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Who has wrapped the tower?



The scaffolding goes up

unusually for this period, it is a striking example of Art Deco design.

In 2008, it was designated a Grade II listed structure, due to the tower having landmark value because of its prominent and exposed position on Rivey Hill.

The tower was constructed in brick to harmonise with the landscape and has a dodecagonal brick exterior that provides a monumental presence.

The sculptural quality of the tower is enhanced by twelve tapering buttresses. This impressive buttressed interior contains an open structure of steel girders which supports a potable water tank.

In the autumn / winter of 2017/18, a number of falling roof slates prompted a health and safety investigation which, coupled with surveys of the structure, indicated that the surface of the masonry was deteriorating at an accelerated pace. To halt its decline and remove any further health and safety risks, it was decided that essential maintenance works were required.

The work involves completely scaffolding the tower, replacing an estimated 100m² of brickwork – with the repointing of a further 500m² and the application of a protective



Oh so high

All photos from Cambridge Water

hydrostatic coating. Further to this, replacing and re-fixing a number of slipped and missing roof tiles and repainting the woodwork of fascia and dormer style roof vents will also be undertaken.

The remedial works are currently on target and are expected to be completed by late February / early March 2019.

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Editor

Granta Group consultations

GRANTA Medical Practices have pleasure in announcing they will shortly be holding *Group Consultations*, also known as *Shared Medical Appointments*. These are organised meetings where 10 to 15 patients with the same condition or set of clinical problems, come together in a supportive group setting.

This is a more personalised way of supporting patients with long term medical conditions and allows patients to learn from each other as well as from clinicians. The sessions will last from one to two hours, including a one-to-one with a health care professional for each group member.

Group consultations can be used for a wide variety of long-term health conditions such as diabetes, respiratory conditions, skin conditions, weight issues and many more.

The first long term medical condition to be focussed on is diabetes. If you would like to register your interest please contact Kelly Austin, Granta Social Navigator.

For more information about Group Consultations go to www.groupconsultations.com

Jennifer Aston,
Advanced Nurse
Practitioner

BARTLOW 3 counties 3 CHARITY WALK

THE 2019 Bartlow 3 counties Charity walk will be on Sunday 5th May. This will be the 16th year of the walk and in that time it has raised over £150,000 for local charities.

There will be walks of one mile, six miles, nine miles and 13 miles. Prices are the same as last year. Online prices: £25 family ticket (two adults and up to three children), £12 Adult, £5 child (12 and under). On the day: £30 family ticket, £15 Adult, £5 child. Children's activities are free.

The wonderful Linton Jazz band will be playing for you and there will be refreshments, a beer tent and activities for the children. The theme this year is World War Two.

We are always looking for helpers. Whether it is car parking, helping with the raffle, face-painting, decorating biscuits with the children or staffing the bar. If you happen to be free on 5th May but don't fancy walking, please contact Duncan Ogilvy on 893644 or duncan.ogilvy@btinternet.com

Tickets go on sale on the website on the 1st April see bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk Raffle tickets are available locally

Henrietta Findlay,
550041

Extract re: A1307 from Parish Councils report

At last work has started on the £13 million project to make the A1307 safer. The first job, reducing the dual carriageway to one lane to allow a safe entry/exit to Dalehead Foods, is complete. The rest of the project should be delivered between now and the end of March 2021. This is what we expect the timetable to be:

By end of March 2019

Upgrade of traffic lights at Linton Village College

To end of March 2020

Bus Lane from Dalehead to Village College (April/May)

Upgrade of Cycle path from Hildersham to the Village College (April/May)

Traffic lights at top of Linton High Street – further consultation May/June (issue of no right turn still to be resolved)

Hildersham Light Controlled Crossing – awaiting date but before the end of financial year

Dean Road Crossing – left turn only from Bartlow. Crossing from West Wratting side remains open and central reservation upgraded. Before the end of financial year.

Dual Carriage Way Linton to Horseheath to have average speed cameras installed. Awaiting date.

To end of March 2021

Roundabout at the Bartlow crossroads – date to be confirmed
Travel Hub (bus stop and parking area), Bartlow Road near roundabout – date to be confirmed

Under Review

The proposed bus lane from Bartlow Road to Hadstock Road is being reviewed again as there are difficulties with land ownership and cost. It may not be cost effective given these difficulties and that most buses pass through Linton.

Latest details can be found at: www.greatercambridge.org.uk/transport/transport-projects/cambridge_south_east_study/
Councillors John and Henry Batchelor

Eastenders star to attend family fun day

MY name is Ali Wright. On Sunday 28th April, I will be running the London Marathon to raise money for The Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation Charity. I sadly lost my dear nanna to this dreadful disease in 2015 and so this is the reason I am taking part.

I have to raise £2,000 to enter the marathon and so as well as doing car washes I will be hosting a charity football match/family fun day from 11am on Sunday 7th April on Linton Recreation Ground.

There will be lots to do for all ages, including food, drink, candy floss, face painting, bouncy castle, helter-skelter and the rodeo bull for the adults. There will also be an opportunity for photos and autographs with Jamie Borthwick (known as Jay Mitchell from Eastenders).

I really hope to see familiar and unfamiliar faces of Linton and surrounding villages.

Everyone is very welcome, and I hope you enjoy the day.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation please visit my just giving page below, or alternatively email me and I can send the link over this way.

www.justgiving.com/AliWright4?utm_id=26

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Linton Jazz anniversary concert



Karen at Haverhill

LINTON JAZZ will be celebrating 20 years of music-making and fundraising for charities at their concert at 7.30pm on 23rd March at Linton Village College.

Karen Sanderson, their musical director, said: "Over 20 years the band has given over 200 gigs and raised over £150,000

for loads of great causes such as the Heroes, Cancer Research UK and churches in Linton and Cheveley."

"It's been fabulous fun – our audiences love the skills and infectious enthusiasm of the members of the band, who give all their time at rehearsals and concerts for free."

"Starting back in 1999 with a few friends and family members, the band has grown and gone from strength to strength," Karen said. "It now boasts over 30 members, aged 12 to 60-something. The idea of the band is to have fun playing jazz. We've been very lucky to have a core of adults who do an amazing job. It's a vitally important part of the band that younger members come and join us. They tend to move away when they go to college or university, but some of them go on to play in the

National Youth Jazz Orchestra or become professional musicians."

"There are no auditions – I love people digging their old musical instrument cases out of their loft and coming along, maybe with their sons or daughters who play. And to celebrate 20 years, we're inviting all our previous members to come back and join in."

Tickets (£10, OAPs £5, Under 16s free) are available on the night or in advance (recommended) online at <https://lintonjazz20.eventbrite.co.uk>.

There will be a fully licensed bar with real ales from The Portable Pint.

For more information contact Karen Sanderson on 07748 917513 or me see below

David Williams,
07880 592706.



The band in full swing at the Marven Centre Sawston

Photos provided by Linton Jazz

Too good for jumble...

NEW in this time is a chest freezer 5ft long by 2ft deep by 3ft high.

Still available are the white metal, decorated king size headboard and a curved solid pine single bedhead.

If you are interested in any of these or if you have an item to sell to benefit a charity please ring Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

The 1992 Encyclopaedia Britannica raised £30 for Walk the Walk Breast Cancer research.

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



Linton reaches new Heights at Space Centre

ON Thursday 7th February, Year 5 pupils of Linton Heights Junior School had a wonderful visit to Leicester Space Centre. Year 5 enjoyed an interactive session in the Planetarium; they programmed their own Mars Rover vehicles and explored the rocket tower alongside the rest of the space centre.

Pupils told us: "Our favourite parts were the programming of the Mars Rover, which used the programming app Mindstorm to control the robot". Other pupils recommended the *Tour of the Night Sky* in the Planetarium. George Holroyd commented, "It felt like we floated off our seats and into space, creating the feeling that we were really there"

Feedback from both the staff and pupils has rated this trip as outstanding. The children were already thoroughly engaged in the topic after learning at school about space exploration from the time of the Cold War, as well as science behind the earth and our solar system. This trip, however, provided an opportunity to discover and experience aspects of space and space travel which exceeded anything that could be offered in a school setting. A highly recommended visit for those of all ages.

Mrs Frost and Miss Webb

Music Learn to Play Day

USED to play? Want to Play? Then come and find out more at a local Learn to Play Day, part of the Music For All charity <https://musicforall.org.uk/learntoplayday/> Saturday 23rd March

Learn to Play Day 2019 on Saturday 23rd March is an opportunity for everyone (adults, young people and children) to talk to local music teachers and try a range of musical instruments. Linton Heights Junior School is the venue for the local drop-in event, which is taking place between 10am and 4pm.

Refreshments will be served during the day, and instruments available (as confirmed at the time of writing this article) include piano, recorder, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, violin, viola, double bass, ukulele and flute, with more instruments being confirmed in the weeks running up to the event.

For more up to date information keep an eye on local social media, email learntoplaydaylinton@gmail.com or contact me via the school.

Mrs Emma Mason, Music Subject Lead
Linton Heights Junior School

Linton Family Centre

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres hold many courses and groups for families. In The Cathodeon centre Linton we have the following activities:

Stay and Play – Held every Tuesday from 10-11.30am all year round. This group is suitable for families with children aged nought to eight years, the cost is £2 per session and you need to be registered with us. During Stay and Play there are many activities including craft, messy play and different toys to explore. We request you bring along a piece of fruit to share for communal snack, and we then end with some stories and singing. We have a child and Family Centre leader at the session who is on hand to signpost and give any advice/guidance you may need.

Baby group – Held on Tuesdays from 1-2.30pm, again this is £2 per session and it is a great opportunity to meet other new parents with babies locally.

Introducing Family Foods Workshop – The next session is from 1- 2.30pm on 20th March. This is run by our Health Team partners. This session is free and there is no need to book. You will gain advice and guidance around weaning your baby and it is a good opportunity to ask any questions you have.

Please do pop by on a Tuesday if you would like to register with us or gain any more information about what we do.

Emma Chipps, Business Support Assistant
South Cambs Child and Family Centres
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Fun in the snow

DESPITE the recent cold weather we have been making the most of the garden. The children have been bundling up in coats, hats and scarves to play with our new garden equipment as well as enjoying the recent snow. There have been a multitude of snow angels, snowballs and mini snowmen to be found in the garden. We also discovered what happens when you bring snow inside and had fun using it with paint in our art sessions.

The children had fun celebrating Chinese New Year and have been making dragon heads to try our hand at Dragon dancing, looking at Chinese numbers and trying Chinese foods. The egg fried rice was a big hit.

Limited places are available for this academic year for children from two years to school age. Our opening hours are 9am to 2.30pm, Monday to Friday. We offer a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions to suit your family's needs. We are also accepting children who qualify for extended-hours funding and can offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week when we are open. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information.

Lucy Walbanke-Taylor, Chestnut Playgroup
07342 900120, admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk



lintongrantaplaygroup

Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

WE are very pleased to say that, not only are we lucky enough to visit Granta School soft-play every Wednesday, we are now able to go every Monday too.

The children really enjoyed playing with the snow, then coming in to help make hot chocolate to warm up. We celebrated Chinese New Year with noodles and toy pigs, a Chinese take-away in our role-play area and compared both English and Chinese numbers.

We made lots of Valentines crafts to take home to people special to us and raised some funds by having a Valentine's hamper raffle.

After half term we look forward to welcoming some new starters, concentrating on preparing our pre-school children for transition to school and lots and lots more fun.

LGPG Team

office@lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk or 07806744864

Linton Village College Adult Community Learning Saturday workshops

WE have a selection of workshops taking place from 10am – 4pm on Saturday 9th March. (£40 per day)

Why not take the opportunity to try something new? Available subjects are:

Wedding Flowers – Learn how to make a hand-tied bouquet, table centrepiece and small posy in decorative jam jar.

Upholstery – bring along a small project like a stool or chair that needs recovering and learn all the correct methods.

Felt Pictures – make a beautiful picture using wet felt techniques

Artist's Sketchbook – *Spring Growth* this course takes you through the process of collecting visual information, researching, drawing and experimenting looking at buds and blooms

Learn to Play Blues Harmonica – during this workshop you will learn the techniques required to enable you to play the harmonica as a stand-alone instrument or as an accompaniment to others.

To book a place, please call Adult Learning at LVC on 891233 ext 303 / 317 or email www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk

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Linton Infant School

THE last couple of months have really been a time for the school to pull together. As you are aware, our Head Teacher is on maternity leave and Mrs Little and I have been stepping into her role.

We have had staff illness and many of the children have been ill with various ailments but it has been amazing to see staff covering for each other at the last minute and children adapting to the situation. We have proved what a fantastic team we all are.

Personal development of the children is part of our school development plan and to help this area, we have a School Council. This is made up of children from each class, elected by their class peers. Campaign posters and speeches are made before the children cast a vote.

The existing team has stepped down to make way for new class representatives who have a lot to live up to. The outgoing reps have been very successful in their efforts raising funds for *Children In Need* and *Jeans for Genes: Democracy*

in action.
We have been inviting parents to join their children for lunch, a chance to see how the school lunch-time system works and to see the amazing food our catering team provides for the children on a daily basis.

We have also had a *Time to Share* session, when parents could spend some time in the classroom, looking through their child's books, appreciating the displays and seeing how the classroom works.

Mrs Louise Cooper,
Acting Headteacher



Mrs Louise Cooper,
Photo supplied by the school



Granta School says hello and thanks

WHAT a pleasure it is to be writing to you in this month's edition of the Linton News.

Our students have been very busy since the beginning of term with various projects to raise money for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This includes a weekly soup kitchen and homemade cake sales, both of which have proved very popular with our staff.

We would like to thank everyone who has attended our events or made donations to our school.

We must also thank everyone in the local community and all of the local businesses for continuing to support us when our students have made visits. Without your contin-

ued kind support we would not be where we are today.

Following a recently attended Panathlon by some of 6th form students and finals held in Harlow on 5th February, we are pleased to announce, that they have been awarded a Silver medal. Our team won all of their boccia games, along with competing in wheelchair and running races, table cricket, polybat and bean bag throwing.

We look forward to watching our students continue to grow here at Granta School. With the help of our excellent staffing team and your ongoing support, our students can work towards reaching their fullest potential.
Lucie Calow, Headteacher

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Readers write...

Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity.

Dear Editor,
It seems we have a new car park in the village High Street, and it's called the pavement. Why do these people think it's perfectly alright to park their cars on the pavement and force pedestrians to walk in the road and face the possibility of being hit by traffic?
Mike Judge, Joiners Court.



The new car park
Photo supplied by Mike

Dear Editor,
I was visiting my childhood home, when I noticed the post box in Balsham Road had gone.

I have lived on and off in Linton for many years, coming and going while at University. I remember the old Post Office and the one before that. As a post box is still outside the first Post Office I remember, just a stones-throw from the Bakery I thought it odd someone decided the one in Balsham Road was an eyesore.

Post boxes are seen less nowadays and I thought it was so sad. They are an integral part of our Britannia in a small green corner of Cambridgeshire.
Harry Bowyer by email

Editor's note: This is due to an issue with land ownership now that the land has been sold, see Parish Council Minutes on p8

Our thanks

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the interesting story on *The Linton Railway 1865 to 1967* by Garth Collard. Living fairly close to the former line as it grazed Cardinal's Green, I have been interested in its history since we moved here 37 years ago.

Your readers may be interested to know that there is a short film of the last train from Cambridge to Haverhill on 4th March 1967 on you tube.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DffFQ3wuqY&t=5s
Rosemarie Parks, by email

News from St Mary's

LENT begins on 6th March. We shall begin with our service for Ash Wednesday at 7.30pm on that evening, with the opportunity to be marked with Ash as reminder of your mortality, and a sign of reliance on God for forgiveness and help as you begin the journey of Lent towards the Easter celebration of eternal life.

There are attractive booklets available in St Mary's containing 40 days of short *Reflections on The Beatitudes* of Jesus. They're for anyone to pick up who would like to use them throughout Lent, whether a regular member of the Church or not. There are also details of Lent Groups to sign-up for – again, you don't need to be a regular member to join us in keeping Lent this way.

On Mothering Sunday, 31st March, our 10am service, *Together with God* is especially intended as worship for adults and children together. As usual, there will be flower posies for mothers, grandmothers and everyone who cares within the community – potentially, all of us.

A new youth group for young people of ages nine to 13 is starting at St Mary's. The first meeting is at 4.15-5.45pm on 3rd March in the church pavilion. All are welcome for games, discussion of *Big Questions* and refreshments.

Also on 3rd March, *Wild Church* will be meeting to celebrate the nesting season from 2.30-4pm in the pavilion and churchyard

On 17th March Messy Church will celebrate St Patrick's Day from 2.30-4pm in the Church.-Maggie Guite (Rector of St Mary's)

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Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News.

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

Dear Editor,
How commendable it was of you to inform your readership of the anomalies of the non-geographic number that Granta Medical Practices are now using to contact them. It would appear that our once friendly local Doctor's Practice is now going the way of the major utility companies, and the various other organisations that are using these non-geographic numbers to enhance the profits of BT and themselves, at the inconvenience and expense of the consumer, or in the case of Granta Medical Practices – member. What sort of designer speak is this which is emanating from the Communications Manager of our now very large village practice? Overnight we have ceased to be patients of a local surgery and are now deemed to be members of a large and supposedly more efficient organisation. How Orwellian is this? Calling us members instead of patients is surely the thin end of the wedge. Are we going to be charged a yearly membership fee next with probably tiers of levels of membership, diamond being the best and of course the dearest and the entry level being bronze and the cheapest. Bronze probably only allowing access to a virtual doctor, oops I mean clinician (more designer speak), whereas diamond gives you a house call at a time to suit yourself with the doctor of your choice.

Whoever in the Granta Medical Practice organisation came up with the idea to call us members instead of patients with the rose-tinted idea that it sounds more friendly or inclusive is surely on Planet Zog. This sort of designer speak needs to be killed off immediately and the Communications Manager wouldn't then have to put an explanation (in brackets) when she's communicating to us by writing an article in your excellent tome.

John McCarthy, Magna Close, Great Abington. 891731

Dear Editor
One of the Co-op's roll cages was dumped down by the riverside on the Camping Close on Monday. After more than 48 hours it was still there.

Someone rolled it (and most of the cardboard it had contained but had been strewn over the field) back to the Co-op on Wednesday evening in an evident fit of civic duty. I have for some time been thinking that the village would benefit greatly from a Linton Village Volunteer Group to undertake this sort of activity and to help put right some of the thoughtlessness that can spoil a really pleasant village environment – not least the pollution of our potentially lovely river by all sorts of rubbish which is very sad to see. Does such a group exist and if not, does anybody else think the same?

John Glazebrook, address withheld
ps While on my soapbox could I say I think our village street cleaner does a great job?
pps Love the Linton News

Service of thanksgiving

ST BOTOLPH'S Hadstock is holding a service of thanksgiving at 3pm on Sunday 17th March for the repair works carried out in 2017-2018 and for the contribution of so many in making them happen.

The Bishop of Colchester, the Rt Revd Roger Morris, will preach at the service.

All welcome.
For further details contact me at paula.greatford@btinternet.com or on 01799 599141
Paula Griffiths

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

- WEEKLY
- New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm, VH
 - Beacon Astro Football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
 - Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
 - Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion
 - Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre
 - Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
 - Linton Air Cadets, Mon and Thurs, 7-9.30pm (07717 801056) LVC
 - Scrabble Club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
 - Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm CC
 - Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
 - Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term-time 9.30-11.30, LVC
 - Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am CC
 - WEA, Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm, term-time VH
 - Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1-2.30pm CC
 - Storytime, Tuesdays, 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
 - Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm RG
 - Walking netball, Wednesdays, 6-7pm, LVC sports centre
 - Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
 - Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
 - Beacon drop-in Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG
 - Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
 - Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm LH
 - Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
 - Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
 - St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm St Mary's church
 - Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

- MARCH 2019
- 2 Farmers' Market/Fair Trade stall, 9am-12noon VH
 - 2 Supper and Jancis Harvey, 7pm St Mary's Church
 - 3 Wild Church, 2.30-4pm Church Pavilion
 - 3 Youth Group, 4.15 - 5.45pm Church Pavilion
 - 4 Camera Club, 7pm VH
 - 5 Outreach advice and support, 1-3pm, CC
 - 5 WI, 7.30pm VH
 - 6 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
 - 7 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion, Horseheath
 - 7/9 Annie musical, 7pm LVC
 - 10 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
 - 10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
 - 12 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
 - 12 Gardening Club, 7.30pm VH
 - 14 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC
 - 15 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
 - 17 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
 - 17 Messy Church, 2.30pm St Mary's Church
 - 19 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
 - 20 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon HC
 - 20 Introducing family foods workshop, 1-2.30pm CC
 - 21 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm CC
 - 23 Drop in Learn to play (music), 10am - 4pm LH
 - 23 Guides Jumble sale, 2pm LIS
 - 23 Linton Jazz concert, 7.30pm LVC
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Later in March we hope to exhibit finds from the recent archaeological dig along Bartlow Road – we'll inform you via Facebook and posters when the artefacts arrive. Until then we have a showcase of interesting toys and games from past and present, near and far.

To encourage pre-school children to visit us regularly, the library offers a free Book Trust sticker book: Bear's Reading Adventure. Children add a sticker each time they are brought to the library. Just sign up at the desk.

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Whether you are a regular or just an occasional visitor to Linton Library, we always appreciate seeing you. Each time you use your library card you help the service to thrive, so thank you. If you haven't been in lately, we urge you to drop by this spring, borrow a book or two and find out what else we have to offer.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy
Linton Library Assistants

Camsight VIPs

Prevent falls and fractures talk

AT our February meeting we had a very enjoyable and informative talk by a health trainer from Everyone Health. This is part of the Cambridgeshire Falls Prevention Service, which works with the NHS to help older people maintain a high quality of life.

The trainer spoke about the high number of older people admitted to hospital every year with fractures, the most serious being of the hip, caused by falls together with bones weakened by osteoporosis. Osteoporosis affects a large proportion of older people, especially women. It reduces the strength of the bones.

Many falls could be prevented by simple safety measures in the home eliminating slips trips and falls risks such as poor footwear, rugs, trailing wires, inadequate lighting, especially when getting up during the night, and trailing bedclothes. He said simply pausing, and stretching or flexing muscles before getting out of bed or a chair too quickly, could avoid the light-headedness leading to a fall.

We lose our sense of balance with age which also increases the risk of falls. Exercises tailored to fit individual ability can improve balance, reduce falls risk and are also valuable for general fitness and suppleness. The above measures, along with a good diet, can enormously reduce falls and help people to stay happily independent in their homes.

This was followed by afternoon tea and our raffle.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March, with a talk on Medical Detection dogs. If you would like any further information please contact us on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

Guides' jumble sale

AS ever, we are very much dependent on local efforts to raise money for the two Linton Guide units. So we do appreciate your support for our Annual Jumble Sale which this year is to be held in Linton Infant School hall at 2pm on Saturday 23rd March.

Gifts of jumble will be gratefully received in the hall from 10am. Please phone 891925 or 891602 to arrange for jumble to be collected.

Kate France

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Charys Green plays regularly with the Royal Opera House Orchestra and Tim Steggals performs with The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert is at 7.30pm on 30th March in Linton Village College. Standard tickets cost £15, concessions £13, under 18s £3, and family ticket £30. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/linton-music-society and from Sweet talk News.

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Linda Bird



Alex Redington & Siu Chui Li



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All about Cambridge University

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During 20 years as Praelector, presenting over 5,000 students for their degrees in the Senate House, he has acquired an extensive knowledge of the history and customs of the university since its foundation in 1209. He will reveal many interesting facts, such as the origin of the wooden spoon as a reward for failure and why Cambridge was the last university to award degrees to women.

All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Tickets costing £8, in aid of the Friends of St Mary's, are available from Chris Morse on 891616 and Hugh and Cynthia Paton on 890362. Refreshments will be available. Margaret Cox

Fairtrade fortnight

FAIRTRADE fortnight is from 25th February to 10th March. A quote from Fairtrade website www.fairtrade.org.uk says "For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid."

This year we are focusing on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much."

At the Farmers' Market, which is from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 2nd March in the Village Hall, a group from the Events Committee at St Mary's, Linton will be serving Fairtrade refreshments and selling a selection of Fairtrade goods from Traidcraft. Proceeds are in aid of St Mary's Church, Linton. Do come and see us and browse the selection.

Anne Parry-Smith, 894715

History of belly dancing

WI members were transported to more exotic lands for an evening of belly dance through costume with Sue Baker, who demonstrated styles from many different countries, showing us dances with swords, a candelabra or a pot on her head.

Belly dancing is one of the world's oldest dances, with evidence in the Egyptian pyramids and in the Vatican in Rome. It can be social, performed for money, for religious reasons (think of the whirling dervishes of Turkey), empowering women and for self-expression and exercise.

The Roma gypsies had a huge influence on spreading dances across the world. Belly dancers have been the victims of violence. Napoleon banned them in Cairo for spreading unrest and disease; hundreds were thrown in sacks into the Nile, the fleeing survivors continuing the tradition elsewhere.

Sue had brought some sensational costumes: beaded, bejewelled, embroidered; some traditionally have coins sewn on. Four of our members donned costumes and performed with Sue while others played on drums or finger cymbals.

For anyone wanting to give it a try, Sue runs a class at Linton Sports Centre on Wednesday evenings each week.

Our next meeting on 5th March includes a talk by Dr Julie Bounford entitled *Heffers, Britain's Oldest Bookshop*. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Sally Probets, 891021

Granta bridge club

WE are seeking new members. If you are already a card player and would like to learn Bridge, or if you play at a reasonable standard and are interested in playing regularly, we would love to hear from you. Please call Jennifer Gooch on 290662.

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COUNTRY MATTERS
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

The humble woodlouse

OF all the innocent critters around, surely the humble woodlouse is the tops. Its proper name is *Oniscus Asellus* but you may know it as a roly-poly, a slater, an armadillo bug or a pill bug, this last thanks to its habit of rolling itself up into a tight ball in self-defence.

It is actually not an insect but a terrestrial crustacean, being an isopod related to shrimps and crabs. Its watery ancestry has left it happy in damp and dark conditions, hiding under stones in gardens, woods and hedgerows in the daytime, and foraging for rotten vegetable matter and fungi after dark.

You might consider its presence in your house, in holes in the plaster, under the doormat, coming through cracks in the floorboards and lurking in the under stairs cupboard to be not so innocent. But it is not damaging in any way and is not interested in your kind of food, unless of course you like decaying vegetables.

You can sweep away woodlice and watch them curl up, or Hoover them up and just empty them back into the garden from whence they came.

But before you do that, take a closer look. Adults are around 1.4cm long. They have 14 segments of exoskeleton, with seven

pairs of jointed legs and they live for two or three years. If you see one lying with its legs in the air, it probably means its time is up.

There are 30 species in the UK, ranging from pink to brown to grey, and 3,000 species worldwide. Every two months, it grows too big for its scaly armour and has to moult. First the back half is shed and the front half follows a day or so later.

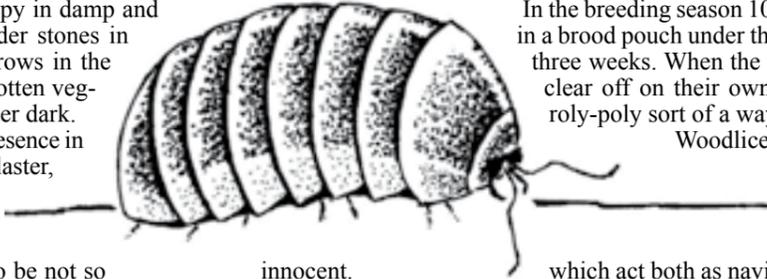
In the breeding season 100 – 200 eggs are carried in a brood pouch under the female and hatch after three weeks. When the young reach 2mm, they clear off on their own to lurk and loiter in a roly-poly sort of a way.

Woodlice have a pair of antennae to help find their way around and two small tubes called uropods at the back,

which act both as navigational aids and drinking tubes. So the woodlouse drinks from front and back, and even through its scales.

Even more weird is the fact that it doesn't pee – instead it just exudes a smelly ammonia vapour straight through its scales.

We were discussing the advantages of this for humans but in the end Ben plumped for getting up several times in the night.



Winter colour in your garden

IN February the Garden Club was given a slide show and talk by Clare Kneen entitled *Winter Gardens and Plants*. There are many plants which can provide colour and scent in our winter gardens. Many winter plants have a long flowering period. Witch Hazel has a sweet scent and colours ranging from orange to red to gold-yellow. *Sarcococca confusa* has scented white flowers and glossy black berries. There is an ornamental apricot *Prunus mume* *Benichidori* with vivid pink flowers.

In January/February snowdrops, crocus, miniature iris and aconites begin to appear. Clare suggested planting a small patch opposite the back door to brighten our day. Or maybe a cornus with bright stems, snowdrops and cyclamen underneath.

There are trees such as acers or birch with white, pink and brown bark. Ruby chard with its vivid red stems not only looks good but you can eat it.

Clare recommended a look at Anglesey Abbey winter walk which is beautiful. Also worth a visit for winter colour are Cambridge Botanic Gardens and Green Island Gardens at Ardeleigh, Essex.

Our speaker for March will be Alan Shipp who holds the National collection of Hyacinths and will tell us all about them. The meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March in the village hall. Visitors welcome.

The photo classes for the Annual Show on 27th July are: *Whatever the weather; Hard at work; In the garden; Transport.*
Anita Daws, 892113, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Talks given on RNLI

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Geoffrey Heathcock BEM JP, 244901
Chairman and Presenter, Cambridge and District RNLI

Private Fincham In from the cold

IN from the Cold is a voluntary project that exists only to get service men and women, who died as a result of war, their due recognition from their country. They contacted Linton Parish Council in 2015 with information that there was such a person with strong Linton connections – could we check if they were buried in the cemetery and was the grave suitably marked?

This was Private John (Jack) Mark Fincham, of the East Surrey Regiment, who died in 1920, aged 31, as a result of war wounds. The stepson of George and Harriet Carter, he lived and died at Cambridge Road, Linton. His grave was unmarked.

Once the burial registration was found, information was passed to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) for formal war grave recognition.

Locating the grave was a problem, Parish Records not being specific. However we met Richard Marsh of the CWGC last year and with the help of Rothgar Paintin (from whom we had the undertaker's records) and old Parish maps, the site of the grave was established.

LPC waived any fees and provided a wreath at the time of placing the headstone. Meantime, Mr Paintin kindly provided a cross and plaque. Private Fincham will be added to the War Memorial.

As we had little notice, the placement of the headstone went ahead with Jan Shambrook and I representing Linton. The CWGC staff did a great job and were very caring. Perhaps we could have a suitable commemoration later in the year, with villagers, schools, cadet and youth groups attending, to reflect on the significance of the death, wars and the changes brought?

Cllr Enid Bald



Recognition at last

Photo by Jan Shambrook

POT POURRI 167

Pot Pourri 167 The thickness of a sphere's cut
A SPHERE has a single cut through such that the volume removed is one third of the total. What is the thickness of the removed volume in terms of the sphere's radius?

Pot Pourri 166 – The shortest distance
The shortest distance to the road is 3,900 metres. The distance along from the map's road start is 6,649 metres.
Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Hildersham quiz night
HILDERSHAM village hall trust is hosting a quiz night on Friday 29th March.

Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. Everyone is welcome – bring your team of up to eight people or come along and join with others.

Tickets cost £8, which includes a chilli supper. Please let us know beforehand if the vegetarian option is required. Bring your own drinks and we'll provide glasses.

There will also be a raffle with the usual array of wonderful prizes. To book, or for further information, contact: Jill on 893596, edheale@btinternet.com

Lambing Sunday

HERE is a special chance to visit the lambing sheds and see newborn lambs from 1.30-3.00pm on 14th April. Tea will be served and it will be followed by a special Lambing Choral Evensong at 6pm. Further details next month.

Hildersham Country Fayre

THIS will be held in the grounds of Hildersham Hall on Sunday 23rd June and promises to be a day of countryside fun for all the family. More details nearer the time.

Linton Village College presents the musical Annie

THE next production by Linton Village College is *Annie* and runs from Thursday 7th to Saturday 9th March starting at 7pm each night.

The story is from the book by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin.

This is a jointly directed Arts Faculty event with over 50 students in the cast and a large student orchestra and student technical team.

The school has been working on the production since October and all years are involved – 7 right through to 11.

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Linda Kahr, 891233, Head of Arts, Linton Village College

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The Marsh mail



THERE are a number of international and national days, some of which we observe and celebrate at Linton Village College.

20th March will mark French Language Day and International Day of Happiness. Fortuitously this day will be spent in France enjoying a week of immersive language speaking by a large group of our Year 10 GCSE students.

The Chateau trip has become an important experience for our students, allowing them to sample the culture and language of a foreign country to give a real-life context for their academic studies. It also provides a rich programme of activities that promote team work and encourage students to venture out of their comfort zones.

Our International Schools Award recognises our commitment to international learning activities. It is important that young people have a window into different cultures and countries developing as responsible global citizens.

We are also proud of our achievements in the arts. We have been hugely successful in both ABRSM (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) exams and Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold. These are an important recognition of the College's success in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum experience. This year's school production, *Annie* will showcase the great talents and hard work of a large number of our students and the skills and hard work of our arts team at LVC. It is brilliant to see so many young people taking pride in creative ventures and performances.

The development of arts leaders amongst College staff and students has helped to extend this experience to younger students at local schools. Pupils at our Trust primary schools have benefited from enriching arts opportunities including African clay mask-making at The Meadow Primary School, the delivering of singing tuition at Howard Community Primary School, resulting in a performance in the Young Voices concert at the O2, and a growing arts partnership provision at Linton Heights Junior School.

Our team of CALSAs (cultural arts leaders in schools and academies) and Arts Cluster is currently preparing for an arts festival to take place in the summer term involving a range of students from CHET (Chilford Hundred Education Trust) schools and across the locality.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal



IN the first week of February we held our annual presentation evening, which was attended by cadets and their families and friends. It is a chance for us to recognise and celebrate hard earned achievements. It was also a chance for us to officially enrol our new cadets.

I don't have space to list the winner of every trophy and to announce every certificate given but some impressive headline numbers for you are as follows; nine bronze Duke of Edinburgh's awards, four BTEC Level 2s and 27 Air Cadet exam passes. We had one cadet promotion on the evening; Corporal Sean Keenan to the rank of Sergeant.

Linton squadron joined the rest of the sector on the annual ATC Sunday parade in Swavesey when 20 Linton cadets, including our banner party, helped represent our village at this event. As always our banner party looked excellent and you could see the pride and attention to detail that had gone into every single cadet's uniform and appearance for the parade.

As we draw exams to a close for this year we can look forward to making the most of all the new qualifications; cadets are now qualified to fly, shoot and progress further into their cadet careers. Camps become available to those that have just completed their first class and with the much anticipated Easter and Summer camps on the horizon I'd say it was perfect timing.

We have capacity for new cadets to join, so if you or someone you know is 12 years and six months old and in year 8 please get in touch. For more information call 07943873272 or email training.2523@aircadets.org

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by Garth Collard

Chaundlers 91-93 High Street



The Bell and Chaundlers in the High Street in 1920

Photo from Garth's collection

THE Barham Manorial Lord, Michael de Furneau, lived here in 1279, renting Chaundlers at 91 and 93 High Street and eight acres of land from his father Simon de Furneau for 3s 9d per year. In 1380, Adam le Chaundler lived here paying two shillings rent per year to the Barham lords.

The house itself was a half-timbered structure with plaster walls. There were twin gables facing the street and the house was thatched with a hole in the roof for smoke from a fire placed in the centre of the large hall.

The large central hall was built in the 14th century and the roof timbers were 24ft high. An elaborate wooden screen led to a passageway leading to two further rooms, the kitchen and buttery.

The hall was 14ft high up to the first floor level, 20ft long and 14ft wide. The main door into the passage was covered in the 19th century when a large chimney was inserted at the front of the house. The hall house was a classic medieval design.

Dr William Palmer the Linton historian and antiquarian examined the house structure including the roof beams. The open chimney had caused many

of the rafters to be stained by smoke from the central fire. Ladders at each end of the hall led to the first floor where the bedrooms were located.

In June 1381 Wat Tyler led the Peasants Revolt in East Anglia. The peasants rebelled against the rigid enforcement of feudal obligations by the rich and powerful, especially the manorial lords and royal agents. They appealed to Richard II to abolish the most onerous aspects of feudal laws.

In this area the rebel leader was John Hanchach of Shudy Camps and the rebels burned down and looted most of the manor houses and priories

between Steeple Morden and Duxford. They targeted the legal records of the town and the manorial lords and intimidated many of the wealthier householders to join them.

In Linton Adam le Chaundler and his brother John, who was a baker, joined the rebels. Once order was restored leaders, like Hanchach, were hanged and minor rebels like Adam and John were brought to trial and acquitted because they stated they had been intimidated and faced death if they did not join the rebels.

By Tudor times John Lawrence had bought the property. His wife, Mary gave birth to four children, three of whom were girls. The youngest, Elizabeth, achieved national

fame. In the 18th century a man named George Ballard wrote a book entitled *Learned Ladies*. Elizabeth Bury, nee Lawrence, was named in the book because she had a national reputation as a scholar. She rose at 4am each day and studied Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Maths and rhetoric. She died in 1642 at Clare where the family had taken up residence.

By 18th century Chaundlers had been converted into labourers cottages serving Manor Farm. This farm covered the present day Health Centre and car park and land extending up the Rivey Hill as far as the water tower.

By 1920 the farm, including Chaundlers cottages, had been sold to Mr WF Taylor of Newmarket who gutted parts of the old house and removed the medieval hall screen to a house in Fulbourn. He removed the ladders and inserted staircases

Further alterations divided the house into two dwellings. He also moved a large fire hook attached to the side gable of the house. Dr Palmer persuaded him to return the fire hook, which can now be seen on the gable end of the house next to number 95, the former Bell Inn.

The front plaster is targeted. The late George Seaman Turner carried this out during repairs in 1973.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0002/19/LB, Mr Julian Flowers, **5 The Grip**, Replacement of a rotten window frame, secondary glaze bedroom windows and draft proof back and french doors.

S/0483/19/FL, Mr and Mrs Nicholas Wolmark, **4 Emsons Close**, Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed single storey rear extension and new side window to south elevation.

S/0213/19/LB and **S/0429/19/FL**, Mrs Pamela Phipps, **17 Green Lane**, Removal of hedge and erection of 1.8 metre boundary fence.

S/0494/19/DC, Dobson, **37 Bartlow Road**, Discharge of Conditions 5 (Finished Floor Levels) & 11 (Boundary Treatment) of Planning Application S.1892.18.FL - Erection of a detached dwelling with new vehicular access and alterations to existing dwelling.

S/0370/19/DC, Greene King plc, **Dog And Duck, 63 High Street**, Discharge of condition 3 (materials) of Listed Building consent S/3594/18/LB for kitchen extension to the rear. New fence and canopy to kitchen yard area. Construction of two covered seating booths and decorative arch to garden. Installation of flood barriers to external doors.

S/0312/19/FL, Mr and Mrs Terry Bishop, **13 Lonsdale**, Rear extension and conversion to garage for habitable use.

S/0150/19/FL, Preston, **18 Meadow Lane**, Single storey side extension.

S/0208/19/FL, Mr James Norman, **137 Back Road**, Replacement single storey Front Porch and two storey side extension.

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OUR next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th March, at Linton Village Hall. Visitors are most welcome. There are always a raffle and refreshments.

The speaker will be Fiona Hutchings from the Essex Field Club. The Essex Field Club started in 1880 with the aim of collecting biological data and set up a natural history museum in Epping, Essex, with help from many eminent Victorian scientists.

Now housed in Basildon, the museum's methods of collecting material have changed greatly with the transition to the digital age.

Please come and join us, we will be pleased to see you.

I could not finish without mentioning Pat Faircloth who died recently, she was a key member of the society. Pat volunteered to become Speakers Secretary when the future of the society looked bleak. The speakers she chose have proved informative and entertaining which helped tremendously and has put the society back on track. She will be sorely missed.

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The Clapper Stile is back



THE Clapper Stile, between the Recreation Ground and Little Linton, is a Grade II listed monument, a feature of the village and part of our village sign.

There are only around five of these in existence, so it is our duty to conserve it.

The Clapper is formed from three wooden beams pivoted on a central post, weighted at one end. These return to a closed position after they have been held down at the un-weighted end for someone to pass through.

The original was installed around 200 years ago, then fell into disrepair and was donated to Saffron Walden Museum. A replacement was installed in Dec 2001 – but laminated beams were used, not solid oak. The base rotted, it toppled over and is now decorating Cllr Potter's garden.

Because of the significance and rarity of the Clapper Stile, our repair – perhaps more accurately, our rebuild – needed to be carried out by a highly-skilled woodworker.

We found this in Dan Harmer, a local carpenter/joiner, who has expertly recreated the original in seasoned solid oak, using traditional construction methods.

This version looks splendid and as if it will last as long as the original. Dan was ably assisted by Tom Burdett, an engineer who was in charge of the ground works. Both Dan and Tom are multiskilled and we needed their expertise on this complex job. Installation was on a bitter February day, feeling colder on the draughty, exposed bank and not without problems.

When digging the post holes Tom discovered a void where soil had been washed away, probably caused by poor drainage in the area. The culvert under the stile was blocked, too. So, the Clapper Stile is now in a slightly different, safer position.

The fencing around the stile will be replaced and the path and drainage upgraded. Now that Ian Blackman has removed the brambles and scrub, trees planted by Susan Anderson and I can be properly appreciated and may flank a bench or seat to complete the restoration of the area.

As ever, the project has taken some time. I first applied for money from the precept around three years ago.

The specification had to be written, tenders submitted, decisions made. Finally, the skills of Dan and Tom brought it to completion – good work!
Cllr Enid Bald

Death, grief, cemeteries and memorials

THE loss of a loved one, grieving and how that grief manifests itself are sometimes difficult subjects to discuss in this modern age but here goes:

For people, rituals play an important role in dealing with loss. It often begins with a visit to the cemetery to choose a resting place and continues with a funeral, possibly cremation and interment. Finally, it will involve the placement of a memorial stone/marker which will serve as a permanent tribute to the deceased.

Many people visit the resting place of their loved one at regular intervals like birthdays and anniversaries.

Our culture has also established Christmas Day, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day as regular times to place wreaths and flowers at the resting place. This is a way to continually remember your loved ones as a very real part of your life.

Graves can be seen as places to place personal mementos of the person, such as possessions representing their passions that represented their personality, making the grave more individual and special, and in turn more intimate.

This sentimental touch could make the grief easier, as remembering the person's life keeps the relationship alive.

On the other hand, the cemetery authority, the Parish Council has a duty to maintain all the graves and their surroundings; to keep it clean and tidy and to ensure it is a reflection of our respect for those who lie there and who are still a part of our village. In order to make this possible, all Parish Councils



draw up a set of regulations that restrict or prohibit the quantity and nature of objects placed on graves; the type and size of headstones permitted; what can be planted or not etc.

The problem for a Parish Council is ensuring these regulations are observed in order both to make it possible to maintain the cemetery in a relatively cost effective manner.

As well as to act as a guide when there is conflict between mourning families that might ignore such regulations and become very upset if objects are removed and families with graves in the surrounding area who complain about the "mess", as they believe it detracts from the dignity of their own family's graves.

Linton Parish Council Cemetery Regulations (which were last reviewed February 2016) have a whole section 6 on Memorials. I have provided extracts below of the parts that are particularly pertinent to the paragraph above.

6.3 No permanent memorial of any kind shall be permitted in any part of the cemetery other than a headstone to a coffin grave or a tablet to a casket grave or memorials in the general areas of the

cemetery pursuant to Regulation 6.29 below. A limited number of plots are available for casket graves where a headstone instead of a tablet memorial is to be requested.

For the avoidance of doubt no raised vaults, railings, kerb stones or other enclosures shall be permitted.

6.5 No headstone in the form of angels or statues of any description shall be permitted. Memorials in the form of religious symbols shall be considered by the Council on a case-by-case basis.

6.6 One vase not exceeding 30cms (1 foot) in height and 20cms (8 inches) in width and containing cut or potted flowers may be placed upon a grave.

6.7 One solar light no more than 10cms (4 inches) in diameter and a maximum of 30cms (1 foot) in height from the ground may be placed on a grave. Naked flames or candles shall not be left unattended.

6.25 No planting shall be permitted on a casket grave. In the case of a coffin grave no plants other than annual bedding plants shall be planted. Any planting shall be within the area originally excavated for the grave and shall be

carried out in such a way that sufficient space for the proper care of the grass between adjoining grave plots is maintained at all times.

The Council reserves the right to remove any planting in contravention of the provisions of the Regulations.

6.26 In the case of any shrub or perennial plant planted within a plot before such planting was prohibited, it shall be kept pruned so that it is no larger than the width or height of the headstone on the plot and if not so pruned may be removed by the Council.

6.27 Any monument, memorial, stone, shrub, plant or other item erected, placed or planted in the cemetery in contravention of these Regulations may be removed by the Council at any time without notice.

6.29 If any person wishes to place a memorial in the form of a seat, shrub, tree, rose, bird box or other appropriate item in the cemetery they may apply to the Clerk to the Council for permission to do so, subject to the proposed memorial being in conformity with any memorial scheme adopted by the Council.

The Clerk may refer any application to the Council for determination, on a case-by-case basis.

I hope this helps everyone to understand what is permitted and why, despite understanding and feeling for your grief, we will have to enforce the regulations.

A full copy of these regulations are available from the Parish Office and on the website.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

The Annual meeting of the Parish

THE Annual Meeting of the Parish is to be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th April 2019 at Linton Village Hall.

This meeting is an open forum and a great platform for parishioners to have their voices heard by other residents and the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will also distribute the cheques to the successful applicants for grants for the financial year 2019/2020 at this meeting.

This is an excellent opportunity for residents to raise any issues, or anything they would like to see done in the village, so please come along and take part.

What has the Parish Council been up to?



AS many of you may have seen by now, a new litter bin has been installed in the bus

shelter on Cambridge Road, opposite the turning to the High Street. This is the first step in the bins project and will hopefully assist in combating the litter problem of our lovely village. The benches project is now well underway with three benches being installed over the coming months.

An Important date for the diary



THERE will be a Public Consultation to discuss the future of the village hall on Tuesday

26th February in Linton Village Hall at 7:30pm. Please put this in your diary and come along to have your say. If you cannot attend but would like more information then please contact Sue Parry, the Secretary of the village hall on 07497 933005 or email info.lintonvillagehall@yahoo.com

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th January 2019.

Present: Cllr Merrie Mannassi – Chairman; Cllr John Bald – vice-chairman; Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Lee Gardner; Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Brian Cox (Dr) District and County Councillors: District and County Councillor Henry Batchelor

Apologies for Absence Cllr Carole Campbell, and District Cllr John Batchelor

Councillors' Declarations of Interest Cllr Kate Kell declared a prejudicial an interest in item 217/18/19, S137 payments, Cllr Merrie Mannassi declared a prejudicial interest in item 219/18/19, The Village Hall, Cllr Graham Potter declared a pecuniary interest in item 216/18/19, Financial Matters due to an expense's payment.

Councillor Vacancies There are currently two Councillor vacancies available for co-option

Chairman's Comment The Chairman welcomed the Council to the first meeting of the new calendar year and advised that the main item on the agenda is that of the precept for the financial year 2019/2020.

Open Forum for Public Participation The resident in attendance addressed the Council and advised they have concerns relating to the paths within the village. The paths and walkways are in disrepair and this is a real issue, particularly for those with disabilities or walking issues, as well as people with prams and pushchairs.

One area this is particularly bad is from Balsham Road to the High Street where they are inaccessible and dangerous in places. The resident also raised that a few years ago the parking issues at Tower View were discussed and it was proposed to change two large areas of green into an area of parking bays but this has not progressed or materialised.

Council advised that the paths come under the jurisdiction of Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and as such these areas need to be raised with them, however the Clerk advised that if the resident took the offices contact details and emailed in, she would gladly help raise this with CCC.

The Parking would most likely be the jurisdiction of South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) as the majority of the houses are social housing leased by SCDC surrounding the area.

The resident also raised that there is a lack of dropped curbs around Tower View, in particular around the bungalows where these are needed. The Clerk and the resident will pick up and see if these issues can be reported to the correct authority.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 13th December 2018. It was requested by Cllr JB that going forward, more detail be included in the minutes following the updates as opposed to 'noted' to add clarity. The minutes of the 13th December 2018 were proposed with no changes by Cllr John Bald, seconded by Cllr Lee Gardner. Agreed with three abstentions.

Matters Arising/Clerk's Report Update on the clapper stile. There will be a meeting held on Saturday 19th January 2019 at the Meadow recreation Ground with the contractor to review the placement of the clapper stile now a new gate has been installed by the adjoining land owner.

Update on benches and bins. These have now been delivered and Local Handyman Services will be looking to install these shortly.

Update on tree guards. These have now been delivered and are being stored by Local Handyman Services ready for installation. Update on the marker for Private John Fincham within the cemetery.

A confirmation date has now been received for the commemorative marker which will be installed on the 21st January 2019, this is within a six-week period so there is not enough time for the Army Cadets to issue permission slips for attendance so LPC will look to arrange a commemorative day outside of the placing of the marker.

Update on the skate ramp. The Clerk advised that she was due to have a meeting with the RFO from Saffron Walden Town

Council on the 21st January 2019 to review the Contracts Finder website and asked Council for an approximate project budget. The Council reviewed this and advised that a project price range of £60,000 to £100,000 should be used for the initial tender notice.

Planning Matters Consideration of the Planning Committee minutes of the 13th December 2018 Noted.

Updates on Bartlow and Horseheath Road planning applications. Verbal update from Cllr Enid Bald

The land at Horseheath Road has now been sold, although the purchaser is still unknown to the Council.

Report from the meeting with Abbey Developments regarding the Bartlow Road Planning application. Verbal report from Cllr Enid Bald. It was felt by the members of the Planning Committee that attended the meeting that Abbey Developments were not listening and had not considered the conditions, comments or statutory consultees.

There are continuous amendments being submitted and the developer was adamant they had been advised on the design of the building and the layout by the design team, however, what has been submitted is against the village design principles and policies. A meeting is requested with the design team at SCDC to discuss this.

Updates on the proposed development of 26 affordable houses from Icen Homes on the land to the north of Paynes Meadow, for which a planning application has not yet been received.

An application has not yet been received but there is a potential application for the exception site north of Paynes Meadow. Pre-application advice has been sought with SCDC now.

Update on the Residents Association meeting held on Monday 7th January at the Chalklands Sheltered Housing building.

Cllr Simon Hill attended the meeting as a resident and gave Council a brief update on the meeting. He advising that the majority of resident's present were against this proposed development with traffic and the disrepair of the roads around the Chalklands Estate being key issues.

Update from the meeting held on the 8th January 2019 with Icen Homes regarding the proposed development on the land north of Paynes Meadow. The plans appear to have changed considerably since the November meeting and they have taken on board a lot of the comments from residents.

A major aspect is the potential impact on the valued landscape which was raised as a constraint in the Back Road planning appeal.

There is a full report which will be available for the public to view in the office, on the information point at the Village Hall and online on the Parish Council website.

Update from the Public Consultation held on Monday 14th January 2019 by Icen Homes at the Chalklands Sheltered Housing Building. Cllr Enid Bald was in attendance and advised that the event was well attended and Icen Homes appeared to listen to the residents and take comments and feedback on board. Linton Parish Council will await feedback.

District & County Councillors' Reports & Business The A1307 work has been listed and will begin shortly, the rest of the work will continue in spring.

There is a consultation out at the moment from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) where the business plans for CCC can be reviewed. It is an opportunity for the Parish Council and members of the public to comment on how we feel money should be spent there is also a housing consultation being undertaken by the District Council at the moment.

If the council or any individuals have strong views then these are all available on the websites.

The Local Highways Initiative (LHI) was heard this week – the bid from Linton was a good bid and was well received the panel, the results will be out early march. The verbal feedback after the presentation was very positive.

Dr Beatrice Ward was thanked for her contribution with this from her time with the Council.

The bidding will open again shortly for next year with a deadline of September / October 2019, so it is worth considering the potential projects for next year's application.

February is the month where the budget is reviewed at the lo-

cal authorities, the District Council is likely to be raising council tax by the max percentage it can, 1.99% on the base rate. It is unknown yet if the County Council will raise its tax.

The post box outside the old post office has moved, this is due to an issue with land ownership now that the land has been sold. They are trying to relocate the post box at the moment. The chair raised that one needs to be kept around the eastern end of the village as there are very few at this area. Parsonage way green was raised.

20 Cambridge Road, the old van centre site, is going to be refused planning permission as there are no affordable units listed for inclusion.

The 4 houses on the corner of Coles Lane and Back Road behind the health centre are going to be refused as 4 properties were considered too many to fit comfortably on this site.

The old caretakers house at Linton Heights is going to be leased to Shire Homes, which is South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) housing letting company. This should be habitable over the coming months. The District and county Councillor Henry Batchelor.

Monthly Financial Matters To Approve Accounts for Payment Cllr Chris Hine proposed, Cllr Brian Cox seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Update on the internal auditor vacancy for LPC and consideration of the quotation provided by Moore Stephens auditing for the Internal audit for the financial year 2018/2019.

It was noted by the Clerk that this quotation far exceeded that of the price from previous auditor. Based off this the Clerk requested this item be deferred to allow time to gather additional quotations. This item was deferred.

Consideration of the final proposed budget and precept by Council for the financial year 2019-2020. It was noted that Council had previously reviewed the precept and decided upon a budget, however after review concerns were raised that the percentage increase on last year's precept was too high and would cause discontent amongst residents. With this in mind, the Clerk checked with CAPALC and was advised that, although this is not best practise, it is not illegal to adjust.

Considering this, council reviewed the budget and the impact this would have upon the precept and Council tax again to evaluate which projects were likely to be actioned in the forthcoming financial year. Following this discussion, Cllr Paul Poulter proposed a total precept of £175,477 which is a 2.2% increase from last year, Cllr John Bald seconded and put to a vote. **Agreed with one abstention**

Consideration of the quotation for Microsoft Office 365 for the computers within the office. Cllr Lee Gardner was tasked with reviewing the options and prices and will prepare a report for the next meeting.

Consideration of Correspondence Received Item 8. Parishioners letter re injury from lack of lighting to Coles Lane car park. This item was deferred. Item 14. Booking request for fun fair on the Recreation Ground in May 2019 and a request to cut back the hedge. **Agreed.**

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