

The Remembrance Day service will be held on the 10th November at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church followed by a service at Linton Cemetery see Parish Matters pages

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River Granta in the news

OUR river Granta, a rare chalk stream, recently featured on *BBC Look East*, *The One Show* and Radio Cambridgeshire as an example of a stressed ecosystem that could be lost.

We are more used to worrying about flooding, but extensive action by the Parish Council has reduced this threat, even when river levels reached the same level as in 2001. Now, after three years of little rainfall, the river is suffering degradation from low flow, with silting, poor bank and river edge vegetation. There is little oxygenation so insect, mammal and fish stocks have suffered. What should be a rippling clear stream is stagnant, shallow and full of algae.

Years ago, weirs and concrete linings were used by the Environment Agency to regulate flow, but now these are not working effectively. LPC commissioned a review from Rob Mungovan, Ecologist with the Wild Trout Trust, on the state of the river and how to restore and improve it. This recommends removing some earlier measures, adding natural solutions to deflect flow, confine and move the current, shifting riverbed gravel to create small pools and eddies. To do this, branches and trees hinged from the bank will be used as deflectors and riffles formed. We hope to do this by working with volunteers as well as contractors. (to contact go to helen.brookes44@gmail.com or 07812 988917)

Those with the river or drainage ditches on their land have a duty to keep their waterway in good condition (LPC can help with contacts and information) - e.g. to remove trees or branches that could cause blockage. With Environment Agency consent, my husband and I have restored the riverbank behind our house to stop a meander forming, thus helping water to flow through. This has had a positive influence as part of a larger scheme. A few years ago LPC effectively worked with other landowners and PCs along the river to address flooding; together we can aim to restore the natural flow and habitat.

The water companies are taking too much water from our river for household use, yet still more houses are planned upstream. They are not obliged to consider the condition of the river, which has been kept flowing by the EA pumping drinking water into it. In Linton, the Bartlow Road submission threatens the aquifer - the source of our drinking water - as well as the floodplain (see planning reports). Archaeology shows us that the river has changed and moved across the valley with climate changes over the millennia, and its location is the reason Linton came about. The Granta is vital to Linton and also to be enjoyed. Help us to protect and restore it.

Enid Bald

Fireworks safety

FIREWORKS and bonfire night can be plenty of fun for all of the family to enjoy and going to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home can be a great way of supporting your local community.

If you do plan on using fireworks or lighting a bonfire at your own home however, please ensure you consider our safety advice below:

Fireworks:

Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114

- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- For more information on Firework Safety, visit: www.hse.gov.uk

Bonfires:

Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when windy

- Do not leave bonfires unattended
- Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to roads can have devastating consequences.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994.

Linton Music Series Our next concert

DANNY DRIVER is a British pianist who was nominated for the Gramophone Award and who records on the Hyperion label. He gives concerts all over the world and performs frequently at the Wigmore Hall.

He will play Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin* and two modern pieces by Deirdre McKay and Betty Jolas for Linton Music Series at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th November at Linton Village College. His programme will include Beethoven's monumental *Hammerklavier* sonata. This concert will be performed at the Wigmore Hall later in November.

Tickets: £15, £13 concessions, £3 under 18s, £30 Family ticket. Online booking and more info at www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk

Tickets are also available from Sweet Talk News, 70 High Street, Linton, and on the door.

Linda Bird



World famous concert pianist Danny Driver

Picture supplied by Linda Bird

Review of our last concert

OUR last concert celebrated the bicentenary of the birth of Clara Schumann. In her time Clara was better known than her husband Robert, but now it is Robert who is the most well-known.

Normally we do not review the concerts, but I was so impressed by Clara's story and by the performance that I asked David Parry-Smith to write a review.

On the piano we had the renowned pianist and broadcaster Lucy Parham who played a selection of Clara's work. She was accompanied by readings from the composer's letters performed by the celebrated actor Dame Harriet Walter.

We are so lucky in Linton to get high quality performers such as these.

Editor



Clara Schumann
Piano
Concerto
manuscript score

Picture supplied by David Parry-Smith

The role of women in music over the centuries has been obscured by the traditions and values of societies that place men in positions of power and authority. We are now, in the 21st century, fortunate to be in a position to begin to understand the contribution women have made to the classical musical context that enabled men to flourish. In I, Clara, A Life in Music, Lucy Parham (piano) and Dame Harriet Walter (narrator) presented an engaging afternoon using Clara's diary and letters in which we were invited to explore the relationships principally between Clara Wieck (later Schumann), Robert - her lover and husband and Johannes Brahms (dear and close friend).

Clara was dominated by her father who, largely ignoring her brothers, encouraged and exploited her musical talent. She became, along with Franz Liszt, the 19th century's most travelled and popular concert pianist. It is remarkable that in a life of hard practice and demanding concerts Clara found time and space to compose at all. During her 16 year marriage she had eight children, enduring the loss of four and the succouring of the rest of the family - including Robert (who suffered from severe and clinical depression). And what music: we were treated to piano pieces by Clara and Robert and others transcribed from songs of Clara and Robert. Because of Clara, we now know Robert Schumann's complete canon of works.

David Parry-Smith, Director of Music
St Mary the Virgin, Linton

Father Christmas to return

FATHER CHRISTMAS will be visiting Linton and joining the firefighters for his annual Christmas tour around the village on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December 2019.

Following the success of last years extended events we will once again be hosting a disco on the evening of Saturday 14th in aid of the Firefighters charity. Look out for all the details, including the finalised routes in the December issue.

We would also like to say a massive thankyou to the village for supporting our Summer open day held at the Fire station, from which we raised just over £2,500 for the Firefighters Charity. This was a huge amount and only possible with the generosity shown by the general public on the day and all the local businesses from the village and surrounding areas who kindly donated prizes, and to London & Cambridge Scaffold Ltd for sponsoring the event.

Seb Croot, Crew Commander,
Linton Fire Station,
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
seb.croot@cambsfire.gov.uk Station

Too good for jumble...

ITEMS on offer this month are a Santa Claus outfit, for medium height with beard, an IKEA white plastic high chair with a removable tray in excellent condition, a Dyson DC 32 vacuum cleaner, an LG 31-inch (not smart) TV with stand (it has ports for both USB and HDMI), the ladies Marlboro Corvette pink mountain bike, the chest freezer 130cm long x 70cm deep x 84cm high, two telescopes, two small bedroom chairs, a melamine cupboard 122 cm long x 39cm deep and two single beds with mattresses.

If you are interested in any of these items or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, (the donor chooses the charity) please phone Kate France 891602 or email kfrance@prof-soundconsult.com.

Anderson Trust Grant applications invited

THE Trustees of the Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction would be pleased to receive applications for grants from the benefaction for distribution in 2020. The aims of the charity are as follows:

- To sustain the work and worship of St Mary's Church, Linton.
- To promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, in particular within the Church School.
- Any other charitable purpose for those living in or resorting to Linton.

In 2019 eight grants were made, amounting to £9007 in total, covering varied activities and supporting all ages across the community.

Applicants need to complete the 2020 application form, which contains further details of the application process. The form is available from Gillian Powell, Chair of the Trustees, at powellz@talktalk.net or telephone 893664.

Applications should be received by the deadline of Friday, 7th February 2020. The Trustees will meet in March to consider all applications.

Gillian Powell, 893664
Chair, Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction

Change of use of exits in an emergency on fireworks night

TO improve safety at Linton's Fireworks Display this year we need to change the access for the Emergency Services to Mill Lane rather than the Main Gate at the Infant School.

This means that in the unlikely event of an emergency, you will be asked to exit Camping Close via the Main Gate and the cemetery and allow the Emergency Services to use Mill Lane only.

Natalie Morris, Brick Marketing Ltd
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lintongrantplaygroup
Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

Autumn changes

WE have had a lot of fun exploring all the wonderful changes in nature this term, comparing the colours of the fallen leaves, counting and comparing sizes of conkers and sending home bags with the children to collect autumnal treasures over half term.

We enjoyed *We're going on a Bear Hunt* going on our very own bear hunts around LVC searching for and collecting bears that had been hidden, having teddy bears picnics with the children making their own sandwiches, talking about their favourite fillings, and cutting them in to different shapes and sizes. We have also done lots of activities based on The Gruffalo, creating some beautiful art work and making playdough Gruffalos with purple pasta prickles.

We had a very successful indoor car boot sale and we plan on organising another in the New Year. Please come along to our next fundraising event, a Christmas air, from 2pm-4pm on Saturday 30th December at Linton Village Hall.

We currently have spaces available in our setting, we are proud to be able to offer the full 30 hours to accommodate those entitled to extended funding, as well as accepting funded two year olds. If you are interested in a place for your child please call 07806744864 or email- office@lintongrantplaygroup.org.uk

Janine Polley



Preparing for Christmas

THE first half term has flown by and our new intake of students have settled in well into their new surroundings. The nights have begun to draw in and mornings have become darker, winter is definitely upon us and Christmas feels like it is just around the corner.

This brings lots of exciting plans for our children, to include our key-stage Nativity plays and our third visit from the travelling Panto Troupe, Purple Productions. As we are able to hold this event on-site it means every student can attend.

We also have our certificates assembly on 29th November to include last year's leavers. We look forward to catching up with them and seeing how

they are progressing in their new placements.

Planning is also underway for our Christmas Fayre which will run from 12noon to 3pm on Saturday 30th November. Our Young enterprise students are beavering away to ensure we have our hand crafted items ready.

We had a very special visitor to Granta on 15th October, Mr Duncan Bannatyne. He stopped by to see us ahead of the Well Child awards in London that evening. His day spent with us included a tour of the school, a meeting with our school council and a wonderful presentation by our 6th form students. What a brilliant day we all had, we hope to welcome him back again soon.

Emma Jennings

Sawston Village College

We have had a good start to the term welcoming back existing learners and many new learners too. The Saturday workshops in September were successful and our next workshops are on Saturday 7th December. We have a few places left on the drumming workshop and willow weaving making christmas crafts workshop. We are also offering *Bollywood dance*, *Christmas cake decorations*, *Christmas Day flowers*, *Creative writing – constructing a story*, and *Pickled vegetables for Christmas*. If you are interested in any of these, or any of our weekly courses, please visit our website www.sawstonadulted.org email community@sawstonvc.org or telephone 712424.

Claire Walpole



Trip to Dunkirk

ON Friday the 4th of October, at five in the morning, the Year 6s of Linton Heights Junior School departed on an amazing journey to Dunkirk, France. This trip was organised by Madame Kelly, the French teacher at the school.

The trip provided a great opportunity for us all to practise our French speaking in a market and amongst French children when we visited a school. It was a very memorable trip and shall never be forgotten by staff or students. For several students it was their first encounter leaving the UK.

After boarding the coach, we drove to Folkestone where the bus driver drove the coach onto an underground train. When the train finally arose from the underground, there were various shrieks of "We are in France"

Our first destination was a market where most pupils either bought berets, baguettes, sweets or cheese. This was one of the most popular events to take place that day. We then travelled to a French school where we played various fun games using our language knowledge to communicate with the other children.

After that, the Year 6s travelled to a World War Two museum where we learnt about Operation Dynamo which followed our WW2 studies this term. Here we all learned about how the soldiers were driven back to the beaches of Dunkirk by the Germans many years ago. There were many interesting displays including some soldiers' uniforms, tanks, weaponry and bombs.

Finally, as a last special treat, we visited the actual beach in Dunkirk. All of us played and ran around digging our feet into the sand and admiring the beautiful French scenery. Just before boarding the coach again, most pupils treated themselves to a delicious ice cream after a long day's journey.

I would like to thank Madame Kelly and all the staff because we couldn't have done the trip without them

Eva Duckett, Year 6

Child and family services

THESE centres focus on activities and courses for families with children aged nought to nineteen years. We provide a range of groups and courses ranging from *Stay and play* to *Baby massage*.

On Tuesdays from 10 to 11.30am we hold *Stay and play*, which is suitable for nought to five-year-olds. During this time we have a wide range of activities ranging from arts and crafts to singing and stories. From 1 to 2.30pm we hold a baby group for those aged up to a year; this is £2 a session, and you do not need to book for these groups.

Our groups are run by Child and Family Centre workers who can provide advice around topics you may need support with, e.g. potty training or eating.

We also have a baby massage course that is due to start on 7th November. This course is suitable for babies aged ten weeks until baby is mobile. It will be from 1 to 2.30pm on 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th November. The course costs £20 and you can book by calling 01954 284672. There are many benefits of baby massage: it aids attachment, helps with colic and reflux and is a generally nice thing to do with your baby.

If you would like to find out more about our service, please pop along to the Cathodeon Centre (we are based beside the library), and pick up a What's on programme. You can also go to the Cambridgeshire County Council website and search Child and Family Centres where you can register with us. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

Emma Chippis, Business Officer
South Cambs District Early Help
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South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres



Life on the ocean wave and new beginnings

NOVEMBER is here, with the dark mornings and evenings, and the school term is well under way. All of the new children (and staff) have settled well and it's difficult to believe our new children have only been with us for eight weeks.

Our whole school trip to Hunstanton Sea life Centre was a fantastic experience and really helped to embed the whole school topic this term of Life on an Ocean Wave. It was a very cold day, which did put paid to our intention to spend time on the beach, however that didn't stop most of the children. Although the coach journey was rather long, for the children this just adds to the excitement and is a firm part of the whole experience. A special lunch served the next day of fish and chips in traditional seaside style was also a fun experience for the children.

We are already thinking about the intake for September 2020 as the admissions window is open. If you are thinking Linton Infants is the school for your child we are holding some sessions for you to come and see for yourself.

- Monday 18th November 9.45am-10.45am
- Tuesday 19th November 9.45am-10.45am
- Thursday 21st November 1.30pm-2.30pm.

The places on each session are limited so please phone the school office to book a place (891421). We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas is on the horizon, and I am sure that next month I will be reporting on the excitement and wonder that is starting to happen in the school as December arrives.

Stop press; since writing the article, we have heard that one of our Higher Level Teaching Assistants, Mrs Revans, won Higher Level Teaching Assistant of the Year Award for the Eastern Region! She now goes through to the National Finals in November. We are obviously very proud of her achievements and the award.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher



Halloween disco

IT is hard to believe that we are already half way through the autumn term. With the help and support of our wonderful early-years practitioners, our new children have settled in so well and have become increasingly familiar with their surroundings and daily routines. It is a privilege to watch each child grow in confidence and develop their special friendships-some of which may last a lifetime.

At the time of writing, our staff and committee members are busy preparing for this year's Halloween disco. Carving pumpkins, making decorations and organising face paints are just some of the items on their to-do list.

This is a highlight in our fundraising calendar and is enjoyed by the children of Chestnuts as well as others from Linton and the surrounding villages.

All of the money raised provides valuable resources and equipment for the Playgroup. Thank you to everyone involved for making this a great success.

We are busier than ever before, so places are very limited for this academic year. We are currently operating a waiting list for children due to start school both in 2020 and 2021 but have some availability for school year 2022.

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 by emailing admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk or call 07342 900120.

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Dear editor,
I was walking around Linton yesterday, in the rain and the streets were immaculate as ever. No litter anywhere and even the leaves had been cleared off the pavements. It didn't take long to spot the reason why. Chris, our village custodian, was out on his rounds cleaning our village. It wasn't the easiest weather to be out but he had a smile on his face and a cheerful word.
I'm sure many readers will have noticed the impressive job he does and as a village, we should give him a huge thank you. Gratefully, Liz Munday

News from St Mary's

IT seems strange to be looking beyond Christmas and into the New Year but I'm putting out a first call to members of the Linton community who might be interested in taking part in or assisting with, a mediaeval Mystery Play some time in 2020. Gordon Cummings (who may be known to those who have visited the Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden) directed the story of Noah, taken from the Chester cycle of Mystery Plays, about 20 years ago as a community event in Hadstock, with people of all ages taking part. A large cast of animals was needed. He'd like to do it again and we would welcome a production in St Mary's. In the tradition of Mystery Plays, there's a lot of humour in it and some larger than life characters. We plan to have the text slightly modernised, to make it more accessible to everyone but still keeping the flavour of the original.

Do you act, or can you make costumes or props, help with front of house, admin or refreshments? We're holding a preliminary meeting for as many interested people as possible, including parents and children who might like to be involved, when we can also consult together to find the best possible date to put on such a production without clashing with other community events.

Please join us in St Mary's pavilion (behind the church) at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7th November to plan further, or email me.

On Sunday 10th November we shall hold the annual Remembrance Sunday service in St Mary's at 2.30 pm. Last year's service was unique, being the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 but we hope to keep the momentum going, with participation both from the uniformed organisations, and also from local schools. And, as last year, we invite you to join us for tea and cake in the Village Hall, after the Remembrance Ceremony at the Cemetery War Memorial, which follows the church service.

Maggie Guite (Rector), rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Feed your brain and use it

FOLLOWING the very enjoyable Hadstock Silver Band concert in October, the Friends of St Mary's, are holding another ever-popular event this autumn. On Saturday, 23rd November there will be a Quiz Night at the URC Hall, with Quiz Master David Watts assisted by his wife, Cathy.

The Quiz will start at 7.30pm and fish and chips will be served in the interval, but bring your own bottle and wine glass. Tickets at £60 per table (for a team of six) are available from Chris Morse, 891616 or after the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services in St Mary's.

Margaret Cox Secretary

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Harvest Supper

theWI A BRING and share cold buffet of delicious savoury and sweet dishes was enjoyed by members at our October meeting. A *Guess the weight of the pumpkin* competition and a cockney rhyming slang quiz kept members entertained.

Who knew that *battlecruiser* means boozier, *Vera Lynn* means gin and *whistle and flute* means suit. Some of the answers are too rude to print and caused much laughter. Our president, Shelley Ray, read out a humorous foodie poem, Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen, which was well received. Members all agreed the meeting was a success, lively and convivial.

Our next meeting will be on 5th November when the speaker will be Linda Walker on *My Life in Stitches*. Come along and find out more. New members are always welcome, or you could come as a visitor for a small fee.

Sally Proberts, 891021

Linton Library news

LINTON Library's next Engage talk, *Into the forbidden zone*, is a fascinating illustrated exploration of Chernobyl since the 1986 nuclear disaster. The talk, by Dave Horan, is at 2pm on Monday 11th November. Please book in advance. Free tickets available from the library, or call 0345 045 5225 or email [Cambridge](mailto:referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). A £1 donation is welcomed towards refreshments.

November is Men's Health Awareness Month – pick up a leaflet in the library to find out more.

Drop in with your children between 11am and 12.30pm on Saturday 30th November, to make a Christmas decoration. 50p per child to cover costs.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with library events and activities for adults and children. If you can spare a small amount of time to help us out or you have ideas for activities you'd like to see at the library, we'd love to hear from you.

Looking ahead to next month, the library's book group, Daylight Readers, will be hosting a community café from 10am-noon on Saturday 14th December, at the Cathodeon Centre, with entry via the library. There will be festive refreshments and activities and seasonal singing from the Ding Dong Belles choir. Everyone and all ages are welcome and we especially hope that other book groups will come along to share reading recommendations.

Other local societies and community groups are invited to host future café events – please come and have a chat if you are interested.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy, 0345 045 5225
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Well read: some of the 40 finishers of the Summer Reading Challenge at Linton Library

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WEEKLY

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| 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 |
| LALA Tuesdays, 10-11.45am, term-time from 1 st Oct. | 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 |
| Crickets club, Thursdays, 6-8pm | LVC |
| Art Factory, Thursdays 1pm to 3pm until 3 rd Dec | URC |
| 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

NOVEMBER 2019

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| 2 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon | VH |
| 2 Firework Display, Gates open, 5.30pm | Camping Close |
| 3 Time to remember All Soul's service, 6pm | St Mary's |
| 4 Camera club, 7pm | VH |
| 5 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm | VH |
| 6 Reading group, 8pm | VH upstairs |
| 7 Luncheon club, 12 noon | Red Lion, Horsheath |
| 9 Linton Music Series, 7.30pm | LVC |
| 10 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon | URC |
| 10 Remembrance Service, 2.30pm | St Mary's |
| 11 Engage talk by Dave Horan, 2pm | Library |
| 11 Whist Drive, 7.30pm | VH |
| 12 VIP group, 2pm | Chalklands |
| 12 Gardening club, 7.30pm | VH |
| 14 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm | CC |
| 15 Daylight readers, 10.30am | Library |
| 17 Walking group, 11am | Church Lane |
| 17 Messy Church, 4pm | St Mary's church |
| 18,19,21, Open Days see p2 | Linton Infant School |
| 19 Historical Society, 7.30pm | VH |
| 20 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon | HC |
| 21 Extraordinary PC meeting (precept), 7.30 pm | CC |
| 23,24 Cambridge Art makers sale, 11am to 6pm | The Grip |
| 30 Christmas Decorations, 11am to 12.30pm | Library |

DECEMBER 2019

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| 1 Advent Service, 6pm | St Mary's |
| 2 Camera club, 7pm | VH |
| 3 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm | VH |
| 4 Reading Group, 8pm | VH |
| 6 Xmas Bazaar, 10.30am | Nichols Court |

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall. Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

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WE were delighted to welcome a four-legged visitor to our October meeting: Bertie the PAT dog accompanied his owner Sarah Browne of the Pets As Therapy organisation. Sarah told us that Bertie is one of many dogs (and some cats too) who regularly visit hospitals, hospices, care homes, schools and other places where people have been found to benefit from their visit. Many people including children who are anxious, depressed, lonely or just missing their own pets have been greatly cheered by being able to stroke and talk to a PAT dog.

The dogs are always of a calm and friendly nature, and their owners always ensure that the dogs will not approach anyone unless they request it. Bertie quickly made friends with our members and enjoyed all the admiration and cuddles.

Sarah's talk was followed by our afternoon tea and raffle, with biscuits kindly donated by a member to celebrate her birthday.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 12th November at the Chalklands Centre, when we will be holding our auction of any unwanted personal or household items brought by our members. This is always a very joyful affair with our celebrated auctioneer Mrs June Hall, our secretary.

New members are always welcome and if you would like any further information please contact us on the number below.
Jean Mannion 893595

Runner-up in National Award



Tony Dixon, Julie Dixon, Jo Wells and Abi Dixon.

Photo supplied Julie Dixon

JULIE & JO'S CHILDCARE were delighted to finish as runners-up in the Childminding Business of the Year awards at a prestigious national awards ceremony in London.

The Nursery World Award was open to childminders from across the UK and Julie Dixon and her team said they were 'over the moon' to have been shortlisted as a finalist by a prominent panel of expert judges from the childcare sector.

To become a finalist Julie & Jo's demonstrated outstanding caring, leadership and business skills to develop a thriving high-quality childcare setting which delivers an inspiring and stimulating environment for children, staff and parents.

Julie said "Both myself and my loyal and longstanding team are incredibly proud to have finished as runners-up. As this award was open to childminders from across the UK we are particularly pleased with this achievement. We have built up fantastic relationships with the parents and the children we look after, so they were also thrilled to hear the news".

Julie Dixon jo_childcare@yahoo.co.uk

Report for Parish Councils – October 2019

A1307

AS you will have seen the changes to the road are well underway. Keep tabs on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP's) website as they advise of the upcoming consultations on the forthcoming changes. After the work is finished on the bus lane and improved footpath, the next phase will include adding traffic signals to the top of Linton and Hildersham High Streets and changing the pedestrian crossing points.

Zero Carbon Grant

As previously reported, SCDC has a new grant with £91,000 available for community groups to bid into. Grants are between £1,000 and £5,000 per group. Full criteria on what can be bid for can be seen here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/bid-now-for-cash-to-spend-on-zero-carbon-community-projects/>

Highways Open Days

The popular annual Highways depot open days are coming up soon, an email will be sent around parish clerks advising of the date that the Whittlesford depot is open for visitors.

Community Chest

South Cambs Community Chest Grant has had a top up of £49,000. So do encourage community groups to bid into it - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest>

Five-Year Land Supply Consultation

The District Council is currently consulting on their five-year land supply calculations. Full information and consultation response area can be found here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/annual-monitoring-report/Recycling Centres E Permit Scheme>

Anyone visiting one of Cambridgeshire's household recycling centres with a van or trailer will now need a free e-permit to be able to dump. The permit limits people to 12 visits per year. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/hrc-permits>

Bartlow Road, Linton Planning Application

We are expecting the Reserved Matters (detailed planning application) for 55 houses to come to the South Cambs Planning Committee on Wednesday 13th November. This is a public meeting, so if you have an interest do please come along. Watch South Cambs website for details nearer the time.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Letter from our MP

AS we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with an update on some of my latest activities.

Since I was elected I have been working hard to improve our school funding. Earlier this year I brought local headteachers to meet the Minister of State for Education to build on the £3.1 million that we had already secured for our schools. I am pleased that following this, the Prime Minister announced a further package of £14 billion for schools across the country.

I also welcome the Government's recent announcement that Addenbrooke's Hospital will receive a share of £100 million funding to develop its plans to rebuild the hospital.

I have also been working hard to improve road and rail services, working with both the Greater Cambridge Partnership and the Mayor to press for much needed safety and capacity improvements to the A1307 and am delighted that work has now begun.

It was great this year to visit Linton Primary School, Camgrain, Chilford Hall vineyard and Curwen Print Study Centre.

Having campaigned for superfast broadband access I am pleased that Linton now has 99.7% of premises at this speed! If you want to get in touch, please contact me at lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk or follow me at [fb.com/FrazerLucy](https://www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy).

Have a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020.

Lucy Frazer QC MP
South East Cambridgeshire

Start of Gardening Club's year

ON Tuesday 8th October we had our AGM followed by a really good question and answer time. A variety of questions were asked about gardening problems; How to get rid of honey fungus, ground elder, bind weed. Controlling pigeons and how to stop blackbirds eating gooseberries. One member had a question about growing Agapanthus from seed.

We are looking forward to our new gardening year and there are some interesting talks planned. In November we have a talk entitled *Lawns-From Establishment to Regular Maintenance*. The speaker will be Tom Cole.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th November in the Village Hall. Visitors are welcome as always and should you wish to join the Garden Club, membership is £10 per year.
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COUNTRY MATTERS

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Should we all take up sea watching ?

If you were asked what *sea watching* meant, would you know that it is not necessarily sitting on a warm beach watching children playing in the waves?

It is in fact a dark art. Where there is sea, there are sea watchers. You can recognise them by their kit. There they are, year-round, atop the cliffs and headlands, armed with chairs, binoculars, flasks, waterproofs, notebooks, woolly hats, sometimes a telescope on a very solid tripod, and even a one-person collapsible bird hide.

You look at them and then you stare out to sea for 10 minutes. Nothing. Not even a white speck. Then you look at the sea watcher. In those same 10 minutes he (it is most often he) has identified, with years of practice, two red throated divers, an arctic skua, two guillemots, two third-year gannets and a flock of common scoter. What to you - even through a telescope - looks like a fast-moving black blob with a long neck can be identified by the expert by means of something pronounced JIZZ, the General Impression of Size and Shape.

All along the East Coast in October events to mark migration take place, whether it is Migwatch, MigFest or MigWeek. Then in addition to the usual seabird suspects come literally thousands of tiny birds such as warblers and goldcrests. There may be flocks

of European robins and blackbirds, and individual redstarts and ring ouzels. Hungry and tired, they collapse onto the beaches and cliffs for a rest and a feed before continuing their astonishing journeys to Africa. The best conditions for the sea watcher are high pressure over Scandinavia, so that the birds leave, and a cold damp north-easterly off our coast, so that the birds land, or come closer to the coast.



Most birdwatchers are desperate to share what they have seen. The most well-known is Brett Richards, a self-confessed *lister*, who for decades has sat on the cliff at Flamborough Head recording everything passing. How can he tear himself away at the end of the day when he might miss that rare Sabine Gull? If there is a group, who will be the first to leave, dejected after hours of seeing nothing? They may however have to go home to prepare for the evening lecture on recognising the six types of shearwater from a mile offshore. There are also other types of birders, and they might belong to North East

Norfolk Suppression Club, keen to ensure no twitchers tread on their patch in search of a rarity.

People choose strange things for hobbies. If trainspotting no longer cuts the mustard for you, try sea watching.

Cambridge Past, Present and Future at Wandlebury

Weekly Walking for Health walks at Wandlebury
THESE take place every Thursday throughout the year with either a 10am or 10.30am start and are led by an enthusiastic group of trained volunteers. The first is slightly faster while the second is more leisurely, accommodating people who are not so fit or are newcomers to the group. Each walk lasts around 30 minutes and covers about 1.5 miles. With the slower second walk, we offer a shortcut back to the base if needed. Walks are well-attended, with 50-60 people joining most weeks. Some people like it so much they do both walks! Teas and coffees are available afterwards.

NB: Free of charge and no need to book. If you want to take part for the first time, please arrive 10 minutes early to register. The meeting point is the Stables Education Centre. Donations towards the upkeep of the park are always welcome.

Working parties at Wandlebury
Help us care for green spaces and their wildlife - get active, meet others and enjoy learning. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. Wear tough clothes and footwear and bring packed lunch.

No need to book, just turn up. Unless stated all work parties are from 10am-1pm at Wandlebury Country Park. Meet at the car park noticeboard.

There are work parties on:

- Tuesdays 12th and 26th November,
- 10th December,
- 7th and 21st January,
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Sun, sand, rainbow ... and slippers?

THE weather was indeed kind to ACEs for our trip to Sheringham, it was a sunny day in a damp week. We were sent a larger coach than expected, so had fun negotiating our one-way system and mediaeval streets then the lanes near the coast, but we made it.

The museum, Lifeboat Station and shops proved popular, but it was enough to enjoy good food, walk on the beach and enjoy the seaside. The vintage railway was running - the clouds of steam and that smell of coal and oil brought back memories... Coming back in the golden evening was beautiful, shared with good company - and we were greeted with a rainbow as we entered Linton. Lovely.

In the next weeks, AgeUK are raising funds with *Slip into Slippers* - donate and turn up at work, the office, education or other group activity in slippers (H&S permitting, of course). Contact Melanie on 07931852019 for details.

Next, we have the Festive Lunch on 3rd December at the Sports Pavilion. If you have not already signed up, give a call to me (891069) or Jan (892420). We need an idea of numbers, but booking is not essential - we are happy to see new friends.

Enid Bald, 891069

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Pot Pourri 174 - How many Tickets were sold?

As not all the tickets were sold, all that can be determined is that the cost of the discount to the cinema was £7800.
Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham Church Pie and Fizz Quiz

THIS will be held on 8th November in Hildersham Village Hall and questions will begin at 7.30pm. There will be tables/teams of eight and the cost for each person is £8. There will be a glass of fizz on arrival and a raffle during supper

Please email amjpalmer@gmail.com to book your place.

Amanda Palmer

More badminton players wanted

THE Linton Granta Badminton Club would welcome more players. We are a sociable group and meet at the sports centre at Linton Village College from 8-10 pm on Friday evenings. For more information ring me on 892737.

Sue Mudge

Shop at Cambridge Art Makers

THIS month Cambridge Makers are bringing you an opportunity to shop for handmade and local items for Christmas from their premises in 6 Lintech Court, the Grip. From 11am-6pm on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November, you will be able to buy beautiful products from tutors and participants on Cambridge Art Makers courses, from woodwork, to prints, homeware to jewellery. Refreshments will also be available, so bring cash!

The Magog Singers will be carolling at 3pm on the Saturday afternoon too!

Susannah Bangham, 890308
www.cambridgemakers.org

Hadstock Christmas Bazaar

THE bazaar is organized by the Friends of St Botolph's Church Hadstock and is for raising monies for the Church Building Fund.

It will be from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 29th November in Hadstock Village Hall, Church Path, Hadstock, CB21 4PH.

There will be a £2 entry fee which includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine.

There will be the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts from:

- Sonia Villiers with her artwork
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The Marsh mail

OUR annual sponsored walk is a real highlight of the autumn term. It is great to see the College community come together to raise much-needed funds for The Friends of LVC and to enjoy a morning together engaging in exercise in the fresh air amongst our beautiful surroundings.

This tradition marks the end of the first half term and an important date in The Friends' fundraising calendar. Anyone wishing to support LVC and top up the sponsorship from the sponsored walk can do so via this link: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/linton-village-college40.

LVC is grateful for the support of a team of committed parents/carers and members of the community who give up their time freely to volunteer for The Friends of LVC.

Last year The Friends raised over £7,000 for the College, which was invested in improving catering facilities and purchasing new sports and IT equipment, amongst other things. Students at the College benefit hugely from the investment made to improve their learning environment and facilities. With significantly depleted financial resources for schools it has become even more crucial to have this important source of additional funding.

The next upcoming event is Linton Fireworks. The Friends contribute to the stewarding which raises money for the College. We'll also soon be advertising the Christmas raffle and activities for the spring term.

The Friends are always keen to recruit new members and expectations for involvement are not onerous. Being able to assist with an event or contribute to termly committee meetings is a great help. Supporting with activities such as quiz night, school productions and the Year 11 Ball also provide social opportunities for those involved. Anyone who is keen to contribute to supporting the College through The Friends can get in touch with the Chair, Nicola Tudge, by email friends@lvc.org or leave a message with the College's reception team.

Helena Marsh,
Executive Principal

Linton Detachment Army Cadet Force

THIS month the Linton detachment Army Cadet Force has been busy preparing for the poppy appeal in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday. We have been out and about the village doing expedition walks.

- Our open evening a few weeks ago went really well with lots of interest from some new faces.
- Four cadets have passed their Btec diploma.
- Two senior cadets have been chosen to go to Cyprus next year.
- The detachment is preparing for Remembrance Sunday when we will be attending two parades this year.

If you want to challenge yourself and you are 12yrs and in Year 8 then come along to Linton detachment army cadet force. We parade at Linton Heights Junior School from 7 to 9pm on Thursday evenings

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Local pop-up pub wins CAMRA award



Tony Kelly receives the award from Ian Fitzhenry

LINTON-BASED pop-up pub business The Portable Pint received a special award from the Northwest Essex branch of CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) at its pub night in Hadstock on 11th October. The award was presented by Ian Fitzhenry, Chair of Northwest Essex CAMRA, "in recognition of bringing real ale to villages that no longer have a pub". He spoke of CAMRA's support for community pubs threatened with closure and how the loss of a village pub can affect the community but praised The Portable Pint for keeping the spirit of community pubs alive in villages without a pub by bringing people together to enjoy real ale, conversation and good food. He also mentioned The Portable Pint's support for local breweries and food businesses. It was fitting that Mark Jackson, head brewer at Roughacre Brewery in Castle Camps, was present to see the award being presented,

as Roughacre is typical of the small local breweries championed by The Portable Pint.

The Portable Pint was founded by Tony Kelly in 2017. It holds regular pop-up pub nights in villages without pubs, including Hadstock, Weston Colville, Great Bradley and Seward's End. This summer, it also provided the beer tent for village and community events including Linton Scarecrow Festival and Thurlow Fayre.

In addition to its pop-up pub nights in village halls, The Portable Pint is available for private and community events where a cash bar is required. Donations are always made to charity and community events. Check out facebook.com/ThePortablePint for details.

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THE achievements of the squadron keep rolling in. Massive congratulations to Cadets Oldfield and Stewart who have achieved the first silver wings on the squadron. They have been building on their blue wing experience and gaining multiple hours of simulator and powered flight instruction from RAF Wittering to achieve this award.

Continuing with the silver theme, Cadet Sergeant Keenan achieved his silver trained shot award on the L98 A2 training rifle at RAF Honington, a fantastic achievement in the shooting.

We look forward to several first aid training exercises during November, with squadron staff delivering St John's HeartStart first aid training to our junior cadets where upon completion we can award the blue first aid badge. This will be followed by the St John's Youth First Aid award being delivered over a weekend at Linton; this civilian recognised qualification also enables us to award bronze first aid badges.

Two cadets have taken part in the wing Junior NCO course. A weekend of assessment in drill, uniform and leadership, giving them a taste of what is expected to progress up the ranks of the Air Training Corps. It was a challenging few days but both Linton Cadets had a great time.

We will be at several local community events throughout November. We will be assisting with car parking and breakdown of the Linton Fireworks event as well as partaking in the annual Remembrance Sunday parades at Castle Camps in the morning and then Linton in the afternoon. Please do come out and support us on 10th November.

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Linton and District Historical Society

IN October we welcomed author Gill Blanchard, who shared her interest of house and family History, guiding us through the numerous sources available to find information in local and national archives, and discover the background to your house and family history. The key to finding house history is to look closely at the bricks and mortar, both inside and outside the house. Don't be fooled into believing the Georgian porch is real and not made of fibre glass.

The earliest Manorial Records can be a bit heavy going, but by narrowing down dates and looking in the margins, considerable information can be found. Likewise, Probate Records of Wills and Inventories dating from 1590 will describe the owners' possessions as well as their value.

Another insight into people and places is the Land Registry, Deeds & Estate Records, together with National Farm surveys 1941-43. Listed here are details of equipment and buildings owned by landowners holding over five acres of land. All these, and commercial sites such as *Ancestry*, *Find My Past* and *The Genealogist* are wonderful sources of information. But nothing beats that moment when you unfurl original documents, to see what they reveal.

We hope you will join us next month at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November at Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane CB21 4JS (opposite the Health Centre where parking is available) when Ken Sneath will talk on *Everyday Life in the 18th Century*.

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S/3194/19/FL, Mr & Mrs Simon Holroyd, 53 Balsham Road, Dropped kerb.
S/3278/19/FL, Conrad Webb, Windmill House, Long Lane, Conversion of windmill and granary to 2 No. holiday lets and comprising insertion of rooflights to east & west elevations. Creation of additional parking area. Conversion of existing holiday let (building range to south of windmill) to residential annex ancillary to main dwelling (resubmission of S/3771/18/FL).
S/3461/19/DC, Merrit, 127, High Street, Discharge of condition 3 (Building protection) of planning permission S/0717/19/FL

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November's Reports Roundup

GREATER Cambridge Partnership/A1307 Bus Lanes, roundabout and Trees

Present: Oli Daffam, GCP team, CCC Highways team. For LPC -Enid Bald, Chris Hine (via Skype)

Implications of bus lanes westbound from Bartlow Road to The Grip. Necessary land purchase might give LPC opportunity to acquire land for village use (allotments, orchard, tree crop, etc). Loss of trees regretted; replacement and additional trees and hedges considered, possibly on new sites. Maintenance responsibilities discussed. Traffic noise amelioration by tree planting is possible.

Surface water flooding at Bartlow Road and on A1307 to be dealt with by traditional means - ditches and soakaways. Suggest wildflowers rather than grass for re-seeding.

Traffic hub plans at Bartlow Road are based on first RM planning application, so not yet finalised

High St/A1307 signals and Toucan crossing, linked to those at LVC, should help traffic access to the A1307 and pedestrian safety.

Summer Reading Challenge presentation

Present for LPC - Cllrs Enid and John Bald

An excellent result with over 40 completing the challenge to read six books over the holidays. Congratulations to all involved, especially Anna McMahon, reading helpers, parents who encourage reading...and the children!

Tree Warden meeting - Canopy Cover

Present: Miriam Hill, Tree Officer, Jay Patel. Tree Wardens. Enid Bald for LPC.

Training on assessment, methods and calculation of cover, planting strategies, practical uses of tree planting. Monetary, health and wellbeing benefits evaluated. Cambridgeshire has tree cover of around 9%, one of the lowest tree'd areas. Further planting to be encouraged

River Granta Review

Present: Helen Brookes of Granta River Care Group. Enid Bald for LPC.

The report on the Granta by Rob Mungovan (Ecologist from Wild Trout Trust) now completed. Reviewed state of river (flow, silting, vegetation, litter) and work to be done. The Granta is a rare chalk stream suffering degradation from low flow. Next steps in restoration and river improvement considered, including more recreation and wildlife preservation. Some work is for LPC under Riparian Duties, but much could be done by the volunteer group co-ordinated by Helen.

Planning Law Update

Present - Corrie Newell, Enid Bald for LPC

Update on recent changes in law, including Community Infrastructure Levy, S73 permissions, permitted development rights, viability and pertinent cases.

Cllr Enid Bald

What's happening in Linton?

GENTLE reminders:

Grants! Just a little reminder that you can still apply for a grant for funding from the Parish Council. The application form can be found on the Parish Council website (and forms can now be submitted directly online).

Remembrance Sunday Service - The Remembrance Day service will be held on the 10th November 2019 at 2.30pm at St Mary's Church followed by a service at Linton Cemetery. Clerk

Linton Parish Council and the Churchyard (Part2)



St Mary's Church

Picture by Cllr Simon Hill

IN THE previous article I described the problems facing the Parish Council when adopting the responsibility of the maintenance of the churchyard, and indicated that the "Monday Gang" (a group of mainly retired parishioners who meet in the Churchyard on Monday afternoons) has assisted (and has continued to assist) the efforts of the Parish Council in improving the state of the churchyard.

With the major problems identified, it was realised that due to the likely high cost of carrying out the repairs etc. the work would have to be phased over several years to avoid presenting the Parish Council with the major cost of the work in one financial year.

Whilst contractors employed by the Parish Council carried out resurfacing and repair to the main paths, the Monday Gang assisted by clearing the vegetation which had invaded the eastern boundary railings.

This revealed the parlous state of the railings which were damaged in many places due to the vegetation growing through. Many sections needed replacing, and it was fortuitous that virtually identical sections were found at Solopark. These were purchased, and Crofton's Engineering carried out the repair and replacement.

Landmark Restoration was employed to carry out repairs along the whole length of the northern boundary wall - with special attention given to the section bordering the Infant School where small fingers had prised loose some of the flints!

The next problem to be tackled was the southern boundary flint wall. Parts of the section to the east of the Pavilion entrance had collapsed and sucker limes (which were rotten at the base and had grown in line with the wall) had to be removed before work could be carried out.

This section was subsequently repaired and rebuilt (although the first contractor employed did not do a good job, and Landmark Restoration was called in to finish the work and remedy the areas where the work had been substandard).

The section along from the Pavilion entrance to Church Lane

Plantlife on the verge

PLANTLIFE, a wild plant conservation charity, campaigns to raise awareness and increase biodiversity.

Our road verges hold over 700 species and nearly 45% of our total flora. The A1307 verges have orchids. Back Road has its special protected verges with rare species, our village verges are also wildlife corridors.

More sensitive management regimes involve verges being cut on a less-and-later regime, allowing flowers to seed and provide pollinator habitat. Mowing would be to only 1m width (more where sightlines might be affected). This will have the added benefit of reducing costs.

Following a meeting of the A1307 Village Forum, Horseheath PC drafted a letter to request CCC Highways to change the management of the A1307 verges.

Linton Parish Council supported this and will now manage their verges in line with the Plantlife recommendations. CCC are also reviewing verge management.

We look forward to a more floral future!

Cllr Enid Bald

had completely collapsed in the past and many sucker limes had grown up along the line of the collapsed wall.

Permission had to be obtained from the Diocese for the removal of the trees, and although when the trees were removed the base of the collapsed wall was visible, the District Council Conservation Department insisted that the rebuild constituted a "new" wall and thus planning permission had to be sought.

This led to delays, but finally the go-ahead was given and Landmark Restoration carried out the rebuild. At the same time the gates at the Church Lane and Infant School entrances to the churchyard were restored.

The remaining major task was repairing the western wall bordering Church Lane. This had been repaired in the past with cement mortar, which does not allow for movement, and so often, adjacent to the pollarded limes, which bordered the wall, sections were in disrepair, and in places some collapse had occurred. Contractors were invited to tender for the sections of wall either side of the gate into Church Lane.

Darby's undertook the repair of the northern section (opposite the Guildhall) and Landmark the southern section. Delays occurred in repair of this final section due to uncertainty regarding the state of one of the limes. However, the matter was resolved and the repairs completed.

All that now needs to be done is to carry out repairs to the tarmac by the front of the church, and to enlarge the path from the front of the church round to the entrance to the bell tower, which is overgrown and is not wide enough for wheelchairs. We have contracted for this work to be done including improving the path by the kissing gate. This has been delayed due to work being carried out on drainage from the church itself.

So after many years all major work will have been done and so the maintenance costs to the Parish Council should be relatively minor, given that the Monday Gang continue to keep the churchyard tidy and in good order. We now have a churchyard bounded by walls and railings in good repair which provide a pleasant setting to the village's only Grade 1 building.

Cllr Brian Cox (Dr)

Planning Updates for September

FOR once, it has been a relatively quiet month - calm before the storm, perhaps?

We have had the usual applications for extensions, information requested or notifications for Permitted Development, Tree Works, etc., so we have still been busy.

The Clock House - An application for an extension of the dental surgery s/2804/19/FL, to add more treatment rooms. We noted discrepancies in the application including with previous conditioning, designated parking, etc. LPC raised considerable concerns regarding the effects of current and any extra parking through the village

Bartlow Road - Further comments have been sent for application S/2501/19/RM, and the second outline s/2073/19/OL. For both, we sent more accurate flood maps than those used by the developer, showing a flood range much higher up the site.

The first RM, s/2487/18/RM, is likely to go to appeal, initially as a written appeal. However, previous appeals at Horseheath and Back Road became Public Inquiries following our initial submissions.

As I write more amendments have just arrived...

We are keeping a close eye on other applications still awaiting decision or enforcement. We are even likely to cite poetry too - Auden, The Trellis. That should raise a smile with the officers!

Cllr Enid Bald

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on the 19th September 2019.

Apologies for Absence Cllr Lee Gardner and Cllr Paul Poulter **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** Cllr's Enid and John Bald declared a preudicial interest in item 93/19/20a, the appeal for a burial in the cemetery, in the confidential section of the meeting.

Cllr Simon Hill declared a preudicial interest in item 82/19/20biii, renewal of the membership to the Allotment Society as he is a representative for the organisation.

Councillor Vacancies; There are now four vacancies.

Chairman's Comment; The chairman noted that this is the first council meeting since the passing of Councillor Graham Potter. Councillor Potter was thanked for his many years of service to the Parish Council, his funeral was lovely. Thoughts to Cllr Potter's family were extended from the Parish Council.

The Chairman also thanked Cllr Brian Manley who sadly passed away recently. Brian was a councillor until last year and made a huge contribution to the Parish Council. Brian's funeral will be held on the 1st October.

The chairman thanked the Planning Committee and working group, with special thanks to Councillors Enid Bald, Kate Kell and Amy Smith for all their hard work on the Bartlow Road planning application and particularly on their comments pertaining to the Design and Access Statement.

Dr Beatrice Ward was thanked for donating a bench which has recently been put on the Glebe Land, down Horn Lane. Cllr Enid Bald was thanked for her assistance in the placement of this. **Open Forum for Public Participation ;** AJ Prentice attended and spoke regarding the tender for the cut of the large grass area of Leadwell Meadows. He advised of the issues with the cutting of the area and provided some basis for the cost of is quotation.

A resident raised concern that the Speedwatch project is being held up due to sharing equipment with neighbouring villages. If LPC purchase it's own Speedwatch equipment then the checks could be carried out with far more frequency and it would stop people on the team from getting disheartened by the slow progress and infrequent speed checks.

A resident requested some information pertaining to noise pollution. Cllr John Bald advised that he had been in discussion with the Police Commissioner regarding this. LPC are still in the process of obtaining quotations to have a noise pollution survey carried out at varying locations across the village.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18th July 2019. Cllr John Bald proposed the minutes were an accurate account of the meeting with no changes required, Cllr Amy Smith seconded this. Agreed with one abstention.

The residents in attendance left the meeting following this item.

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report ; Item 61/19/20g. Clerks update on the Noise Survey; Cllr John Bald proposed that the Clerk chase the remaining quotes and that LPC set a budget of up to £1,500 that the Clerk can use to commission this. One had been received so should the other companies contacted not provide a quotation, the Clerk has expressed permission to progress with the quotation received on the basis that due diligence has been paid to try and achieve three quotations. Cllr Enid Bald seconded this motion and it was put to a vote. Agreed with one abstention.

Item 67/19/20b, the progress of the PHFI; There has been progress on this and a response from Cambridgeshire County Council. (CCC)

Correspondence item August 47; CCC Highways Department regarding the mowing policies regarding the A1307 as a response to LPC's letter. Noted.

Planning Matters; Consideration of the extra-ordinary minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th July 2019, the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 18th July 2019, The minutes of the extra-ordinary Planning Committee meeting held on the 21st August 2019 and the minutes of the extra-ordinary Planning Committee meeting held on the 11th September 2019. Noted.

Verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee following the initial developer meeting with Croudace Homes

regarding the possible development of the Horseheath Road site, held on Wednesday 11th September 2019. The developers demonstrated a keen desire to listen to LPC and if need be, modify the design elements, should the application be successful.

The developers approached LPC to make initial contact before progressing their design to the Design Team at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), so this is their next step.

At the meeting many elements were discussed, including the initial site plan, housing mix, access points and allotments. The developers are proposing only one access point to the site and have a housing mix that appears to meet the requirements for the demographic of the village. This is a high number of two bed houses and bungalows and a higher mix of three bed properties. The allotments would have a 99-year lease which would ensure they are secured as amenity to the village. They include public toilets and a designated water source.

Following the feedback from the SCDC Design Team, the design will be reviewed, and the Reserve Matters application will be submitted. It was noted that should the application progress; a public consultation would be required.

Bartlow Road; Consideration as to whether Linton Parish Council would want to take Rule 6 Status should the planning appeal enquiry on application S/2487/18/RM take place. District Cllr John Batchelor advised that this appeal to the Secretary of State is due to be done in writing with all documents submitted online.

Consideration of Correspondence item September 39; email from James Fisher, the SCDC S106 Officer regarding S106 financial contributions to the Bartlow Road development site, following the letter sent by LPC requesting that the £35,000 awarded to CCC be redirected to local projects to improve Linton and not to the GCP City Deal Partnership. LPC submitted a letter to James Fisher to raise with CCC Highways Department in which they outlined several projects they felt the funds would be better applied to than that of the GCP City Deal project, specifically in light of the fact this has its own route of funding applied. The projects included; repainting of double yellow lines, improved traffic signage and new road signs and markings as well as improvements to roads, paths and cycle routes.

LPC advised they are happy to own these projects and carry the works out in conjunction with the CCC Highways department as they felt that S106 funds in Linton should be specifically assigned to negate harm from the new development in the village.

A response from CCC Highways advised LPC that the Highways Department would still like to assign the funds to the GCP project within Linton, despite there being other projects highlighted. It was decided to arrange a meeting with CCC Highways and SCDC's S106 Officer to discuss this further as it was felt this was not an appropriate designation of the funds.

Consideration of Community Assets. Verbal update from the Chairman of Planning, Cllr Enid Bald.

Cllr Bald asked Councils' permission to restart reviewing the project again seconded by Cllr Amy Smith and put to a vote. Agreed with one abstention.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business Written reports submitted for August and September 2019.

It was noted that as part of the Cambridgeshire Greater City Partnership (GCP) project there were plans for a new route to Addenbrookes Hospital which would be via Sawston and Shelford. As part of the GCP project a travel hub was being considered to be built near Fourwentways services. There is information on this online and available to view at the office. The five-year Land Supply is now being reviewed.

The initial dates for the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) review panel meeting have been released as the 15th and 16th January 2020. The District and County Councillors left the meeting on this item.

The Recreation Ground ; The Clerk met with the Zurich Playground Inspector. He advised that two pieces of equipment in the children's under 8 playground area require removal and replacement within the year. He advised one of the swings needed to be taken out of action for repairs, as well as the replacement of the

floor tile below it. Due to this, the under 8's playground area has become a priority project.

It was decided that the Clerk should approach some companies to review the area and create some design ideas and produce quotes to bring back to Council.

Some of the equipment that is in the under 8's play area was installed by volunteer groups and that a group could be set up to work on the rejuvenation of the park.

Consideration of the Quotations for the below aspects for the Skate Park. The Council reviewed these and requested that the Clerk go back to the contractor and request that the area stops at the bridleway path that runs from north to south in front of the pavilion.

Leadwell Meadows; Consideration of the quotation provided through the tender process for Lot 6, cutting of the large grass area and brambles. The quote was not accepted, and the specification is to be re-written and reviewed. Cllr Kate Kell proposed, Cllr John Bald seconded. Agreed.

Environmental Issues, Trees and Bi diversity; Report on the Tree Inspection Training Day held at Swavesey on the 15th August 2019. Noted.

The River Granta; Report on the meeting with the Ecology Consultant for LPC, Rob Mungovan, Conservation Officer from the Wild Trout Trust, regarding the condition of the river. A volunteer group is being formed by Helen Brookes; LPC is taking advice regarding restoration and river improvement. Council agreed that they would support the formation of a River Care Group. Cllr Enid Bald also noted that the River Granta would be on the One Show over the next few days due to it being a rare chalk stream.

Traffic Matters; A1307 Parishes Forum meeting report from the meeting of the 10th July 2019 in Abington. Noted.

Cllr Bald asked council to confirm if they are happy to continue to support that of the A1307 Parishes Forum, which was confirmed.

Correspondence item September 47; CCC's Delegated Decision Report regarding Linton Parish Council's recent PHFI application to adjust the parking bays and loading bay on the High Street/ Green Lane junction. This decision has been deferred until a point that CCC have contacted the Co-Op for consultation. LPC shall await the final decision.

The Cathodeon Centre; Correspondence item September 20; The Cathodeon Centre Trustees regarding Mr Andrew Gore's term of office ending on the 31st May 2019. LPC can nominate another Councillor to be considered by the Cathodeon Centre Trustees to join the committee. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that LPC nominate Mr Andrew Gore, seconded by Cllr John Bald. Agreed.

Correspondence item September 50; Sue Mudge regarding an update from the 21st June 2019. Cllr Enid Bald advised they discussed the disabled parking bay, yellow road markings and give way lines. These have all been submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council as part of the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) grant application process. The results which will be announced in the new year.

The meeting was closed at 9:59pm.

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