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3pm to 6pm
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Symonds House

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Highlights of St Mary's Flower Festival...



Teddy takes the plunge



The Borrowers

Jacqui Burge



Am I seeing a donkey?



The Tin Forest
Linton Infant School

Lying on my back watching teddies (and other furry friends) float from the church tower against a blue sky, while the smiling faces of those who'd winched them up in a basket, and then launched them on their adventure peered over the parapet from above... Eating a scrumptious lunch, and filling up later on yummy cakes from the Church Pavilion... Waiting patiently with the crowd on Horn Lane bridge until a flotilla of yellow rubber ducks came slowly down the river to discombobulate the real, feathered ducks for a few moments, urged on by human helpers standing in the water brandishing paddles... Seeing

children gathered in the main body of the church on mats to enjoy story-time, and then to hear the Mums' Choir and other music... Taking a look at the stalls gathered in the shade near the pavilion, and parting with some cash... and, of course, making a tour of the wonderful displays - floral, but also much more than floral - which filled the church with the essence of many children's books: what better way to spend the afternoon of my first Sunday in post as Rector of Linton?

I knew very definitely that I was back in a real village when I went to the Cricket Club's Cow-Pat challenge the week before. The quiriness

of village traditions was only confirmed by St Mary's Flower Festival on 5th July. And what a success it was - both socially (especially when parties of elderly and housebound people were brought down to see it) and financially - over £4,000 raised for church funds.

Our thanks to all concerned who made it happen, but especially to Nanette Blackmore, St Mary's Verger, who masterminded the Flower Festival this year, and worked indefatigably to bring it together.

Here's to many more such happy occasions under blue skies.

Maggie Guite,
Team Rector of Linton

...and the youngsters try their hand at bellringing

LINTON Bellringers had a field day at the Flower Festival. Lots of people tried their hand on the mobile bell on a trailer which was linked up to a computer programme and enabled everyone to give ringing a try.

It is a much smaller bell than those in the tower but works on the same principle and it was much enjoyed.

Stone steps, worn over the centuries, lead up the tower and the bells at the top are heavier than a car. To control them requires real skill. The unique English art of Change Ringing has developed over 400 years, and provides a lifelong fascination for all ages. Those who tried the model should certainly try the real thing.

Our current team is extremely active. Not many villages can boast their own team to ring the two Quarter Peals we achieved, one to welcome the new Rector and the other to celebrate the Flower Festival. These were special performances which demand more skill than the normal



Bellringers - the future generation?

Photo taken by Henry Bennett

weekly ringing. So many people enjoy the sound of bells over the village, but how many appreciate the skills and interest involved?

If anyone in your family would like to try, please contact me on 890898. You don't have to be a churchgoer and nine or ten is probably a sensible minimum age to begin, but beware - you might get hooked.

Jackie Latham



Little Red Riding Hood
Lindi Kent

All the photos in this section were taken by Roger Lapwood



Come on ducks we haven't got all day



Angelina Ballerina
Cathy Faithful

Watch out if you park at Whittlesford station

THERE has been a very serious spate of thefts of fairly recent Fords from the area round Whittlesford station.

The most recent theft was during the day of 15th July and was of a car parked in Royston Road.

Previously a Ford Mondeo was stolen from Whittlesford Station car park (platform 1) on Monday 13th July between 7.45am and 4.05pm.

Prior to these thefts two other vehicles had been stolen from this area.

To counter these thefts the local PCSOs have been out putting information leaflets on cars and through letter boxes.

In an entirely separate incident a pedal cycle was stolen from Linton Village College between Friday 3rd July and Monday 6th July. The bike had been left secured to a bike rack at the college. The lock was left behind.

If you see anything you think might be at all related to these incidents please call us on 101 or 999 if you believe it is more urgent.

Chris Wiseman, PCSO, Sawston

Linton Health Centre and Sawston Medical Practice

THE partners of Linton and Sawston practices have taken the decision to work towards merging the two partnerships in April 2016. Both Sawston and Linton are strong practices, very well respected in the local health community, and the merger will build on that strength and ensure that both sites can continue to provide the best possible service for patients in the future.

The spotlight was certainly focused on the NHS and GP services during the recent general election campaign. There is no doubt that the pressure on general practice has increased over recent years and, with an ageing population and more care to be delivered in the community, the pressure on GP services will continue to grow. General Practice needs to be prepared to evolve to meet that challenge.

Sawston and Linton are the two largest practices in South Cambridgeshire, delivering services to around 14,500 patients and 11,500 patients respectively. We have been in discussions together for the last two years, discussing how we can meet the challenge of 8am-8pm working, how we can meet the challenge of looking after our ageing population in the community, how we can meet the challenge of training doctors and nurses to work in general practice. We are convinced that merging the two partnerships will enable us to meet such challenges better.

This is not a cost saving exercise: there will be no reduction in staffing levels on either site, and in fact all partners are investing in this merger as a means of building on the services we provide to our patients and securing a strong future for general practice in South Cambs.

Initially, we suspect that patients will notice very little

difference. Although patients could choose to attend either site, we suspect that the majority of Linton patients will continue to see the doctors and nurses at Linton, and Sawston patients will continue to see the doctors and nurses at Sawston. Each site will continue to provide all the current services for patients and, over time, we hope to be able to provide more services shared between the sites.

An example would be extended 8am-8pm opening hours: neither practice could comfortably offer such extended hours alone, but together that becomes more feasible and is certainly a better option than having to travel to Chesterton for out of hours care.

There are many opportunities for the future, but in the very short term the aim is to secure a sustainable future for delivering GP services to both Sawston and Linton patients.

The recent direction of travel from NHS England is for practices to work more collaboratively in order to provide 'primary care at scale', for example in federations/networks/mergers. In some respects Sawston and Linton are ahead of the curve with the proposal to merge the partnerships in April 2016.

We have had meetings with our respective Patient Reference Groups who are very supportive of this project and we aim to keep them updated as we move forward. As always, we appreciate the support and interest of our patients and both practice managers are very happy to take your comments.

Sheila Griffiths, Linton Health Centre
linton.healthcentre@nhs.net

Gerard Newnham, Sawston Medical Practice
admin.sawstonmedicalpractice@nhs.net

Too good for jumble...

This month's special offers are an 8ft TP trampoline without a safety net and a wooden picnic table 150cm long x 148cm wide, including seats.

The travel cot with a carry bag and spare mattress is still available as well as the 19 inch ACE flat screen computer monitor with mains and computer connecting lead; a mattress 1.9m long x 0.9m wide x 0.19 m thick which has only been used for a guest bed; a computer desk/dressing table 97cm long x 48cm wide x 66cm high; the materials and printer cartridges for 88XL HP Office Jet Pro series; a multipack for Epson TO487 Epson stylus photo printers and a pocket snooker table.

The rotary clothes line raised £20 for the Friends of St Mary's Church and the Friends also received £5 from the sale of a stair gate and £30 from the fun.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

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

CFRS update

WHAT lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire – and long may it continue.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.

If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.

If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and

make sure it is properly out when you leave.

When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

Don't forget, if you're a landlord of a property, then you can pick up free smoke alarms at our distribution events ahead of proposed regulation changes. Full details here: <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php>

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Contact us on 01480 444500.

Leanne Ehren, Media and Communications Officer CFRS, 01480 444558.

ACE's day out at the seaside

ON one of the hottest days of the year, we went to the seaside. OK, not quite so sunny once we got to our destination, but just right for exploring, eating out and enjoying the delights of Southwold.

We had a full coach, so the atmosphere was lively even before we tasted the delights of Adnam's fine brews. The town, its market (with the same excellent fish stall as at Saffron Walden), the museums and, of course, the famous pier were toured and enjoyed. I know that some brave souls even dipped their toes in the ever chilly North sea.

To thank the ACEs team, we had a splendid ode:

"A day trip to Southwold,

Fish and chips with a pint of beer - worth their weight in gold.

Thanks to all the helpers, began right from the start, So from the Bard of Linton, love straight from the heart."

Ah, bless - that last rhyme was a cunning one...

The next event is the annual garden party from 2-5pm on Tuesday 4th August at 7 Symond's Lane. I suspect that I had better get into the garden before long to bring it up to the standards that ACEs expect...

ACE events are for older people and all are welcome.

Enid Bald 891069

Celebrating 10 years of the netball club

LINTON Netball Club celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year and held a presentation evening at The Flying Shuttle, Haverhill to give thanks to their founder Bridget Savill who was presented with an engraved vase and flowers.

The club started in 2005 following a back to netball course run at Comberton Village College. The course was attended by Bridget who enjoyed it so much she set up her very own club.

We have a great bunch of ladies who train each week with the aid of a qualified coach. The ladies team enters both summer and winter leagues although there is no obligation for anyone to play competitively.

This year we have set up a youth section to our club for school years nine to 11. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of a local business which has donated balls, bibs and pumps to help get our youth section started. We train every Monday evening, on the LVC outside courts, Youth Section 6.30 – 7.30pm and Adults 7.30 – 8.30pm.

If you would like to know more about our netball club please contact Bridget Savill on 07972 598668 or me on 07729 879300 or complete an enquiry form on our website www.lintonnetball-club@weebly.com

Angela Bridgeman

Old Granary Organics



Welcome to a new shop on the High Street

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

CHECK out the latest shop to open on the High Street. Old Granary Organics is owned by Lawrence Cohen, who has lived in Linton for over five years and Maria, who came to Linton from Bulgaria two years ago and immediately fell in love with the village.

For 10 years Maria had a fruit and veg business in Bulgaria and had a vision to do the same in Linton. The emphasis is on quality organic produce, which is sourced locally as much as possible. All the herbs and salads, as well as certain seasonal vegetables come from Wild Country Organics in Abington. Cambridge Organic Food Co also supply much of the produce.

As well as the usual selection of everyday items you can also find round aubergines, courgette flowers and watermelon. Ice cream comes from Marshfields Farm and is made with organic milk.

You can also pick up beautiful cards, which are produced by Chapter and Verse. Quality and service are the foundation of the business and Maria hopes to start deliveries in the near future

The shop is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 6pm and closed on Sundays. Maria looks forward to serving you soon.

Sarah Hurcum



lintongrantaplaygroup

Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

PHEW. It's been a busy month at Linton Granta Playgroup. The pre-school children have been busy preparing for school, with visits to the school and their new teacher visiting us.

The children have also been practising hard for our sports day and on the day itself they balanced their eggs on the spoons with skill.

We also had an exciting visit from Marnie Munns, a female pilot who brought in photos and uniform for the children to try on. Parents were met with excited children, one child excitedly told their parent about a real life pilot that had been to playgroup. Many thanks to Marnie.

The children also enjoyed making a display for the Flower Festival, which you may have seen in the

church.

We have also enjoyed a day out at Linton Zoo. Many thanks to all our helpers and the fundraising team that made this day possible.

We said a sad farewell to our pre-schoolers at our Graduation Ceremony. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. We wish them well in their future adventures. We wish all our children and parents an enjoyable and restful summer break and will see many of you in September.

We are now taking bookings for September.

Please contact us on 07806 744864 to enquire about spaces and availability, or email office@lintongrantaplaygroup.

Karen Thompson
Playgroup Leader and
Michelle Miller
Deputy Leader



Heights sporting success

THE perceptive amongst pupils, parents, staff and governors will have picked up that I am quite keen on sport. I believe that sport is a highly effective tonic to academic studies and sharpens not only the body but also mind. Remembering back to my own school and university days, I greatly enjoyed a variety of sports, but my favourite was, and is, running.

With the support of staff, parents and governors and, most notably, the All Sports for Kids team, a host of clubs have become established this academic year. From kung fu to cricket; netball to archery; football to basketball – we seem to cater for all tastes and abilities. With the assistance of a number of parents, I personally run the cross-country club and have seen the pupils prosper and develop magnificently this year.

As well as significantly more pupils joining sports clubs, the number participating in competitions and representing the school has also increased. Success leads to success and, it brings me great delight to say, that the runners from Linton Heights Junior School won the cluster cross country event held at Gt Abington on 10th July. Other notable sporting achievements this year have been winning the South Cambridgeshire Cricket tournament for Years 3 and 4, winning the South Cambridgeshire Cross Country championship; finishing fifth in the county for netball and doing very well at a local tennis tournament. As well as organising a magnificent sports day on 3rd July, David Waite, our sports coordinator also organised a fabulous multi sports tournament on 1st July.

My thanks to David Waite, Dan and Linette from All Sports for Kids, our fabulous pupils and parents, and our dedicated staff – without whose support sports would not be half as enjoyable or successful at the Heights.

James Puxley, Head Teacher

ATC squadron winning awards



The winning team from the air training corps

Picture supplied by ATC

2523 (LINTON) Squadron Air Training Corps continued its 40th birthday celebrations by winning the Wing Enterprise Trophy in recognition of the squadrons improved performance over the past year. We are now looking for new cadets to continue our onward plans. The squadron will be running a number of activities over the summer holidays to give an insight into the activities cadets can be involved with.

The Corps is open to anyone who is joining year eight at school and will be 12 on 1st September, up to the age of 17. If you are interested, get in touch. If you were a Linton cadet anytime between 1975 and 2015 we'd love to hear from you. Even better if you have any photographs we could copy we'd like to create a 40 years gallery for our website.

The Squadron is planning a barbecue at Linton Village College on Friday 4th September and hopes to get together as many current and ex members as possible. So if you are interested in meeting up to tell stories of adventure, comradeship and daring exploits during your time with 2523 (Linton) Squadron, please contact the squadron with your details at training@aircadets.org or oc.2523@aircadets.org

Lucy Tennison on behalf of 2523 Linton Squadron

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Readers write...

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Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

Was it a golden eagle?

In the July issue Len Hastings wrote asking if he could have seen a golden eagle as he was walking along Horseheath Road towards the A1307 and looking across towards Balsham Road. We had the following two responses:

Dear Editor/ Len,

The bird was probably a buzzard; they do look rather like small golden eagles. These birds have extended their territory very successfully in recent years and there are plenty around Linton these days. I see or hear them most days. They call to each other with a loud mewing when flying – if you hear something like a miaow from high in the sky, look up and you may see these magnificent birds soaring in the thermal currents above you. They nest very locally and, judging by the family groups I have seen of up to five birds, they seem to be breeding successfully too. They eat mainly small rodents and earthworms, so no need to worry about the safety of your pets. Incidentally, I have on a few occasions seen red kites around Linton too. We are lucky!

Hope this helps,

Barbara Silverman

Dear Editor,

I live in one of the town houses almost opposite The Crown.

About four to six weeks ago looking out of my kitchen window I noticed on my back lawn a large bird eating a much smaller one. It had the small bird on its back and was tearing bits from its breast.

I was able to watch it for about 10 minutes. It then flew off. I was able to get a good look at the bird and I am sure it was a Sparrowhawk and the smaller bird a collared dove; this could well be the bird Mr. Hastings saw.

I decided to leave the remains there over night and clear them the following morning. In the morning all the remains had gone, so some other animal had a nice meal as well as the hawk.

At the time I was reading *H is for Hawk* – what a coincidence.

Brian Wingfield

Watercolour painting course

LOCAL artist and experienced tutor Susan Mackenzie invites Linton's budding artists to join a six sessions watercolour painting class scheduled to start at Horseheath village hall on the morning of Monday 17th August.

The course continues on Monday mornings (excluding bank holiday Monday 31st August) through to the end of September, and all sessions last three hours from 10am to 1pm. The course is suitable for those who may have tried their hands at watercolour painting before but feel the need for some professional support if they are to make further progress with this fascinating and magical medium.

Two students who have attended previous courses report: "We have found the course content always fresh and easy to comprehend... it's been surprising how much we have learnt about drawing and painting techniques. Susan takes a lot of time demonstrating and always gives individual advice and help which, when you are not an experienced artist, is such a help".

Pre-registration is necessary. So could anyone interested please contact me either by telephone on 891521 or by email at sjhmac2@yahoo.co.uk when I will be pleased to give further details of the course.

Susan Mackenzie (Susan J Hodges)

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,

Once again I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who made my coffee morning for Alzheimer's Research such a success. Even the weather was kind to us again.

A special thank you has to go to all the helpers who all gave their time and energy to make it very special.

I shall be sending a cheque to Alzheimer's Research next week for £760, an amazing sum. Over £130 more than last year. It is at times like the coffee morning that I realise how many lovely, generous people I know.

Thanks again, I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Wendy Foster, Emson's Close

Dear Editor,

Staff at Symonds House would like to thank the members from St Mary's Church for their help and support in transporting residents from Symonds House to and from the Flower Festival in July.

All the residents had a great day and this couldn't have been achieved for so many without their help.

Thank you so much.

Julie Cleland and Shani Bradley, 891237

Demystifying the airline pilot

theWI MARK Linney, our speaker this month, told how his interest in flying started with air cadets at school, took him through officer training at Cranwell, serving in the RAF for 15 years flying the Hawk, Tornado and Harrier fighters, then applying to get an air transport pilots licence which, incidentally, costs at least £6000. After passing a class 1 medical, his first job was flying Boeing 757s from Birmingham Airport for Air 2000. He then joined Virgin Atlantic initially flying Boeing 747s then moving on to the Airbus, and in future will be flying the Dreamliner (jokingly called *the binliner* by pilots). He became a captain in 2009 and prefers long haul flying, as there is more time off between flights.

Mark's life is governed by the rostering plan, an example of which he showed members. This ensures that there are enough pilots for that route and that they do not exceed the hours legally allowed. He gets 24 hours rest for flying less than nine hours and 48 hours for more than nine hours. Many things can disrupt the roster. These include poor weather, volcanic activity, terrorism, crew running out of hours, disruptive passenger behaviour, birth/death on board, or passenger illness. Interestingly, 80% of disruptive passengers are from the upper class section.

Seemingly a glamorous job, it has its drawbacks, such as poor job security (Richard Branson laid off 200 pilots in 2011), journey to and from work, standing in queues, medical requirements, checking/testing – jeopardy, long term health issues, cosmic rays, fatigue, lack of exercise, poor diet, cannot fly over the age of 65, and continuous training and testing.

After his talk Mark showed some breathtaking aerial photographs of cities and countries on his routes, taken from the cockpit.

Our next meeting is on 4th August 2015. Our speaker will be Margaret Blanchard; her talk entitled *My Extra Life from Inspector Morse to Calendar Girls*.

Sally Proberts

Footballers come join us

AZTEC Football Club are looking for boys and girls of all ages between six and 17 years to join a great local club. Information on aztecsjfc.co.uk.

Sue Woodley, Aztec secretary, 07770438040.

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

WEEKLY		
Seedlings Alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm		CC
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Mondays	term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays		Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)		
Play & Stay, Alternate Tuesdays, 9.30-11am		CC
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time		VH
Linton Air Cadets Tue and Fri 7.30-9.30pm (07717801056)		LVC
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays		CP
Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday		LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays	term time	LVC
Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues		LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time		Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays		VH
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)		CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays		VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays		CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only		VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays		URC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays		Library
Crickets club, 6-8pm Thursdays		RG, LVC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays		VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays		CC
Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only		URC hall
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays		CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays		St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays		CC
<i>For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248</i>		

AUGUST 2015

1 Farmers' Market, 9am		LVC
3 Camera Club, 7.15pm		CC
4 ACE garden party, 2-5pm	7 Symonds Lane	
4 WI, 7.30pm		VH
5 Reading Group, 8pm		VH(upstairs)
6 NO lunch club in August		
9 Lighthouse, 10.15am -12noon		URC
10 Whist drive, 7.30pm		VH
11 VIP group, 2pm		Chalklands
12 Community Navigator, 10am-12noon		HC
12 Linton Infant School Summer Fair, 5pm		LIS
16 Walking group, 11am		Church Lane
16 Messy Church, 2.30pm		St Mary's
17 Mad Hatter's Tea Party 3-6pm	Symonds House	
19 Coffee morning/new clothing sale, 10.30am		Symonds House
19 Cambridge Hearing Help, 9.30am -12noon		HC
20 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm		CC
21 No Daylight Readers meeting in August		

SEPTEMBER 2015

1 WI, 7.30pm		VH
2 Reading Group, 8pm		VH(upstairs)
5 Farmers' Market, 9am		LVC
7 Camera Club, 7.15pm		CC
8 VIP group, 2pm		Chalklands
8 Gardening club, 7.30pm		VH
9 Community Navigator, 10am -12noon		HC

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 Reform 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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Defeat dementia walk



Chief Executive Alzheimer's Research, Hilary Evans, and JJ Hamblett from boyband Union J.

Picture supplied by Alzheimer's Research UK

HUNDREDS of fundraisers descended on the South Cambridgeshire village of Linton on Sunday 12th July to take part in Alzheimer's Research UK's Defeat Dementia Walk – with every step raising vital funds for pioneering dementia research. Walkers of all ages supported the annual fundraising event, which was opened by Union J boyband star JJ Hamblett. The Great Abington based charity hopes Defeat Dementia Walk will raise over £50,000 for dementia research – enough to fund an entire pilot project and bring new treatments closer.

Defeat Dementia Walk included a choice of two routes, a 10 mile walk through the picturesque villages of Linton, Hadstock, Hildersham and Great Abington and a pushchair friendly, three mile walk through Linton. Both routes began and ended at the college where families, friends and teams of work colleagues were rewarded for their efforts with tea and cake.

JJ Hamblett, who grew up in Newmarket before joining Union J, said: "It was an honour to launch Defeat Dementia Walk. My mum Karin works as a carer and she looks after people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Because of her work I'm aware of just how devastating dementia is and I'm proud to support Alzheimer's Research UK. Since I became involved with the charity I've heard from so many fans who have been touched by dementia in some way. It's a cruel condition that affects families and friends, not just the individual living with it."

"The Walk is Alzheimer's Research UK's flagship fundraising event and brings people together with one aim: to defeat dementia. We rely entirely on public donations to fund our world class research and it's thanks to people who take part in events like Defeat Dementia Walk that we are able to continue our crucial work."

For further information about Alzheimer's Research UK or to find out more about fundraising for the charity, call 0300 111 5555 or visit www.alzheimersresearchuk.org.

Press release Alzheimer's Research UK

Cowpat challenge

IT'S 28th June and Linton Village Cricket Club (LVCC) has organised a Cowpat Challenge – 20 years since they first held this innovative fundraiser. An area has been marked out containing 25 large squares, each containing 100 smaller squares. One lucky winner stands to win £1000 depending where the cowpat lands.



Dunky is ready to do her duty
Pictures by Zoe Foulds

Dunky is the cow in question, part of the Little Linton Red Poll herd, kindly supplied by Sam and Sid Taylor. All the tickets are sold and Dunky has arrived – what could go wrong? Well it's England, raining, the crowd are in the bar and Dunky is sheltering in the trailer. Thankfully the rain abates, the crowd emerges and Dunky enters the area. There is speculation how long it will be before she performs. 20 years ago it took two hours – it could be a long day. After about 45 minutes Dunky charges towards one corner and deposits a number of pats. Fortunately Sid is able to identify the first to fall.

Dunky has conveniently deposited the first pat centrally in one square. Our independent adjudicator, Brian Manley, confirms that the winner is Alan O'Dell. Alan, a stalwart of both the LVCC and Granta Football Club, is a popular winner.

Linton Village Cricket Club would like to thank everybody involved, in particular Sam, Sid and Dunky. We are also grateful to all who sold tickets, all spectators and everyone who bought tickets. The money raised will, among other things, fund power steering for the roller, greatly assisting our groundsman John Richardson.

Steve Foulds assisted by Esther Cox
07800 798155

How often for district elections?

A TEN-WEEK consultation has been launched to ask how often elections should be held to appoint councillors to South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Local residents, businesses and other organisations are being asked whether there should be a move to all-out elections of the whole Council once every four years, or preservation of the current by thirds system of electing one-third of Council seats each year for three successive years out of four.

The change is being considered ahead of a scheduled boundary review later this year by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). The review will see wards - the geographical area councillors cover – adjusted to ensure that all district councillors represent approximately the same number of electors.

As part of the review, LGBCE will consider how many councillors are needed to effectively represent South Cambridgeshire residents. If the Council continues to elect by thirds, the Commission will look to introduce three-councillor wards across the district. An all-out election cycle - which would begin in 2018 at the earliest – would see a mixed ward pattern, favouring single-councillor wards where possible.

Currently, 57 councillors serve four-year terms representing 34 wards across South Cambridgeshire. Depending on their size, some wards have one councillor while others have two or three, meaning that some residents are eligible to vote in district council elections more frequently than others.

The consultation closes on 18th September. More background information and an online survey form can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/local-elections-consultation Paper surveys are also available from richard.may@scambs.gov.uk or by calling 01954 713366.

For more details contact me in South Cambridgeshire District Council's communications team on 01954 713025 or anna.elford@scambs.gov.uk

Anna Efford, Communications Officer

Success for cricket club

IT has been another successful month for Linton Village cricket club both on and off the pitch. Not only has there been plenty of cricket played but both the first and second teams are sitting at the top of their respective league tables. There have been many highlights but the under tens win against the mighty Saffron Walden deserves a special mention.



Teenager, Connor Campbell, in action in a recent home win against Cambourne

Picture by Haverhill Echo

The Cowpat Challenge proved to be a great success raising over £3,500 of much needed funds to be reinvested into the club. See the full story on this page. There have also been many compliments from opposing teams about the facilities, hospitality and the teas provided by Mandy Clark and her assistant Graham.

Well done to all those volunteers who have made all this possible. You know who you are.

Paul Flynn, 893212

New commemorative stone for Chalklands



Stan on the left with his assistant, James, at the final stage of erecting the new stone.

Picture supplied by Kate Eagin

ON 21st May the new Chalklands stone was set in place. This stone was a replacement for the original one which was laid in 2004 to celebrate 50 years since the development of the Chalklands estate.

Unfortunately, the original stone made of clipsham was set into the soil banking where it absorbed moisture and eventually disintegrated. The new stone, supplied by Mr Stan Reynolds, is of granite which should last indefinitely.

The cost was met by funds from Chalklands and Paynes Meadow Residents' Association together with grants from Linton Parish Council and the Tenant-led Environmental Improvements Scheme at South Cambs District Council for which we are extremely grateful.

Special thanks are due to Cllr Enid Bald and to District Cllr Henry Batchelor for their advice and support to the committee during the planning and eventual design of this project. Also thanks to Stan Reynolds from Ickleton and his assistant James Solkhon from Radwinter, both stonemasons who did a wonderful job. They were extremely patient and thoughtful during the period awaiting the outcome of the application for grant aid.

Kate Eagin, Secretary Chalklands and Paynes Meadow Residents Association, 890283

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Linton Country Matters edited by Frances Armes



PLANTLIFE is an organisation speaking up for the nation's wild plants. They have contacted us via the Parish Council on two issues this month – the re-launch of the *Bee Scene* survey and a petition to save wild plants on our road verges.

Save our plants save our road verges

ROAD verges one of the most important, best loved and frequently viewed habitats in the country, so why are they still being destroyed?

A new Plantlife study shows that Britain's road verges are home to 703 species of wild plants, more than in any other part of our landscape, and 87 of them are either threatened with extinction or heading that way. In addition, 88% of these wild plants provide nectar and pollen for bees and other insects, making road verges essential refuges for insect life.

It has been found that 21 of the 25 nation's favourite wild flowers grow on road verges. But in much of Britain road verges are still being needlessly cut down in full flower threatening the wild flowers and the wildlife that depend on them. Many councils have already started cutting verges – much too early in the year for flowers to be able set seed, and greatly reducing one of the most important food banks for our ailing bees and other pollinators.

Plantlife has produced new management guidelines and is urging the public to sign a petition asking local councils to adopt them. To sign the petition go to www.plantlife.org.uk/roadvergecampaign.

Katie Cameron, 01722 342759 katie.cameron@plantlife.org.uk
Trevor Dines Plantlife Botanical Specialist, 01248 670691 trevor.dines@plantlife.org.uk

Bee scene

BEE scene, a popular family-friendly survey of wild flowers, is being re-launched thanks to its rescue by the family owned cereal maker *Nature's Path* after its original funding had ended. *Bee Scene* is a simple and effective way to encourage children and their families into their local parks or countryside. By using a simple flower key, they are able to count different flower shapes and colours and look out for bumblebees, so helping children understand how valuable their local green spaces are for wildlife.

Families can discover whether their local area is good for bumblebees by looking for bee-friendly wild flowers such as foxgloves, dandelions and clovers in their local green spaces. The results are then uploaded onto a virtual meadow map of the UK. Full details and bee scene resources are available online at www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene

The *Bee Scene* project was originally developed with Natural England, the John Muir Trust and the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.



The big butterfly count

GO online to www.bigbutterflycount.org to find out how you can add to the big butterfly count by counting butterflies in your garden, park or other green space for 15 minutes.

Adult Education at LVC

ANOTHER successful year for Adult Education at LVC comes to a close, but we are preparing for the new academic year with more even courses than last year. Our 10 week and five week courses cover a variety of interests ranging from arts and crafts and cookery to technology and health and fitness, with our 25 week language courses covering Spanish, French, British Sign language and Mandarin for beginners. Some new additions to our programme include *Line Dancing*, *Microsoft Classes* and *Silver Jewellery*.

We also offer workshops as a great way of learning new skills in a day or two. These range from *Sewing Bee and Floristry* to *Indian Head Massages* and *Tai Chi*. Please call 891233 for information on enrolment or email adult.education@lvc.org. A full list of courses and workshops and enrolment forms can be found on our website www.lvccommunity.org. We are also holding an enrolment evening on Wednesday 9th September for a chance to meet the tutors and to find out further information.

Katie Cross, Community Business Office, 891233 ext.320

Sawston Adult Education

OUR 2015/2016 Adult Learning programme is available. We are pleased to continue to offer ever-popular courses such as Pilates, Friday Singers, Pottery and a range of language and cookery classes. We are also delighted to offer new courses including *Art History*, *Tap Dance*, *Developing Presentation Skills* and a variety of computer courses. We will host our busy Saturday Workshops on the 3rd October and 14th November which will include *Paediatric First Aid*, *Make Up for Over 40s*, *De-Stress and Sleep Well* and various patchwork techniques.

Our brochure will arrive through your doors soon but in the meantime please visit our website for our full programme. Why not follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/sawstonadulted> or follow our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sawston-Adult-Education/931076816931627> to keep up to date with our news and offers.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our courses in September.
Jo McEvoy, Adult Education Administrator, 712424

Children's summer activities at Wandlebury

THIS August we have a range of summer holiday activities for children. For all courses advance booking essential, and children must be accompanied throughout except for the course on Friday 14th August.

The cost of each course is £6.50 per child (members £5), adults free except for the course on 14th August which costs £30 per child. Meet at the Wandlebury Stable Rooms. Bring a drink and a snack or a picnic for before or after the activity and dress for being outside.

Tuesday 4th August, 10am to 12noon Watery Wonders for ages 5+. Discover the range of life in Wandlebury's pond. A member of the team will be on hand to explain this fascinating ecosystem.

Tuesday 4th August, 2pm to 4pm, Butterflies for ages 6+. Venture out into the park's grasslands in search of the beautiful butterflies. In the afternoon take part in butterfly-related art and craft activities.

Tuesday 11th August, 2pm to 4pm, Woodland Skills and Activities for ages 6-8. Building dens, tying knots and problem solving games.

Wednesday 12th August, 10am to 12noon, Nature Safari for ages 5+. Prowl around Wandlebury on the lookout for plants and animals at home in their different habitats in the park, while learning all about your discoveries from an expert.

Wednesday 12th August, 2pm to 4pm Muddy Fingers for ages 3-6. Younger children love getting their hands dirty. Let the little ones' imaginations run riot as they help to build dens and stick towers, make tree faces, and learn to track through the woods.

Friday 14th August, 10am to 4pm, Woodland Skills and Activities for ages 10-14. Drop off the kids for the day and they can learn some seriously fun skills – including knot tying and lashing, den building, fire making, cooking bread and whittling. Bring along a packed lunch to munch on and swap stories around a camp fire.

For more information email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 01223 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Lorna Gough

POT POURRI 124

Pot Pourri 125 –

How much was in the glasses?

SEVEN people were drinking at a table when something peculiar happened.

They all had different amounts of drink in their glasses. The first person emptied his glass by giving each of the other six equal amounts. Then the second person did the same to the other six, and so it carried on until the last person had nothing in his glass having distributed his drink evenly to the other six and ending with nothing in his glass.

If the total amount of drink was 4.2 litres to begin with, how much did each person end up with in his glass? (Which is also what they started with)

Solution to 124 - What is the Sum of the nth Group?

The 10th group sum = 505 and the 100th group sum = 500050

Any group sum may be determined by using the sum formulae.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dragon boat teams still wanted

THERE is still time to get a team of 11 people together for the annual Dragon Boat Festival at Fen Ditton on Saturday 12th September in aid of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT). Our own Linton Health Centre has entered a team.

No experience is necessary and all the dragon boats, qualified helms and racing equipment are provided.

The festival offers a full day of fun on land as well as water with plenty of activities on the bank side to entertain teams and spectators between races.

For further information and an entry form visit:

www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk/cambridge or call Gable Events on 01780 470 718.

**Hildersham news
Outspoken Theatre Company**

THERE may just be time to buy your tickets. On 1st August the Outspoken Theatre Company will return to Hildersham Old School Wood to give another outdoor theatre performance. We are delighted to welcome them back, this time with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. If you haven't been to one of these performances before come prepared for an interval picnic, bring rugs in case the evening breeze picks up, and even your own seats if you prefer a garden chair to those we can provide. The audience sits in the church car park and the action takes place in the surrounding woodland. Curtain up is at 6.30. Tickets remain at £10, Under 18's £5 and are available on the gate or by contacting Cathy Myer on 892848 or catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Musical soirée

STARTING at 7pm on Saturday 8th August at the village hall, come and enjoy a summer's evening entertainment. Tickets are £8 for adults, £20 for a family ticket and include a welcome drink, ploughman's supper and mellow piano music played by John Holloway. There will be a bar and a raffle and, maybe, room to dance.

Please buy your tickets in advance by contacting Jean Morton on 894739, jeanmorton22@gmail.com or Helen Humphrys on 891309, helenhumphrys@gmail.com

It's Teatime

THE next Teatime will take place from 3-4.30pm on Thursday 3rd September. The proceeds from last month's tea raised £50 towards the Parish Nurse Project. Many thanks to all who gave so generously.

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All assembled for the end of term ball

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IT is coming to the end of term now but we have really enjoyed a terrific summer at the college. For many, the highlight of the year is the Year 11 Ball. For the last few years it is an event we have held at the college. Some years we have hired a marquee but in the last couple, the venue has been the main hall, which has been magically transformed into a sparkling venue through silk, lights, balloons and fancy furniture by the very inventive duo of Charlotte Foster and Tracy Coston. The students arrive along the drive in a variety of vehicles and proceed down the red carpet to a reception of drinks and music provided by Linton Jazz.

Once inside, the students encounter mocktails (alcohol free fruit concoctions), sweet trees, a casino, a magician, and a thumping disco. The time flies and by 11pm, the Ball comes to a close and the young people disappear to private after parties, the details of which I never want divulged to me: "What goes on at the after party, stays at the after party."

Newcomers to our villages and the college have seen much of this before at the leavers' Proms held by other schools but what is quite peculiar and charming to Linton is the arrival of the community spectators. Come rain or shine, from 6.30pm onwards people come to take their spots behind the strategically placed barriers, ready to watch the arrivals. Literally hundreds of people do this. Many people do not even have children in Year 11 but come to enjoy the spectacle or to consider the outfits that their own children might wear in the future. In some cases, this is a matter of the exact outfit - ebay does rather well at the end of the college Ball season.

This year I watched with a particular feeling of sadness. That was my last Ball as College Principal; my last leavers' season. Next year I join the crowd of spectators to watch my son's entrance, this time as a parent. I will get there early.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal



There's more than one way to arrive at the ball, including vintage cars, fire engines, camper vans, tractors, stock cars, wheelbarrows and a homemade rickshaw.

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The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Deaths in Linton

FARM accidents were very common in the years before the Great War. While working for Mr Purkiss on 28th August 1901 at Barham Hall farm, 54 year old Charles Hills, a Linton labourer was loading corn on top of a cart when the horse stumbled on a furrow, and Mr Hills fell from the top backwards on to the ground, suffering severe back injuries. He had fractured the lower part of his neck and injured his bladder and kidneys. He died in Addenbrooke's later that day.

In May 1913 17 year old Victor Willis of 15, High Street was loading a revolver and accidentally shot himself in his left arm. The wound became infected and he died in Addenbrooke's the next day.

Working on the railway was quite hazardous. On 3rd September 1920, 68 year old Samuel Pearson was working in the shunting area of the railway station. A train from Haverhill to Linton pulled into the station and shunted towards the sidings. Pearson's job was to change the points. He forgot to do so, and stood on the adjacent line to watch the wagons link up to those in the siding. Sadly the train shunted onto the siding where he was standing. He was crushed by the engine's second truck; both his legs were shattered as were his chest bones. He died in hospital that same day but the claim of an attention lapse was disputed since he had been doing the job for 37 years.



Coote and Warren coal train at the station in the 1920's

Picture from Garth's collection

Suicide due to pressure of work and ill health was another cause of death. On Christmas Day 1901 68 year old David Pammenter committed suicide. He worked as a gardener for Mr Hales in Symonds Lane. He came to work in the morning and was found unconscious at 3pm. He had drowned in an eight foot deep cesspool having cut his throat. He was suffering from depression caused by lack

of sleep and money worries. He died on 26th December from blood poisoning and pneumonia. The inquest verdict was suicide during temporary insanity.

On 24th September 1902 one Linton man had a narrow escape when he was shot by a young boy in Mr Backler's grocery shop (now Sweet Talk News). Mr Whiffen served in the shop and the bullet grazed his face. He survived in hospital and the boy was sent to the Crown Court for sentencing. This accident was treated leniently since the boy's parents agreed to put up surety of £20

to guarantee his future good conduct.

Any kind of wound was likely to become infected before the use of penicillin. On 19th January 1909 George Casbolt, a 43 year old contractor, was loading granite onto a cart and caught his hand on a piece of iron. Tetanus set in and the next day he could not move his head or his shoulder and he died in Addenbrooke's the day after.

Water continues to be a fatal attraction for young children. In Horseheath on 22nd April 1910 two year old George Stinton was playing by a ditch at the back of his parents' house. They took their eyes off him and later found him face down in water in the ditch. The parents said they had only left him alone for a few minutes.

In Linton there was a similar water tragedy, Walter James Hills living in the Grip went to meet his older brother as he came out of school. Witnesses saw two children playing close to the river and later on discovered a boy who was crying. His two year old brother was lying face down in the river. The boy was undressed and probably had tried to swim. Mr Samuel, the school master, tried to revive him but he died half an hour later.

A glorious musical evening



The choir

Picture supplied by Tony Kelly

ON Wednesday 17th June, on a glorious summer evening, Linton Village College hosted its annual Summer Soirée. The programme featured a wide range of music from the college choirs, wind orchestra, guitar ensemble, rock band, brass group and various soloists and ensembles. The eclectic programme included everything from Mozart to the Beatles and *The Lion King* to *The Stripper*, American folk tunes and even a didgeridoo. During the interval, the friends of LVC provided wine and soft drinks on the college lawn.

Before the Summer Soirée, parents and students enjoyed the annual GCSE Art exhibition which this year featured for the first time a selection of photographs taken by Year 8 students on a visit to Colchester Zoo.

Tony Kelly

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/1420/15/FL. Mr Alan Olway, 16 Market Lane. Front Porch.
- S/1422/15/LD. Mr Alistair Cook, 15 Rivey Way. Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension.
- S/1483/15/PH. Mr Kidman, 72 Bartlow Road. Single storey rear lean-to conservatory.
- S/1491/15/FL. Mrs Kirsty Barker, 16 Hollybush Way. Erection of fence.
- S/1558/15/LB. Mr Frank Reimann, 18 Bartlow Road. Application to remove and replace the central heating gas boiler in a different location.
- S/1577/15/E1. Pembroke College & G W Balaam & Sons, Land adj to Bartlow Road. EIA Screening Opinion for residential development.
- S/1586/15/TC. Mr Ashcroft, 18 Horn Lane. Fell one Conifer Tree.
- S/1683/15/FL. Mr & Mrs Howard, 5 Keene Fields. Two rooflights in rear roof slope.
- S/1676/15/FL. Mr & Mrs Jones, 63 Back Road. First floor side and rear extension, extension to front porch and alterations.
- S/1722/15/FL. Mr Alan Olway, 16 Market Lane. Garden Room.

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Parish Council Matters

Anti-social behaviour

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UNFORTUNATELY our village has experienced some anti-social behaviour recently. Residents are requested to report all such incidents to police on 101 immediately. All such reports are then collated and these will identify the areas of concern. If these incidents are not reported, police will assume Linton does not have

a problem and concentrate their resources elsewhere.

It has also been reported that there is a dog behaving aggressively in the village, whereby it is causing alarm and distress to pedestrians. Again, this too is a matter that should be reported to police on 101.

Cllr David Champion

Welcome

THE parish council welcomes two new members. Mr Paul Richardson and Ms Amy Smith were both co-opted to the two vacant councillor positions at the full council meeting on Thursday 18th June, taking up their new roles at the meeting on 16th July.

It is good to have the parish council working with its full complement of 15 councillors again.

Parish council office

Leadwell Meadows

OUR lovely meandering River Granta has several weirs along its route. Recently the weir at the furthest point to the Leadwell Meadows entrance gate (by the A1307 overbridge), was heaped up with large paving slabs obstructing the river flow. These have now been removed (please see picture below) but please ensure that inquisitive, adventurous younger members of your families are aware of the function of weirs and the need to keep them clear.



River Granta: free flowing weir on left and branch debris in water on right

All pictures by Anne Meeks

The tree which came down blocking the pathway towards the end of the top walk has been cut back to clear the pathway and



allow our grass maintenance contractors access to fully complete their path cut. However branch debris is still across part of the river (as shown in the picture above) and arrangements are being made to clear this.

Although not nearly as deep as older residents will remember, our river still poses dangers to playing children. Please make sure that all are aware of the potential dangers and to keep safe, especially now it is summer holiday time.

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Wheelie bin speed stickers

FURTHER to the June article, we are now able to supply them many thanks to all the residents again, along with the 30mph and 40mph ones, from the parish council office. Support for this initiative, which is in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, is very much appreciated.



The 20mph ones were the most popular and we quickly ran out of these. Having purchased more from South Cambridgeshire district council

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Public rights of way grass cutting by Cambridgeshire county council

AFTER several changes at the county council, the manager leading on cyclic maintenance work has updated us on the current position for grass cutting on public rights of way.

The grass cutting contract has been let, albeit later than they would have liked, and orders were placed for three cuts this year. One took place at the end of June the second is due in August with a third optional cut around October time. The contractors are trying to bring the paths into order for the rest of the year. The planned cutting should be complete by the end of October 2015.

The contract is a two year contract with an option for a third year based on an assessment on performance. The dates for the cuts for next year 2016 are first cut in May, second cut in July and an optional third cut September/October time.

The county council would be very grateful for assistance in

the following:

- Let them know by the end of October if a path which is usually cut by their contractors has not been cut so that they can follow up as appropriate.
- If, by the end of October, there are other paths that you think should be prioritised for cutting, please let them know. Inclusion on the list does not guarantee a cut but does help inform budget and work programmes for next year.
- If you think a path should be taken off their cut schedule then please tell them.

Anyone wishing to report a problem on a path, please call their contact centre on 0345 045 5212 or use the website issue report system at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults>

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 18th June 2015.

Present: Cllr Enid Bald (EB)(chairman); Cllr Paul Poulter (PP)(vice-chair); Cllr Jan Bumstead (JB); Cllr David Champion (DC); Cllr Brian Cox (Dr)(BC); Cllr Simon Hill (SH); Cllr Brian Manley (BM); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (MM); Cllr Graham Potter (GP). Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District councillor Henry Batchelor;

District & county councillor Roger Hickford; Four members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Nicola Miller, Alison Walker, Beatrice Ward and Jacque Wilson. The full council meeting attendance record for the previous 12 months was noted.

Councillors' declarations of interest: SH declared a personal interest in the allotments item.

Councillor vacancies: Mr Paul Richardson and Ms Amy Smith

were asked to leave the room whilst councillors discussed their applications to be co-opted onto the PC. (a) It was proposed by BC that Mr Paul Richardson be co-opted onto the PC and the proposal was seconded by JB. All agreed. (b) It was proposed by DC that Ms Amy Smith be co-opted onto the PC and the proposal was seconded by JB. All agreed.

The clerk said that declaration of acceptance of office forms would be available for signature at the PC office. The meeting *Continued overleaf*

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due to be held on 16th July would be the first meeting which both could attend as councillors. The chairman welcomed them to the PC and said that she very much looked forward to working with them.

Public participation: Cllr Hickford said that he had been contacted by a Sawston resident in regard to his father's grave in the cemetery which had been left uncut by the PC's grass maintenance team. EB explained that this had been a misunderstanding of responsibilities, particularly over the untended grave adjacent, and that the problem had now been rectified. EB had spoken to the resident's mother and had apologised for any distress caused.

A resident asked if there were any plans to install public toilets on the recreation ground. BM said that previous to the pavilion extension of approximately 25 years ago, there had been public toilets there but these had been persistently vandalised. He added that toilets are available in the sports pavilion when it is open.

Gavin Tennyson, officer in charge of the ATC Linton Squadron, is keen to raise the ATC's profile with LPC and become more involved with the PC's activities in Linton. At present the ATC has 36 members on its books; 18 months ago this figure was just 16 and the squadron had been considered for closure. Boys and girls can join the ATC from the age of 12 (or once they are in year 8 at school) and can stay up to the age of 18. They may then be offered the opportunity to stay on for a further three years. PP asked Mr Tennyson to send the PC a list of its engagements in other parishes in order to give some idea of the kind of activities the ATC is involved in. Cllr Hickford said he wished to endorse this excellent organisation which, he said, is a credit to Linton.

Matters arising/clerk's report: Following a PC decision to award an s137 grant to the Linton library summer reading challenge, the clerk confirmed that a cheque for £200 had now been sent; this sum is in line with grants given in previous years.

District and county councillors' reports & business: (a) Cllr Batchelor had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Cllr Batchelor had nothing to add to his report but highlighted the information on the proposed development at Bartlow Road. Bidwells had sent out an information sheet in response to residents' concerns over the proposals. However, Cllr Batchelor hadn't found this very informative and said that, in his opinion, it had done little to reassure residents that this development would not have an adverse effect on the local community. The information sheet did, however, state that the developers would incur any costs associated with the expansion of local amenities. An outline planning application is expected within the next few months.

EB reminded the PC that, at this stage, it could only listen to residents' concerns and could not make any comments on the new proposals until a firm planning application had been received.

(b) Cllr Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. In regard to the Bartlow Road proposed development, Cllr Hickford added that the question of a roundabout would surface again but that nothing had changed since this was turned down after a review of Linton's SHLAA sites. He also said that, although many residents are against the plans, he had heard young people talking very positively about it in regard to the availability of houses which they could afford to buy.

EB asked Cllr Hickford to follow up with Nicola Burdon of Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) highways on the list the PC has submitted regarding various highway and traffic issues.

Internal audit report: The internal auditor's report had been circulated before the meeting. The clerk explained the necessary corrective action recommended by the report as follows:

- The PC appears to be having tax deducted from interest paid on its bank accounts; this is not correct.
- A number of grants had been made under the heading s137 at the start of the year. As before, the PC needs to be clear under which power it is using. For example, grants to sports clubs should be made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19 and not s137.
- The precept of £159,850 was agreed by the PC on 23rd January

2014 and the budget document was approved at the same time, however this was not clearly minuted. Good practice is for the approved budget to be included in or attached to the minutes and initialled by the chair of the meeting.

The clerk confirmed that action had already been taken to correct these matters. PP thanked the clerk for the report which he said was a good reflection of the hard work done over the last year. EB also thanked members of the finance committee and clerk for their work throughout the year.

Clerk's training: The interim clerk has started the CiLCA qualification and presented a learning agreement to the PC for approval. This is a three-way agreement between student, tutor and PC and is designed to offer both support and accountability. JB proposed that the PC should sign the agreement and this was seconded by BC. All agreed and the agreement was signed on behalf of the PC.

Update on website overhaul: AW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. Koala Creative Ltd are starting with the creation of a logo for LPC and ideas for this will be presented to the PC at a future meeting.

Update on Beacon Trust service level agreement: Sue Parry had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. The PC discussed the possibility and feasibility of continuing to support the Beacon Trust at the same level as it has done for the last three years and the following points were made:

- The PC is very keen that the youth work continues but has to carefully consider whether it has the funds to support this at the current level of £11k per year.
- The PC might be willing to continue its support for a further three years but this may depend on whether the trust's other supporters follow suit. Running costs per year are around £23.5k in total.
- Approximately 40% of the PC's s137 money is given to the trust and may mean that other village groups are losing out.
- It poses a risk to the young people engaged in the trust's programmes if its supporters pulled out at short notice.
- There is no question that the work of the trust has made a difference in the community, with a marked reduction in anti-social behaviour.
- Looking after young people is an important part of any community.
- It is possible that the PC would be able to fund this work separately from its s137 allocation and the clerk will look into this.

PP proposed that the PC does more analysis on the subject and arranges a further meeting with Romsey Mill. It was agreed to bring the matter back to the next meeting for a decision.

Update on Horn Lane and Lady bridge: It was noted that since the PC's last meeting, a car had become stuck after driving over the area where the tarmac road has fallen away. The PC is unable to proceed with repairs until CCC highways has created an edge to prevent the road crumbling further, and the clerk will contact Nicola Burdon to ask if this can be progressed as soon as possible. Estimated costs of the repair had been gathered. It was proposed by EB that repairs be carried out (as soon as CCC had completed its part) up to an amount of £2000 and this was seconded by BC. All agreed.

Cllr Hickford was asked to help progress the highways work, as this is part of his CCC portfolio.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan: PP had sent a report and this was circulated at the meeting. Following a response from Cllr Batchelor, it was noted that there is every reason to continue with the NP despite the suspension of the Local Plan.

From the report PP highlighted the success of the recent training session for residents and said that all involved had been very engaged and enthusiastic. He said the aim was to run the live working sessions for all five groups in mid-July.

EB thanked PP for his hard work in progressing the NP.

Update on allotments: Sue Parry had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. DC expressed concern at the possible ancillary costs of the allotments. However, PP gave an assurance that all ancillary costs will be considered, and quotations obtained, before the PC moves ahead

with buying the land and DC was satisfied with this response.

Tree matters: BW had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting and this was noted. The clerk will write to the PCC regarding the removal of the laurel hedge adjacent to the wall which runs alongside Church Lane, as this is causing damage to the walls. Other tree matters were deferred to the confidential part of the meeting by the chairman.

Cemetery matters: Three quotations for the resurfacing of the roadway and construction of a new footpath at the cemetery were considered. It was proposed by PP to accept the quotation from JF Knight (Roadworks) Ltd for £19,730+VAT and this was seconded by DC. All agreed. It was noted that the use of concrete edging, rather than wood, was a deciding factor in choosing between the two companies which had given the most competitive prices.

MM reported that she did not know of any company which could carry out repairs to the cemetery gates due to the type of metal involved.

Traffic matters: A report from the traffic working group meeting held on 9th June had been circulated and this was noted. Following this meeting a comprehensive list of traffic and parking issues had been submitted to Nicola Burdon at CCC and a response is awaited.

The clerk said that the 20mph wheelie bin stickers had proved popular and had run out; it was agreed that more could be purchased.

A response had been received from Stuart Rushby (CCC) regarding the PC's suggestion to remove bollards on Rivey Way to create more parking spaces. The suggestion has been rejected on grounds of safety.

Police panel meeting: DC and AW had sent a report which was circulated at the meeting and this was noted. DC said that although many people at the panel meeting had complained about parking, it was not a subject high on the agenda due to a lack of staff to carry out enforcement. However, the constabulary will give consideration to employing PCSOs to issue tickets in villages, at a cost of £40 per hour, with the cost of this being borne by the appropriate PCs. DC also said that he had asked about the possibility of the PC receiving a proportion of the money from each parking ticket issued. Further investigation into this will be carried out and the PC agreed in principle to move ahead with this if it proved feasible. Further agreement by the PC will be needed in the future in relation to the number of hours the PCSO would operate in the village and the actual costs of this going forward.

Consideration of correspondence received: Ms P Mack regarding road lining in Balsam Road. This matter is already on the list of traffic issues submitted to CCC. BM will follow up with the residents about this.

SCDC regarding the street naming at proposed development on Horseheath Road. The PC agreed on the name Kinsey Place.

Mr L Davis regarding double yellow lines on Meadow Lane. BM has spoken to Mr Davis and explained that the PC has been trying to resolve this matter with highways for the last two years and will continue to do so. Again, this is on the list submitted to highways.

City of Ely Council regarding Play Area Routine Inspector Course. PP has volunteered to do this course but will not now be available to do the exam also. It was agreed that PP should attend at a cost of £90.

Bidwells response to resident regarding proposed development at Bartlow Road. This was noted.

Mr & Mrs Callaghan-Till regarding cemetery tree. EB said that the tree in question had actually been marked on our most recent tree survey for removal due to decay and dysfunction at the base which was not visually obvious. This will be carried out by a professional tree surgeon as soon as possible.

Mr I. Blackman regarding quotation for work at Symonds Lane. This work is to be carried out at the proposed Community Orchard site and the PC will work together with SCDC on this. It is possible the cost could be shared between the two authorities.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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