and part of the cathedral. The pieces were passed round, so each member had a piece and as Jan called out the number they slotted a piece into place. While the model was being assembled, the shape of the cross became apparent and Jan recounted some of the history of each part of the cathedral.

Ely began in Anglo-Saxon times. Queen Ethelreda became a nun and in 673 AD started a double monastery in Ely for monks and nuns, but the Vikings destroyed this after 100 years. Ethelreda's body was kept safe until 970 AD when a second monastery was built. In 1066 the Normans invaded and Ely was the last place to capitulate owing to the resistance of Hereward.

Ely church was built in 1081. The church was built large and imposing in order to subjugate the Saxons and has been added to over the centuries. In 1321 the biggest Lady Chapel in the country was begun. When the original central tower collapsed a new one made of English oak was built which still stands today. The diocese of Ely was founded in 1109 and the cathedral cost £600 a day to keep open.

At our next meeting at 7.30pm on 6th August, Ann Allen is giving a talk on Haverhill food bank. New members and visitors will be given a warm welcome.

Sally Proberts, 891021

Concert in St Botolph's Church Hadstock

OUR favourites, Diana Hoy (Contralto) and Wendy Watts (Piano) perform a selection of well-loved songs from Schubert to Samuel Barber, and living composers Ned Rosen and Ian Higginson and many more at 7.30 pm on Saturday 21st September in St Botolph's Church, Hadstock.

Diana is a well-known local soloist, who appreciates 'variety in music' with a love of lieder, art songs, oratorio, opera, light opera and the modern idiom, including popular, jazz and blues. She has a mezzo/contralto range. Wendy has been Diana's accompanist for 25 years and teaches piano privately. She has accompanied many choirs and soloists throughout Essex and Cambridgeshire and plays the flute in the Jackdaw Trio.

Free entry with a Retiring Collection for the Friends of St Botolph's Church, to support the next phase of church repairs. Refreshments available.

Paula Griffiths, paula.greatford@btinternet.com

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LINTON DIARY

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Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.

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

WEEKLY

- New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm and 3-4pm VH
- Beacon Astro football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
- Netball, Monday evenings, 6pm 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, 2-2.30pm, term-time 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, 9.30-11am, term-time only VH
- Walking netball, Wednesdays, 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
- Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm 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

AUGUST 2019

- 1 No luncheon Club**
- 3 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
- 5 Camera club, 7pm VH
- 6 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm** VH
- 7 Reading Group, 8pm VH upstairs
- 8 ACE Garden Party, 2-5pm** 7 Symonds Lane
- 8 Space stories, 2.30-3.30pm** Library
- 11 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
- 12 Get creative with Lego, 2.30-4pm** Library
- 12 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
- 13 VIP Group, 2pm** Chalklands
- 15 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm CC
- 16 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
- 18 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
- 18 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's church
- 21 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon HC
- 22 Abra-Star-Dabra magic show, 10.30am** Library
- 27 Space Chase activities, all day** Library
- 31 St Mary's events Yarmouth coach trip, 9.30am Swan Bridge**

SEPTEMBER 2019,

- 2 Camera club, 7pm VH
- 3 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm** VH
- 4 Reading Group, 8pm VH upstairs
- 5 Luncheon club, 12 noon, Red Lion, Horseheath
- 7 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
- 8 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
- 11 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 5th and 19th August
Linton blue and green bin collections: Mondays 12th and Tuesday 27th August

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Report for Parish Councils – July 2019

A1307

THE next public involvement stages of the A1307 LLF (Local Liaison Forum) have started up again, and they are a good opportunity for members of the public to become involved in the process. Please do engage in the process as the changes to the road will be here to stay. https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge_south_east/cambridge-south-east-llf/

CEO

The District Council have been without a permanent Chief Executive for the last few months and we are pleased to announce that Liz Watts has been offered, and accepted, the role. She has over 20 years' experience in public and not-for-profit sectors. One of her targets is to increase officer responsiveness, which is fully welcomed by all, I'm sure.

Police Stations

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been inviting local people to come and hear his plans for a new police station to serve the south of Cambridgeshire located on the outskirts of Milton which provides the best place to meet operational demand. The Sawston station will continue to serve the Linton area.

Camsight VIPs

OUR summer lunch was held on Tuesday 9th July, our final meeting of the current year, as we have a break in August and start again in September.

Along with wine or fruit juice, members enjoyed a ham salad with new potatoes, and fresh fruit and cream meringues, with coffee and chocolate mints to follow. As usual we ended with our raffle.

The lunch was prepared by the volunteers, and our members, who always enjoy meeting friends and having a chat, were keen to express their enjoyment and appreciation.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 10th September in the Chalklands Centre, when a talk will be given on the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

We always welcome new members and transport to our meetings can be provided. If you would like any further information, please contact us on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595.

Chalklands Community Gardens

CHALKLANDS Community Garden was an idea I came up with last year and I started the ball rolling by recruiting my husband, Mark, and our neighbour, Yvonne, to help.

We started small and it is a work in progress. We were given a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council of £400 to buy the new bench. We have done the rest ourselves and with some kind donations of pots, slate and slabs. Everyone is welcome to come and sit, rest and have a chat. We are happy to make you a cuppa, but it's a place that's peaceful and beautiful now and it's open to all. It's outside number 15 Chalklands.

We are always looking for donations of plants, bulbs, pots, slabs etc. or help in maintaining the garden. We are applying for grants as I have loads more ideas to eventually have the whole space outside our bungalows sorted. We're getting there slowly.

The large lime tree in the top of the area has discs hanging. This is a memory tree, so if you have a loved one you have lost and would like to add their name to a disc, please let me know at no 15 and I will add the name to our memory tree.

Karen Sanderson, 07748 917513
lintonjazz64@gmail.com

Rail Services

The message from GTR is not to travel on trains between July 13-14 and August Bank Holiday weekend. The tracks between Cambridge and King's Cross need untangling so they envisage lots of bus replacement services.

Planning

1) The planning department at the District Council is currently running at a high vacancy rate. There is a national shortage of planners. Much is being done to recruit more, but it has meant that some applications have failed to meet target deadlines and that planning officers haven't been able to come out to site as often as they would like.

2) **Bartlow Road, Linton - a couple of months back South Cams Planning Committee refused the detailed application for 55 Houses.**

The developers have now come back with a new application, also for 55 houses. This is an 'outline' application, so it is only about the principle of development and access, not the detail. So, we are starting from the beginning again.

If you have a view it is important that you register it again, previous comments will not count. This is a real opportunity to get the principle of having any development on this site refused so do please respond. You can see the application on the South Cams District Council website under reference S/2073/19/OL.

Green Initiatives

SCDC and the City Council are investigating the cost of switching its fleet of bin lorries to electric powered version. The current fleet of 50 bin lorries and 18 street sweepers cost around £46,000 each month to refuel. The cost of changing to electric powered vehicles is high and the two councils are looking into how best this might be achieved.

SCDC are also putting moves in place to go paperless, which should be actioned later this year.

SCDC has also pledged to raise 25% of its income from investments by the end of 2022.

Counsellors John and Henry Batchelor

2523 Linton ATC

OUR flying calendar has never been so busy. Another four air experience flights saw cadets taking the controls of the Grob Tutor aircraft in the skies over Cambridgeshire. We have another three allocations to look forward to in the coming weeks.

With a successful July Duxford Airshow and camp completed, we look forward to the third and final show of the year in September. Cadet Pevey was unable to join us at the show as she was busy completing her Institute of Leadership and Management Level 2 award. Congratulations.

The progressive training syllabus is being rounded off with badges soon to be awarded in communications, cyber and leadership. Cadet planning for our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessment expedition to the North Downs is well underway and we look forward to completing this award soon too.

It will be a busy August full of paddle sports and our squadron visit to air traffic control, NATS, in Swanwick where we will visit the RAF distress and diversion centre.

By the time you read this we will have had our Civilian Committee AGM and also our open evening for new cadets. If you were unable to attend our open evening but would like to join Linton Squadron, or know someone that would, it isn't too late to get involved in our summer induction programme. Please email me for details; you just need to be a minimum of 12 years old and be going into year eight or nine.

Cl Bradley Wright, Training Officer,
07943 873272, training.2523@aircadets.org

WEA A Brief History of English Gardens

NEXT September the WEA group based in Great Bradley, Suffolk, will begin a series of talks about English Gardens, led by Andrew Sankey, a well-known local speaker. This course will explore the design and plants as the garden in Britain developed from the Roman villa garden through to the modern garden of today. The course aims to cover the following periods: medieval, Tudor, Dutch, English Landscape, Victorian, Dig for Victory and the modern outdoor garden. Along the way the students will assess design, period plants and famous garden designers. All are welcome to join the 10-week course which begins on Wednesday, 18th September, 10.15-12noon in the Great Bradley Village Hall, CB8 9LH. The cost of £59 includes refreshments.

The WEA system of joining a group has changed and now they want people to sign in early, so that they can be sure enough people have signed in to make a course viable. You can either enrol on line, paying in advance, or by phone and pay the branch treasurer when the course begins. The details are:

Autumn Term, Course ID C2226804, Title A Brief History of English Gardens, Tutor Andrew Sankey, Start date 18th September 2019.

WEA Support Team free-phone number for phone enrolment: - 0300 303 3464. Website for online enrolment - wea.org.uk

If you have any problems regarding enrolment please contact Peter Smith 01440 783278 or Gill Parry Brown 01223 893012.

We look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall on September 18th for a 10.15 am start. We will have the kettle on for break time and our usual range of scrummy biscuits. Have a good summer.

Gill Parry Brown

Editor's note: Not sure what is happening with WEA in Linton

Dangerous Dads' 10th anniversary charity ride

SATURDAY 15th June saw the Linton Dangerous Dads compete their 10th anniversary charity off-road bike ride.

Starting back in 2009 as a fairly impromptu idea to get a bit fit and raise money for the Chestnuts and Granta playgroups, the group has grown over the years and we've made many wonderful new friendships. We've raised funds for local charities such as both playgroups, the Heights library refurbishment, and the Under-eights' playground; this year saw our sponsorship go towards the Heights swimming pool project.

And our ten-year total? Over £20,000. Not bad for a bunch of fading MAMILs (Middle-aged men in Lycra).

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported us over this time. We are so lucky to live in such a village that allows us to indulge in our annual foolhardiness. Here's to the next 10 years.

Ian Webb, 07891 129899, ian.webb72@gmail.com



Dangerous Dads in the fields

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Anita Daws

Paddington goes birdwatching

IN early May Paddington Bear had been leafing through the Browns' book case and pulled out a dog-eared copy of Collins Guide to British Birds. As they were all due to go on holiday to East Anglia, he thought he'd better do his homework and BE PREPARED.

The Brown children did not take the slightest interest in things ornithological, but the housekeeper Mrs Bird, unsurprisingly, was the fount of all knowledge. She kitted Paddington up with some binoculars, shortened the strap, and adjusted it so that both his small eyes looked through one lens and off he went. He practised in Regent's Park where the ducks were rather easier to identify than the 'little brown jobs' in the trees.

In reading the bird book again, Paddington happened upon a section on wagtails. Aha! If he saw a bird wagging its tail, Paddington thought he would be able to identify it. The first one listed was called 'pied', which turned out to mean black and white, in bird-speak. The book said there were around 300,000 pairs in the UK, both urban and rural, so maybe, just maybe...

The first stop on the Browns' itinerary was a beautiful B&B in Linton. The rest of the family chose to go punting in Cambridge, but Paddington, remembering his terrifying sea journey over from Peru, decided to stay in Linton with his binoculars and his street map. He walked around the streets, talked to everyone who came anywhere near him, and explained what he was trying to find.

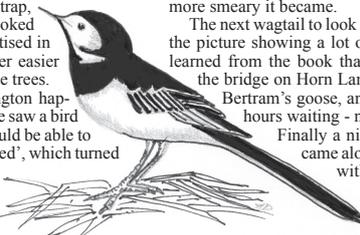
After two exhausting hours, he sat in the window of the Linton Kitchen, eating a huge piece of cake, there being no marmalade sandwiches on offer. Suddenly, swooping up and

down in front of a car going up the High Street, unmistakably, was a pied wagtail. It landed on the pavement, bobbed its tail up and down, all black and white as in the picture, so Paddington opened his notebook and made a large and very excited wobbly tick in the relevant box. Off flew the wagtail, bounding up and down, and Paddington returned to his cake. Sadly some of the crumbs had fallen on to the binocular lens, and when Paddington tried to clean it with his paw, you can only imagine how much more smearable it became.

The next wagtail to look for was called a grey wagtail, despite the picture showing a lot of yellow on its tummy. Paddington learned from the book that it liked water, so was directed to the bridge on Horn Lane. He watched all the ducks and Dr Bertram's goose, and some children feeding them. Two hours waiting - no wagtail, and one despondent bear.

Finally a nice lady called Judy from Mill Lane came along and suggested that he might come with her to the Mill, where the water spilled over at quite a rate, and quite often a grey wagtail was to be seen. Paddington took her hand and off they went. They crept up to the bridge over the river, and waited. Within just a few minutes there was not just one but a family of grey wagtails. The parents were feeding the babies, also bobbing up and down, squawking and demanding more. Paddington was ecstatic, and found it very hard to keep quiet and still. He didn't even need his smearable binoculars to see them. He went back to the Browns' that afternoon with a spring in his step, even though he had eaten far too much cake for a small bear.

But will Paddington be able to find the more elusive yellow wagtail? [Watch this space!]



Linton Friends of the River Granta

WE are so lucky to have the river Granta running through our wonderful village. It represents a very rare habitat - a chalk stream, one of only 200 or so in the world, with most located in Southern England. A wealth of wildlife can be found along the river corridor, from the pocket park at Leadwell Meadows to Little Linton. Have you been lucky enough to spot a kingfisher, little egret, crayfish, brown trout or elver? Perhaps you just enjoy feeding the ducks.

Like many others in the village, my family enjoys the river. However, it saddens us to see it polluted by rubbish and dumped garden waste, which is unsightly and creates hazards to wildlife. We regularly pick up litter to try and help but think that a more organised effort could lead to better custodianship of the river.

And so, with the support of Cllr Enid Bald, Linton Parish Council and RiverCare (a partnership between Anglian Water and Keep Britain Tidy) I am setting up the Linton Friends of the River Granta, a volunteer group to care for our stretch of the river. RiverCare can support activities including litter picking, wildlife surveys, practical maintenance and monitoring of invasive species. Great Abington has an established RiverCare group and we hope to liaise closely with them to share resources and knowledge.

I have no previous expertise in supporting wildlife habitats, other than in our own garden, but am keen to learn and hope others will be too. So, whether you are an expert in ecology, an enthusiastic fan of our local wildlife or simply want to help keep the river beautiful, do please consider becoming a Friend.

For more details, contact me via helen.brookes44@gmail.com or call 07812 988917.

Helen Brookes

ACE September trip to Sheringham

AFTER several yellow weather warnings for heavy rain in the run up to our outing, it was with some relief that we gathered in the sunshine to set off for Woodbridge, where we spent a couple of hours. We then came back to Waldringfield and boarded the Jahan for a trip along the river Deben. It was an interesting trip and the people at the boatyard were extremely helpful and kind.

The next ACE event is the Garden Party from 2-5pm on the 8th August at 7 Symonds Lane and there we will be taking names and fares for the next outing which is Sheringham on the 26th September.

Jan Sheppard, 892420

Hildersham jam stall charity fundraising

WE donate to EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices) twice a year: in the summer and at Christmas. This year's summer donation of £320 was a magnificent £100 more than that of July 2018. Thank you so much to everyone who supports the charity by buying from the stall, donating produce, jars and fabric and making lid covers. As always, we welcome donations of homemade preserves and would be pleased to receive produce from your gardens or allotments. With the summer fruit season in full swing, we could be looking forward to lots of lovely jam in the autumn.

For further information or to offer help, please contact me on 893596 or edheale@btinternet.com

Jill Heale

POT POURRI 172

How Tall?

A TREE is 25 metres tall and casts a shadow of 37.5 metres. A person also casts a shadow of 2.85 metres. How tall is the person?

Pot Pourri 171 - Think of a Number.

The same number the students figured on was 6.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Where artists meet

FEELING creative? Want some companionship? Then come to our Art Factory held in the United Reform Church, Horn Lane every Tuesday from 1-3pm between 3rd September and 26th November. Bring your own materials (sorry no oils). Encouragement is offered but no instruction. There is no cost apart from 50p for coffee and biscuits. Contact me on 894160 or Liz on 890358.



Incomplete image by Jane Adcock

Encouragement is offered but no instruction. There is no cost apart from 50p for coffee and biscuits. Contact me on 894160 or Liz on 890358. Jane Whitmore

What's on at Wandlebury

Painting and Drawing En Plein Air with treescape artist Debbie Baxter

From 9am-2pm on Saturdays 3rd, 10th, 17th August. There is a charge. To book email debbiebaxterart@yahoo.co.uk

Walk with a Warden at Wandlebury

From 2.30-4pm on Saturday 3rd August. Suitable for those aged over eight. A gentle free guided walk with one of our wardens. Meet at the noticeboard in the car park.

Holiday Bushcraft for children aged five to 12 years

From 8.30am-4pm on 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st August and 3rd and 4th September. Run by qualified teachers from Wild Thyme & Embers. There is a charge and booking is essential from wildthymeandembers.co.uk

Go Bats at Wandlebury

From 8.30-10pm on Friday 9th August for those over nine years of age. A free guided walk at dusk to look for bats, use a bat detector and learn more about these fascinating creatures. Bring a torch and remember it gets cooler after dark. Meet at the noticeboard in the Wandlebury car park.

Teddy Bear Adventures with Vital Spark Theatre

From 1-2pm or 2.30-3.30pm on Thursday 15th August for accompanied children aged one to two. Bring your own teddy for an accompanied family workshop, packed full of teddy adventures in the Stable Rooms. There is a charge. Booking essential, email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org.

Story Hunters creative workshop with Vital Spark

From 10am-4pm on Friday 16th August for unaccompanied children aged five to 12. There is a charge and booking is essential, email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org.

Wild Bedtime Stories with Vital Spark

In the Stable Rooms from 5-6.30pm on Friday 16th August. Children must be accompanied. Dress for the weather but you can wear your pyjamas, dressing gowns, onesies (and probably wellies); bring your favourite teddy. There is a charge and booking is essential from : katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Iron Age Walk round circular iron age remains

From 10.30am - 12 noon on Wednesday 28th August and suitable for the whole family. Meet at the noticeboard next to the car park.

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Lena Payne, Wandlebury volunteers

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The Marsh mail

LEARNING to become more responsible and independent is a key part of adolescence. We welcomed our new cohort of 180 Year 6 students to Linton Village College at the start of July for their induction programme. It was great to see how much confidence they developed over the two days with us. Initial anxieties about navigating a larger school, managing new catering arrangements and acclimatising to different learning environments and lessons were soon allayed.

In my introductory assembly to parents/carers I spoke about how similar the emotions of fear and excitement are. The adrenaline rush that comes from experiencing a thrilling challenge can be very close to the daunting sensation of being out of your comfort zone.

Our older students also have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and engage in new adventures. A group of our outgoing Year 11 students have ventured on a trip of a lifetime through a Camps International expedition to Kenya. Their month in Africa will involve community volunteering and immersing themselves in the local culture and landscape. Meanwhile other LVC students have performed on the Symphonic Wind Orchestra tour in Lake Garda, Italy, and many have benefited from an enriching Geography excursion to Snowdon.

The risk assessments that I read and sign off for various extracurricular opportunities highlight the dangers inherent in adventurous activities. However, managing risk in a safe and controlled manner is an integral part of growing up. The many enrichment events that we offer at LVC provide students with the ability to learn how to do this with the support of responsible adults.

Our recent PSHE* day at Linton Village College focused on many aspects of healthy lifestyles including topics such as developing relationships, managing conflict, careers planning and team building. Students were fortunate to benefit from the expertise of external speakers, including local specialist charitable organisations and the community Police. Sergeant Priestley also led a drugs education information evening for parents/carers which was well attended, providing an overview of the County Lines phenomenon and equipping attendees with an understanding of the risks associated with this drug distribution model and how to report information to www.cambps.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal
* Personal, Social and Health Education

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/2027/19/LB, Mr Julian Flowers, 5 **The Grip**, Replace existing window frame, double glaze bedroom windows and draft proof back and french doors. (Listed Building Consent).
- S/2029/19/DC, Mr Biggs, 114A **High Street**, Discharge of condition 3 (windows & doors scale drawing) & 4 (materials) of planning permission S/1810/17/LB
- S/2073/19/OL, Abbey Developments Ltd, **Land to the North and South and immediat, Bartlow Road**, Outline planning permission for up to 55 dwellings with landscape buffer and new vehicular accesses from Bartlow Road with some matters reserved except for access.
- S/2240/19/LD, Mr & Mrs Croot, 3 **Hollybush Way**, Certificate of Lawful development for proposed flat roof dormer loft conversion.
- S/2222/19/FL, Mrs Millard, 26 **Cambridge Road**, Proposed new dwelling, associated parking and improved access.
- S/2373/19/FL, Mrs Gillian Brody, 6 **Bawtree Crescent**, Two storey front extension.
- S/2262/19/FL, Mr & Mrs Holroyd, 53 **Balsham Road**, Rear Loft conversion with flat roof dormer and front entrance porch.
- S/2273/19/TC, Stansall, 99 and 101 **High Street**, Acer - crown reduce height by 2.5m, crown reduce spread by 1.5-2m, shape and balance Row of Box in adjacent garden - trim overhanging branches back to boundary line.
- S/4256/18/DC, Dr & Mrs Thompson & Leonard, 135 **High Street**, Discharge of condition 7 (materials) pursuant to listed building consent S/3853/17/LB - Erection of two storey rear extension with associated internal works.

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Wartime in Linton

by Chris Fairey



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BEFORE the by-pass, Linton was a through route for military vehicles. During the War (World War II), convoys of armoured cars, American tanks with metal tracks, and ambulances, all with left hand drive, came through the High Street day and night.

This caused much vibration and noise and led to the collapse of several High Street cellars. Sometimes the drivers would spin the tanks on their tracks. Long trailers (nicknamed Queen Mary trailers) carrying damaged aircraft would get stuck in the narrow parts of the High Street, often outside Colville's shop.

We lived in the High Street and could lean out of our bedroom window and touch the wings of the planes.

As children we were all terrified of imminent German invasion and lived in a world of fear. We were told that the University Colleges would become Hitler's headquarters.

We had to practice using our gas masks. Mr Sneezum of the baker's used to fit them.

We learnt to recognise the sounds of the engines of the different planes - Superfortress, Spitfire and German bomber.

All the residents knew the different sounds of the sirens that came as a warning of an air raid, or fire and then the sound of the *all clear* siren. We had air raid shelters in our gardens. There were often searchlights. Farmers joined the Royal Observer Corps and would watch for and identify planes flying over the land.

The returning bombers always circled between Bartlow and Barham Hall. Many were on fire and smoking violently, and I would listen and wait for the explosion as they went over the horizon, followed by lots of smoke. The pilots were trying to land at the airfield at Hadstock and would jettison the fuel and fuel tanks, so they would not explode on landing.

There was a dummy aerodrome between Heath Farm and the Roman Road. People from a film studio constructed cardboard planes, so that enemy aircraft would drop bombs on these rather than the

real airfield at Hadstock, and there were lights on the Roman Road to deflect bombs. The Rivey Tower was partly camouflaged and was used as a marker by aircraft returning to Duxford Airfield.

There were extremely strict orders on camouflage and blackout at night, to the extent that local police checked the houses to make sure all the blinds were closed to eliminate any light. It was an offence not to have blackout blinds closed.

The school buses were all grey with just one light low down on the front, to avoid at-

tracting attention from enemy aircraft.

When we got off the bus we walked about a mile to school, where the main hall was hung with large coloured photos of German bombs and a sign *Danger Do not Touch*, so that if we found one in the local fields we could identify it and keep our distance.

Linton boxing club was very popular with the younger men. Len Colville and Gerald Fairey founded the club, which met in the recreation room at the Swan pub. The bowls club on the recreation ground run by Mr Sneezum was also started at this time.

The village farrier, Claud Norden, worked in a large shed at the back of The Bell in the High Street, the heavy working farm horses were walked there to be re-shod.

The only doctor in the village was Dr Brown; he had a

bicycle for his daily Linton visits, and had a very old car, which he used to get to patients outside the village.

Italian and German prisoners of war were housed in Balsham, and transported to Linton Farms to work as labourers. After air raids the farmers and labourers would walk in lines through the cornfields to locate jettisoned unexploded bombs. This occasionally caused fatalities.

Rationing of food and petrol was very strictly obeyed, and continued for several years after the war. Many farms had rabbit shoots, which supplemented the rations.

The men working at Barham Hall Farm would haul sugar beet to Bartlow Station. Most of the workers had bikes to cycle to work.

In 1944 I remember there was great excitement as the banana boats from the Caribbean arrived. Many of us children had never eaten bananas, so this was a real treat. We also tasted our first ice cream, as during the war all milk was rationed, and not used for making ice cream.

VE Day in Linton was greeted with great relief and celebrations. The schools were given two days special holiday to celebrate the victory. Villagers got together to organise Victory parades and the eight pubs in Linton at the time opened all night.



Chris Fairey with a gas mask as used in WWII

Photo taken by Oriol O'Loughlin

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Info & Changes.....

WELCOME to the new layout of Parish Council Matters! Going forward, there will be two new sections in every edition. *What's happening in Linton*, which should give a brief update of any key issues and also *Planning in Linton*. Minutes from all PC meetings and full reports are all available on the website: www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk/home. The full Linton Housing Needs Survey is also available on the Parish Council website for review.

If you send comments to South Cambridgeshire District Council regarding planning applications, it is helpful to copy in LPC. Hardcopies of all planning applications are available to review at the Linton Parish Council Office.

What's happening in Linton?

ROAD Improvements and Repairs!

Green Lane - LPC, in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Highways, have been reviewing the junction of the High Street and Green Lane, to the side of the Co-op.

It has been recommended to move the loading bay back by five metres to allow for clearer visibility at the junction. The Public Consultation has now closed and both CCC and LPC are reviewing comments submitted by the residents and shall decide if this project should progress.

Road surface repairs - LPC have been working closely with the Highways Officer from CCC to ensure that some of the roads within Linton are resurfaced and repaired. As a result, CCC have agreed to carry out repairs to Rivey Way and Rivey Close, Horn Lane, Church Lane, Chalklands and Back Road, as you leave the village towards Hildersham.

CCC have also recently resurfaced a section of footpath at the top of Coles Lane and outside of the Co-op on the High Street. CCC are also looking into footpath and kerb repairs down Horn Lane to improve access and safety.

CCC will also be carrying out footpath repairs on Balsham Road and Hadstock Road in September. Whilst these works are not for complete resurfacing, due to budgetary restrictions, it is great to see that these roads will be improved within the village.

If there are any roads you feel should be addressed as a priority, please contact the Parish Council Office.

Clerk

July's Reports Roundup

MEETING with RiverCare and river update

Present: Helen Brookes (resident) Lindsey Stafford and Richard for RiverCare, Enid Bald for LPC.

The Granta is in poor condition following years of stress and neglect. An assessment of condition is needed, with advice and suggestions to make it cleaner, safer and healthier. This would lead to more use and enjoyment of this village asset. Ecology Consultant to undertake an advisory visit.

Initiated by resident Helen Brookes, an initial meeting was held to create a group to conserve, preserve and improve our river for leisure and recreation. Linking to RiverCare (supported by Anglian Water) this could result in projects and long-term care through volunteers in a "friends" group.

Cathodeon Centre and Highways issues

Present: Andrew Gore, Sue Mudge for Cathodeon Trust, Nicola Burdon for CCC Highways, Cllrs Kate Kell and Enid Bald, Parish Clerk.

Siting of sign board decided. Hedge, tree and landscape work confirmed. Road and parking lines to be added to LHI submission. The large beech trees near the bus stop confirmed as being CCC responsibility as they are on the highways verge.

Later, the problems of installing seats and benches near highways was clarified. This has been a lengthy process due to complexity of rules on safety, limitations on sites and training of contractors. We hope these can now be progressed.

Disability Access and Safety project - restarted

Present: Cllrs Kell, Enid Bald, with residents

This project has been in progress for ten years and updated as tasks were completed. Now re-started, the outstanding work will be addressed and new needs identified.

Local Highways Initiative - review of needs

Present: Cllrs Manassi, Kell and Enid Bald.

LPC regularly benefits from highways projects part-funded by CCC (dropped kerbs, speed and safety projects, etc) This year we are looking at signage, road markings and parking.

Chalklands Residents Association -

Present: Residents and Cllr Enid Bald for LPC

Presentation by SDC Housing Officer, Housing Needs Survey, allocation of housing, etc. Update on Paynes Meadow planning application.

Cllr Enid Bald

Linton Cadets

A SURPRISING sight at the recent service for Private Fincham was an immaculate Lieutenant John Kell, Commanding Officer of our Army Cadet Force, standing to attention for inspection by Sergeant Steve Rudderham, before taking his place at the head of the Detachment and giving the smartest, sharpest salute I've ever seen as the ceremony began.

A sergeant inspecting an officer? "Part of his job," explained a proud Kate Kell, who also pointed out that cadet training was based on teamwork, and that even shouting at a cadet could land an instructor in serious trouble. Times had changed since the sixties, when I spent two years as a Navy cadet, marching up and down and never seeing a rowing boat, let alone a ship.

The Air Training Corps awards evening at the Village College earlier in the year was in the same spirit. Yes, they marched, but with a sense of pride and purpose, based on their understanding that they were achieving something important. Cadet Warrant Officer Jenny Godfrey and Flight Sergeant Lucy Sutton, had real authority and confidence, and communicated this to the other cadets with clarity and good humour.

Plt Sgt Sutton's account of the training camp was so well thought-out that she was able to make a joke of a computer glitch - "I can see this, you can't" - and the younger cadets got through their nerves to present their work clearly and succinctly to an adult audience. Everyone was involved, and half of the squadron had flown during the past year.

Plt Lt Gavin Tennyson struck a balance of humour and purpose, keeping things moving with a light touch, and hitting the right note of formality by putting on his hat and saluting smartly, with a smile, while presenting awards. These included nine Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards, BTEch awards for airmanship, and an excellent award for methods of instruction.

Both events left me feeling that we had seen something very special, and that cadet forces had left behind their somewhat authoritarian past, to become a genuine source of learning and opportunity for our young people.

Cllr John Bald

All change at the village hall

HAVING served our village for many years, the former trustees of the Village Hall were anxious to retire and recruit a new team of people to take up the duties and responsibilities of keeping the hall open and available to the community.

It had already been discussed as to whether the Parish Council should take over running the hall but this was really not the best option for the village. Each of the user groups, including the council, is able to elect one of their members to act as trustee, and I was chosen by the council to be their appointee.

I'm not alone though as the whole board is newly appointed and three other councillors/staff members are also newly appointed fellow trustees.

Along with those who prefer to act as volunteers our function is to ensure the hall is maintained and kept in good condition so that it can be available for many years to come.

Fortunately, the new team of trustees includes those familiar with electrical, mechanical and audio systems, accountancy, publishing and even applying for grants and subsidies.

We all hope to bring some of this knowledge and experience we've gained to ensuring the hall is run well and updated where needed so it becomes and stays the "go to" venue for those needing a high quality space in which to work or play.

There is always plenty to be done though as the building needs regular checking and preparation for those using its facilities so if anybody would like to become a regular volunteer we would love to hear from you.

Cllr Lee Gardner

Planning In Linton

DEALING with planning applications is the biggest demand on councillors' time. Many relate to extensions, follow-up and amendments to applications that have already been approved. There are also lawful developments, such as loft conversions, sent for information only, though we do check that they meet this description.

There is also a steady stream of larger or contentious applications that require detailed comment and deep consideration. We comment on applications outside of the village that might affect us (particularly traffic issues and amenity), such as the expansion of Haverhill and Saffron Walden. Oh yes...there are tree works, too! **recent applications:**

Land behind Paynes Meadow - 26 new houses. Although we recognise the need for suitable and affordable housing, LPC objects to this application, particularly due to the effect on the valued and wider landscape, as the layout and design does not respect, retain or enhance the local character and distinctiveness of the local landscape and area. Parking, surface water drainage and other issues are also concerns. Recent amendments have not made this proposal more acceptable.

24 Back Road - extension and new infill house. LPC objected

due to overlooking and loss of privacy of neighbours, closeness of buildings, potential overdevelopment, concerns over surface water flooding, and other matters.

Bakers Lane - annexe to infill house, originally described as a shed. LPC had objections regarding windows overlooking neighbours, parking provision, access, stated change of use, site safety.

Symond's House - Refurbishment and conversion of existing disused buildings to 6 flats. Renovation and suitable re-use would be welcome, but concerns with proposed access to car park, courtyard design, etc. LPC would like to see reversion to original window design.

17 Green Lane - retrospective application for replacement fence and porch, both of which raised concerns in the Planning Committee.

Bartlow Road - We have just received a new application, which we have not yet considered. This is a new Outline Application, rather than yet more amendments to the Reserved Matters application. It is effectively a renewal of the outline permission of 2017, as the original approval would expire in September. So..... here we go again!

Cllr Enid Bald, Chairman of Planning

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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Full Council meeting of the 20th June 2019.

Apologies for Absence; Cllr Amy Smith, Cllr Paul Poulter, Cllr Chris Hine, Cllr Brian Cox (Dr)

Councillors' Declarations of Interest; None

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

Chairman's Comment; Lt. John Kell was thanked for his assistance in the organisation of the commemorative event for Private J Fincham. Revd. Maggie Guite was also thanked for a lovely service.

There have been three main priorities set for this financial year, although this does not mean that the other projects in the background have been forgotten – these will still be addressed. A key point here being allotments; LPC are still looking to progress this, however, it is not the correct time to continue this now whilst there are large planning applications.

Open Forum for Public Participation; A resident present at the meeting spoke on the traffic calming measures at The Grip. They raised that following the works there needs to be progressive measures of this. i.e. a comparison measure three months after to allow us to review its success.

Speedwatch needs to be carried out more regularly to ensure this has the necessary impact. The parishioner also raised the "Speedwatch in operation" sign to ensure that this reaches people coming into the village.

There are concerns from the residents that speeding will be a continued issue at The Grip, so it was requested this was monitored. Cllr Kell advised that this equipment is shared and is currently with the other villages, although LPC are hoping to receive the equipment back shortly. The purchase of the equipment was raised but this is at a cost of approx. £3000

The purchase of the sign will also be brought back to council for the next meeting for re-consideration.

The progress of the Market Square parking restrictions was raised by a parishioner. The council advised that the sign had been ordered and the permits and applications are arranged, but that the application for the street works licence to install the sign is currently with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

The resident in attendance also requested the council review noise pollution that arises as a point of anti-social behaviour in the form of cars racing down the High Street, Bartlow Road and back; round to the A1307 which often happens late at night. This is not only dangerous but impacting residents in the High Street due to the noise produced by modified cars.

The Parish Council advised that this could be reported to the Police Commissioner and that CCC can offer support for these types of studies.

Following this discussion, the three residents in attendance left the meeting.

To Approve minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 16th May 2019 and the extra-ordinary full council minutes of the meeting of the 30th May 2019; The minutes of the meeting of the 16th May 2019 were reviewed and agreed with the following changes: 'LPC' to be adjusted to 'SCDC' when mentioning the pressure for houses, 'Landscaping' to be adjusted to 'landscape' (regarding the Bartlow Road planning application), 'No changes' to 'minor changes' (regarding the Bartlow Road planning application).

Cllr E Bald proposed the minutes with the above changes, Cllr L Gardner seconded, put to a vote and agreed with two abstentions. **Agreed.**

The minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting of the 30th May 2019 were proposed by Cllr J Bald and seconded by Cllr S Hill. Put to a vote and agreed with one abstention. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report
Linton's Big Litter Pick Update; This was very successful, and many residents turned up to support this. The feedback in general has been that the parishioners would like to see more events such as this and ideally for the next to be arranged on a weekend. Thanks were given to all involved and that turned out to help.

Renting of the bowls green; The Clerk updated the council that

Leaps and Bounds School for Hounds contacted the office and no longer wish to rent the bowls green for classes.

Update on the Skate Ramp; The closing date for the applications for interest has now closed and there are currently five companies interested. These are now being vetted by the Quantity Surveyor who is checking the relevant qualifications, insurance etc are held and reviewing portfolios of work.

The successful companies shall then be asked to send in their designs. These will be taken to a public meeting for review and feedback.

Update on the Commemorative Event for Private J Fincham; This event was well attended both by members of the services, including banner bearers and members of Private J Fincham's regiment as well as members of the public.

Thanks were given to Tom Mason for his participation in the event as the bugler.

Consideration of the Clerk's proposal to hold no Full Council or Committee meetings in the month of August for 2019. Cllr K Kell proposed, Cllr L Gardner seconded, put to a vote. **Agreed.**

Planning Matters;

Consideration of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 16th May 2019 and the Extra-Ordinary Planning Committee meeting of the 3rd June 2019. **Noted.**

Update on the Chalklands Residents meeting on Monday 10th June 2019. Verbal update from Cllr Enid Bald. The issue of the SCDC owned fences were raised which are in poor condition.

The trees and ownership of Rivey Way verges were discussed and the Housing Officer present at the meeting advised that he will look into this.

Presentation from Mr. Mark Deas, Planning and Economic Development officer from Cambs ACRE; presenting the findings from the recent Linton Housing Needs Survey; Mark clarified that this survey is completely independent of the current planning application for Paynes Meadow. Linton has approx. 4,500 parishioners on the electoral register and approximately 2,000 houses. Of these, 75% are owner occupied however there is a high proportion of social housing, with the social housing mix contributing to approximately 16% of properties. Linton has a shortfall in private renting compared to the average within the County. The majority of social housing is from the District Council which has a high percentage of bungalows and sheltered housing.

Mark advised that to purchase a two bed property in Linton, a household income of £60,000 per annum would be required based on a value of £250,000. This is poignant as based on the national living wage, the average household income is approximately £30,000 per annum.

Every address within Linton should have received the survey but there was a low response rate of 17%. Of the 17% of houses that responded, 76% supported the idea of affordable housing within Linton and 21% didn't state an opinion.

One theme that was raised across all responses was the need for ensuring that the houses would be prioritised for people within the current community who had a local connection.

Of the 336 responses, 61 households (18%) identified that their current housing is not suitable for their need. The conclusion from review is that only 18 candidates from this would be appropriate candidates for affordable housing.

With regards to the District Housing Register – there are currently 66 households on the register, of which 31 actually live in the parish. If you take out double counting and add together the findings from the study that are eligible, there are 81 new households required.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business; The Combined Authority Transport Study has now been released on the website. This is running until September should anyone wish to review this.

Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership are opening a cycling survey, this is on the Greater City Partnership website and will be running for a couple of months.

The District and County Councillor advised that he had spoken with the Planning Officer from South Cambridgeshire Dis-

trict Council (SCDC) who has confirmed that they are still some months away from a decision pertaining to the Paynes Meadow planning application. This is in part due to some strong objections from statutory consultees.

There was an update provided on the A1307 forum meeting where it was noted that the right turn onto the A1307 from the High Street will not be banned, as per the original proposal.

Monthly Financial Matters;

Consideration of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 16th April 2019 and the extra-ordinary Finance Committee meeting of the 30th May 2019. Noted.

Consideration of the Internal Audit report for the financial year 2018/2019; The Clerk was thanked for her work throughout the year which led to a very positive internal audit. **Noted.**

The Recreation Ground;

Consideration of Correspondence item June 10; Linton Granta Football Club requesting financial assistance to repair the damage to the football pitch at the Meadow Recreation Ground as this land is owned by the Parish Council; Cllr L Gardner proposed that LPC continue to pay for the plantains spraying but are not looking to contribute further at this point. This was seconded by Cllr J Bald. **Agreed.**

Environmental Issues ;

Flooding, the River Granta and its future management and river restoration as a future project- taking into account the verbal update from the meeting with River Care;

Cllr E Bald updated that LPC need to repair the state of the River Granta so that it flows properly and encourages more people to use it. Rob Mungovan, the Ecology Officer from the Wild Trout Trust has agreed to complete a river assessment.

Future actions to progress the noise survey and review traffic noise within the village; The Clerk was requested to acquire three quotations for a noise survey to bring back to Council.

Traffic Matters;

Correspondence item 21, Parishioner re road safety concern where Tower View meets Balsham Road; This would be a point for Cambridgeshire County Council to review under their jurisdiction, however LPC can see if this is an area which can have some attention for Speedwatch. Clerk and Cllr K Kell to review and respond.

Correspondence item 23, Cambridgeshire County Council re traffic data for the Grip following the 7-day speed and traffic volume survey; It was noted that the maximum speed recorded was 63mph, with 46% of vehicles travelling being recorded at a speed above 30mph. **Noted.**

Consideration of the request to have a footpath/ cycleway from Bartlow to Linton; Verbal discussion led by Cllr Carole Campbell. Cllr C Campbell updated the meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would draft a letter to support the request for a footpath/ cycleway to link Linton and Bartlow in principle. This was proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr K Kell and put to a vote. **Agreed.**

Youth;

Consideration of the Beacon Youth Trust's monthly report from the Youth worker; Noted.

The next full council meeting will be held on the 18th July 2019 at 7:30pm at the Cathodeon Centre. Noted.

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