

The next Farmers' Markets are on 7th October and 4th November in the village hall

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Many Happy Returns to Linton Village College

ON Sunday 17th September, several generations of former students were welcomed back through the school doors to celebrate eighty years of learning at Linton Village College.

Hundreds of guests enjoyed a display of archive photographs and records covering the activities of LVC students across the decades: sporting endeavours, school trips, shows, community projects and academic successes. There were also pages from the school's punishment book dating from 1937, illustrating some students' not so glorious achievements.

Current pupils conducted tours of the school. Young and old had the chance to exchange experiences and compare how life at the college has changed over time.

Linton Jazz provided musical entertainment and other community organisations, including LVC Adult Education, presented displays. The school catering team served a non-stop supply of tea and cake.



Above: The main hall was packed with guests of all ages

Below: The Merry family (four generations of LVC students) cut the cake



The mosaic with Jim and some of the students who made it, along with Helena Marsh Executive Principal

Principal Helena Marsh announced the official unveiling of a mosaic to mark the 80th anniversary. The artwork was designed and created last summer by Year 7 students with artist Jim Anderson. The design incorporates the College's *Linton Learner* symbols, representing the attributes of a successful student: responsibility, ambition, curiosity, care, reflection and independence. Jim and some of the students cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Alongside the mosaic in the main hall lobby there is now a timeline of photos and school memorabilia. Compiled by art teacher Karen Stamper, this fascinating display should interest students and visitors for years to come.

It was a joy to watch former classmates and staff members reuniting after many years. Some had not set foot inside the building for half a century or more. Arthur Pettit, Sylvia, Justin and Lauren Merry were invited to cut a celebratory cake. The local



All photos by Tony Smith

family, like many others, has a multi-generation connection with the college. Arthur was one of the school's first students when it opened in 1937.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to a fun afternoon, and many happy returns to Linton Village College – 80 years at the heart of the community.

Anna McMahan, 07931 966952, LVC80info@gmail.com

Coming soon, the village firework display



Fireworks from the display in 2016

Photo supplied by Andrew Clark

THIS year's Linton fireworks display will take place on Saturday 4th November on the field behind Linton Infant School. The gates will open at 6pm so come early to enjoy the bonfire and the usual food and drink stalls. Glo-toys will be on sale for children.

We will judge the guy competition and light the bonfire at 6.30pm. Please bring your guys along on the Saturday morning; the theme will be *Superheroes*. The main fireworks display will start shortly after 7pm.

All profits from the event are split between the PTAs of Linton Infant School, Linton Heights Junior School, and Linton Village College. Last year we raised nearly £9,000. We are very grateful to Camgrain, Cooke Curtis & Co and several other local companies for sponsoring this event.

Advance tickets are priced at £12 for a family of five (two adults and three children) and £5 for an individual. They can be bought at all three Linton schools and the village newsagents and post office. Tickets will also be available online at www.lintonfireworks.co.uk in the three weeks leading up to the event.

Tickets on the night will be available at the gate at £15 for a family and £6 for an individual.

Andrew Clark 0771 3160306, info@lintonfireworks.co.uk
www.lintonfireworks.co.uk

Karen fund-raises for the Anthony Nolan Trust

I AM Karen Sanderson, Musical Director of Linton Jazz and I am raising money for the Anthony Nolan Trust this year as my husband had a bone marrow transplant in March.

I am organising a Christmas Shopping evening in aid of Anthony Nolan at 7pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Chalklands Centre. There will be candles, magnetic jewellery, gifts, make up, Christmas cards, mini beauty treatments, a tombola and a raffle.

I am looking for raffle prizes. Can anyone help me please? For every £100 we raise this potentially saves a life. Also, we have just won second place in the South Cambridgeshire garden Competition for the Best New Tenant Garden. We collected our certificate and prize at a ceremony at Scotsdales on Friday 15th September.

Karen Sanderson, 07748017513, lintonjazz64@gmail.com

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Referred by Paul Richardson, 892074
Convener of Sustainable Linton.

Bus timetable changes

STAGECOACH has altered its 13/13A/X13 Haverhill–Cambridge route from 24th of September. Now Sunday journeys between Haverhill and Cambridge operate five minutes later than before.

For full details and copies of the timetables for the Stagecoach services please contact them directly on 433250, Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com or www.stagecoachbus.com

Come and try to win a beautiful picture

LINTON Camera Club will be holding its 13th Annual Exhibition of members' photographs from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 14th October in Linton village hall, Coles Lane. Entry is free.

Attractions include a chance to win an A4 copy of your favourite out of the 200-plus photographs on display and you can purchase greetings cards produced by members.

There will also be refreshments, home-made cakes and a raffle.

See the club website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk for more information.

Mike Crofts, 893619

Music to get your feet tapping

THE next concert organised by Linton Music Society is at 7pm on Saturday, 14th October in Linton Village College. The earlier than normal start is because the concert performance will be preceded by a performance by the Youth Brass Groups.

LMS opens their new season by welcoming back the popular brass band Prime Brass who promise an evening of light entertainment favourites including Benny Goodman's

Sing, Sing, Sing, Pee Wee Ellis' The Chicken, Gershwin's Porgy and Bess and music from La La Land.

Come for some foot-stomping tunes performed with the ensemble's usual verve and expertise

Tickets are available online at lintonmusic.org.uk, on the door, in advance by telephone

on 893480 or in person from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street.

Prices are adults £13, concessions £11, young person (to age 21) £2, family ticket (two adults and two children) £27.

Linda Bird



Prime Brass

Photo supplied by Linda Bird

2523 Linton Air Cadets soar over night-time London

LAST month we had cadets on camp at RAF Odiham and as expected they managed to rack up an impressive total of over five hours flying time between them, in the Chinook. One particularly memorable flight took our cadets over London at night; the pictures are spectacular.

It was a real testament to Sergeant Sutton's leadership skills that she managed to help guide her team of cadets into winning the Best Flight award on camp. As well as this, four cadets achieved their intermediate swimming qualifications. This requires a demonstration of several swimming styles, an ability to tread water and to retrieve an object from the bottom of the pool.

With the start of the new school year there is always a flurry of new cadets signing up. It's been great to welcome six new cadets on the squadron and we look forward to welcoming more. Training is underway and we start with basic drill, an understanding of the Air Training Corps and the RAF, before moving on to radio and expedition training. Once the first-class cadet qualification is completed then activities such as shooting and flying become available.

With a mix of camps, station visits and flying it has been a very busy summer. As the weather turns we keep just as busy. A mix of aviation studies, sport and personal projects are just a few items on the schedule for the coming months.

Civilian Instructor Brad Wright,
01279 714521, 07943 873272



Cpl Green, Cpl Keenan, Cdt Barlett and Sgt Sutton with their intermediate swimming certificates

Pictures supplied by CI Brad Wright

Public urged to help combat hare coursing

MEMBERS of the public are being urged to be the eyes and ears of the county's rural communities by reporting ongoing hare coursing incidents.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland from the Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) said: "Hare coursing remains one of the biggest crimes to affect our rural communities between September and February, particularly in South Cambridgeshire. "Driving hare coursing out of the county is a priority for RCAT and we will do all we can to catch those responsible and bring them to justice."

The most obvious sign of hare coursing is a group of vehicles parked in a rural area, perhaps by a gateway to farmland, on a grass verge, on a farm track or bridle path. Landowners are urged to consider blocking entrances to their fields with ditches, fencing or trees of even barriers like barrels filled with concrete.

Anyone who sees hare coursing taking place is asked to contact police immediately on 999 and provide officers with a description of the people involved, any registration numbers and vehicle descriptions and the location and direction of travel.

It's important people don't confront people hare coursing or put themselves at risk.

If you have information about hare coursing but it's not currently happening or have been a victim of the crime, please call 101 or report online at www.contactcambspolice.uk/report



Heights' art shows off British values

WE started our new school year by looking at British values and how we might represent them in our school. The British values are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect for and tolerance of, those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

At Linton Heights we created a fantastic hall display to which the whole school has contributed. Each year group, taking a particular value, created a papier mâché 3D model. In Year 4 we focussed on The Rule of Law. We had an array of interesting ideas, from a judge's wig, gavels to policeman's handcuffs. Ben Boffey, George Holroyd and George Walton created the Magna Carta. "We chose this design because the Magna Carta represents justice for all of the British people. I really enjoyed making the base of the model and sticking it together with masking tape".

If you are visiting our school over this term please make sure you have a chance to view the children's handiwork.

Mrs Komodromos and Y4 children



New beginnings at the Infant School

HERE we are at the start of October and the summer holidays seem a distant memory. Everybody returned to school rested and refreshed, ready for the challenges of the new school year. We were delighted to welcome 60 new children to our Foundation Stage, who all appear to have settled into school life. Each Foundation Stage child has a Year 2 buddy, who have been taking their responsibilities seriously, helping the younger children and explaining the complexities of school life.

Our whole-school theme for this term is *Is Fire Good or Bad?* and of course, we couldn't resist a trip to the Fire Station. The firefighters at Linton Fire Station were very hospitable and spent the day explaining fire safety to the children, along with showing them round the fire station and fire engines.

The admissions window will soon open for children starting school in September 2018. If Linton Infants is the school for your child, we are holding some sessions for you to visit: Tuesday 21st November 9.45am - 10.45am and 1.30pm - 2.30pm, Wednesday 22nd November 9.45am - 10.45am. Places are limited so please phone the office on 891421 to book a place.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

ACEs in historic St Albans

ACEs hit the road again with a coach trip to St Alban's on 5th September. The town has many historic sites including the inn where King John of France was imprisoned, a street War Memorial, Clock Tower (for the mediaeval curfew bell), Abbey Gate and Mill - also plenty of shops, pubs and restaurants.

The nave of the cathedral was partly closed for graduation ceremonies but the older, more interesting parts, Norman Chapels, the shrine of St Alban with its unique wooden watching loft, the High Altar, Museum, were open.

Across the park is the Verulamium Museum, with excellent artefacts, mosaics and displays of Roman life. We also saw the remains of the Roman Theatre, though the stone went to building a nearby church.

Walking back through the park we got a few ideas for our own recreation ground... though perhaps not a Roman wall and hypocaust.

The driver, a councillor at another parish, gave Cllr Ward and me information that helped save the bus service through Linton - Stagecoach do not own their bus tyres. He also deserved his round of applause for steering through a narrow gap after a crash caused by delivery drivers using mobile phones.

The next event is a Soup and Rolls lunch, at 12.30pm on Thursday 26th October in the Sports Pavilion. There will be a talk on the Fry Gallery, which houses an impressive number of paintings and specialises in artists with local connections. All older people are welcome. Enid Bald, 891069



A busy year for Linton District Guiding

WE have had a fantastic year at the District this year, culminating in our annual District Strawberry Evening in Linton and a District Camp taking 36 girls and 11 leaders away to Gillwell activity centre. We have had all our 13 units and Trefoil Guild away during the year and many days out. We are also lucky enough to have had three leaders, taking our Anglia Regions Guides abroad to Canada, Romania and Fiji. Four guides went on an international residential trip to our chalet in Switzerland with other guides from the Anglia Region, each person being chosen out of all those who applied and then fundraising to pay for their trip.

We have also had four girls, passing their BP (Baden Powell) Award, the highest award a girl can get in Guides.

Christmas saw us having parties and performing shows and seeing Father Christmas. In the spring, each unit held their own Thinking Day celebrations, with activities and food from around the world and they learned about our five World Centres.

Balsam Brownies spent a day at Pax Lodge, our British World Centre in London and had an International Adventure day there.

We have 146 countries offering Girlguiding and ten million girls around the world, as well as 245 girls locally, not including leaders. We are passionate about our girl-led environment and excited about the

programme changes happening next summer, hopefully making it easier for leaders to gain and plan ideas in today's busy world.

Sadly, we will be losing 2nd Linton Brownies, as they close at Christmas; they are merging with 1st Linton, to be a more effective leadership team together, as they have both been on their own for many years.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with us in any capacity, leader, unit helper, occasional pair of hands, or maybe you have a skill you could teach us or you have a hobby we might enjoy for a night, please do get in touch with me, our District Commissioner Designate on louisapowell@hotmail.co.uk 833776 or to find out more, consult Girlguiding.org.uk/ interested

I would like to thank everyone involved in the District for their friendship, fun and sense of adventure, with so many smiling faces; it is brilliant.

Our units range from Rainbows to Senior Section and from Burrough Green to Horseheath in area and, for those not wanting to join a weekly unit and are over 18, we have a fabulous Trefoil Guild too.

What an incredible bunch they all are. I hope you have enjoyed this snapshot of what they have all been up to.

Louisa Powell-Owens,
Linton District
Commissioner Designate

Chestnut Playgroup: a warm welcome to all

THE autumn term is now in full swing. We welcomed back our returning children and have been getting to know our new starters who have settled into playgroup life well. We have also spotted familiar faces walking around the village in their smart new school uniforms and wish them every happiness at school.

The autumn term brings great excitement with one of the most dramatic changes in seasons happening before us in the garden. The leaves start to turn colour and we have great fun with fallen leaves and all the other exciting things that autumn brings.

With the introduction of the Government Extended Hours scheme for three - four year olds, we are pleased to announce we are accepting children who qualify for extended hours funding. We are able to offer this up to the 27.5 hours a week we are open.

Places are still available and we offer morning, lunch and afternoon sessions five days a week to children from two years old. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information: admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120 Wendy Hine on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

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An unexpected journey

theWI THE book of this name was compiled from the diaries of Margaret Reardon with help from her daughter, Catherine Armstrong, our speaker, and her granddaughter.

Margaret was married to a colonial officer and was expected to up sticks at a moment's notice and live in such remote places as Eritrea (where they encountered hostile tribesmen), Tanganyika (where Catherine was born), Gilbert and Ellis Islands and Turks and Caicos Islands, preparing them for independence. Hence the book's title. Margaret's duties, apart from meeting officials and local chiefs, were helping the doctor at clinics, starting a school for girls (who were only allowed to study the Koran) sewing and cooking, and hosting tea parties involving crystal, silver and damask, out of a very small budget. She set up a co-operative store in Bechuanaland and helped run it. In Eritrea, just before independence, it turned very nasty. Staff mutinied and threatened to kill them and trains taking them to safety were stoned by the Africans. Brave Red Cross ladies stood their ground, meeting the refugees off the trains with tea. Everything put in place by the British government in Botswana is still in place and working well. On her husband's death, Margaret returned to the UK after 37 years.

Copies of the book have been given to Oxford and Cambridge University libraries and they are keen to hear from other women about their parents' and grandparents' stories. Catherine's talks are to encourage members to get writing and get the information to the universities.

Our next meeting is on 3rd October when members will be flower arranging with a tutor from Linton Village College.
Sally Proberts, 891021

Iris through the year

OUR speaker for the Garden Club's September meeting was Clare Kneen. Clare's lifelong love of Iris led her to a change in career from pharmaceutical research to Horticulturist, Grower and Garden Design. We viewed slides of beautiful, delicate and colourful iris.

Iris of different varieties bloom all year. Reticulata flower in January and February. An unusual collection of Juno can be seen at Kew. Dutch iris are a favourite of florists. Bearded iris flower in early May and in mid/late June. Tall bearded come in all the colours of the rainbow except true red. Evansia-crested, are very tolerant of most soils and situations, flowering May and June. Siberian iris grow in part neutral to acid soil, while Water iris grow immersed in water, many are suitable for garden ponds. Remontant iris will re-bloom in October. Winter iris foetidissima produces bright red seeds through to the spring.

Although there are irises every month there is more choice in May and July. Iris like sun to deep shade, alkaline to acid soil depending on variety. Clare Kneen propagates iris plants from her home in Little Walden.

Our next Garden Club meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October. The meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30pm. Annual membership is £10. Visitors are very welcome.

There will be a short AGM followed by a talk on Gardening by the Moon. Our speaker will be Nigel Start.

Anita Daws 892113, lgssecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Linton and District Historical Society

THE next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th October in Linton village hall, when Mike Lampport will be speaking on *My Railway Heritage Journey*. Mike was the Public Relations Manager for West Anglia and Great Northern Railway.

We look forward to seeing members, old and new, at the new season of talks.

Subscriptions for the year remain at £10 and visitors are very welcome at £3 per meeting.

Pat Faircloth, 893928

PLODDING ALONG

An update on police matters

BETWEEN 10.30pm on Saturday 2nd September and 2.30am on Sunday 3rd a business premises on Balsham Road was broken into. Various tools and the keys to two vehicles were stolen. One of the vehicles was driven away but was recovered later.

Between 3pm on 8th September and 5.30pm on 9th some large garden machinery was stolen from Cambridge Road.

Between 10pm and 11pm on 9th September the window of a motor vehicle in Balsham Road was smashed and a handbag was taken.

If you have any information regarding these crimes, or saw anyone or any vehicles acting suspiciously around the times or prior to the crimes, please telephone 101. Alternatively you can call crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

PCSOs Chris Wiseman and Lindsay Gardiner



Our Chief Inspector leaves.

Chief Inspector James Sutherland, Area Commander of South Cambridgeshire, has recently received a promotion to Temporary Superintendent and will shortly be leaving to take up a new role in the Control centre. He says, "I would like to thank you all for the incredible support that you have given your local policing team and I over the last four years."

"The new commander will be Superintendent Jon Hutch, and my deputy - Inspector Jayne Drury will be remaining in post for the time being to ensure that there is a smooth transition and you don't notice any change to the service you receive. It has been a privilege to serve South Cambs for these last four years and I leave knowing that you will continue to be served by some of the most professional and compassionate police officers you could hope for."

Granta Grapevine AGM

GRANTA Grapevine, Linton's talking newspaper, will hold its AGM on Thursday 19th October at Chalklands Community Centre. Doors will be open at 7pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Granta Grapevine provides a spoken version of the Linton News, and an audio magazine, every month for those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading the text for any reason. Contact me if you know anyone who might like a copy of the recording on USB memory stick, for which a player is available from us.

If any of our listeners require assistance with transport to the meeting, or you would like to help us and require further information, please call me on 893619 or see our website www.grantagrapevine.org.uk

Mike Crofts

Concert in St Mary's

THE Friends of St Mary's are presenting a concert entitled *Gather the Good Days* by The Granta Chorale at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st October in the Church.

The Granta Chorale (musical director Janet Wheeler) is one of the foremost mixed voice choral groups in the Cambridge area. They recently celebrated their 10th anniversary of music making.

They will be performing a selection from their delightfully varied repertoire including items by Janet Wheeler herself and then in lighter vein *Somewhere over the rainbow* and *Moon River*.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets (£10 adults, £5 under 19s) go to the Friends of St Mary's (supporting the upkeep of our medieval parish church building) and the work of the chorale itself. We hope that additional musical items will be contributed from a group of young instrumentalists from Saffron Walden. A retiring collection will support research into dementia.

Tickets are available from me on 891616 or Judy Nightingale on 891806.

Chris Morse

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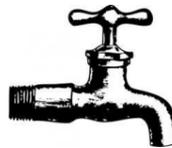
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- WEEKLY
Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion
Men's keep fit, 8-9.30pm Mondays LVC sports centre
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH
Linton Air Cadets Mon and Thurs 7-9.30pm (07717801056) LVC
Scrabble Club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP
Linton Granta playgroup, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays term time LVC
Linton Granta playgroup, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time Library
Granta Bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH
Beacon Astro Football, Tuesdays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
Beacon Red Zone Youth Club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
IT club-computer help, 7pm Tuesdays CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays CC
Belleplate ringing, 7.45-9pm, Tuesdays (971057) URC
Tots in tow, 9.30-11am, Wednesdays term time only VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays URC
Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), 1.15-2.45pm, Thursdays CC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays Library
Beacon Drop-In Club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm The Rec
Cricket club, 6-8pm, Thursdays LVC
Beacon Youth Group, 7-8.30pm URC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm, Fridays CC
Linton Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

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| 1 Harvest Lunch, midday | St Mary's Church |
| 1 Wild Church, 2.30pm, | St Mary's Pavilion. |
| 2 Camera Club, 7pm | CC |
| 3 WI, 7.30pm | VH |
| 4 Reading group, 8pm | VH upstairs |
| 5 Luncheon Club, 12 noon | Old Red Lion Horseheath |
| 7 Farmers' Market, 9am-12 noon | VH |
| 9 Whist Drive, 7.30pm | VH |
| 10 VIP Group, 2pm | Chalklands |
| 10 Garden Club, 7.30pm | VH |
| 11 Macmillan Coffee morning, 10am-12noon | Symonds House |
| 11 Community navigator, 10am-12noon | HC |
| 14 Camera Club Exhibition, 10am-4pm | VH |
| 14 LMS concert, 7pm | LVC |
| 15 Walking group, 11am | Church Lane |
| 15 Messy Church, 2.30pm | St Mary's Church |
| 17 Historical Society, 7.30pm | VH |
| 18 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am-12noon | HC |
| 19 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm | CC |
| 19 Granta Grapevine AGM, 7pm | Chalklands |
| 20 Daylight readers, 10.30am | Library |
| 21 Jumble sale, 2pm | VH |
| 21 Friends of St Mary's concert, 7.30pm | St Mary's Church |
| 26 ACE soup and rolls lunch, 12.30pm | Sports Pavilion |

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| 1 Reading group, 8pm | VH upstairs |
| 2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon | Old Red Lion Horseheath |
| 2 Christmas Shopping for Anthony Nolan, 7pm | Chalklands |
| 2 All Souls service, 7.30pm | St Mary's |
| 4 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon | VH |
| 4 Fireworks, 6.30pm | Camping Close |
- KEY:** CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LIS Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reformed church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
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- Replace strings and tune the guitar
- Recognise chord symbols and music terms"

Guitar for beginners is on Monday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm. If you would like to join this course, please contact us to book your place.

The autumn term begins on 18th September. If you would like to know any more about any of our courses, please contact us on 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org. Our website is www.sawstonadulted.org

Amanda Hoskins

The Abingtons first repair café

REPAIR Cafés aim to bring together experienced repairers with people who need stuff fixed.

The Abingtons first Repair Cafe will run at the village institute on Abington High Street on the morning of Saturday 28th October, 10am to 1pm. It will be one of a series in the South Cambs area, co-ordinated by Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

The cafés are part of a general effort to achieve sustainability of resources. We recognise that these days we live in a throw-away society. However, sometimes the things that we own that have failed or suffered minor damage can be brought back into use by a simple repair, instead of being binned. This way we can make a small contribution to conservation of the earth's resources and, incidentally, save some of the cash in our pockets.

The scope of the Repair Café currently being planned for the Abingtons is expected to include electrical and mechanical devices and small domestic equipment, computers, bikes and fabric items.

Readers of the Linton News who would like to take something to the Café for repair should go to the website

www.repaircafe.org.uk/abington where you will be directed to a booking form to request an appointment with a volunteer repairer with suitable skills and tools, to attempt a repair of your item. Alternatively, you may drop in on the day but you will probably need to join a queue. Repairs, whether successful or not, are free but donations will be invited to cover the costs of the Café.

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Richard Smith, 892759

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Local talent

LINTON can boast a number of amateur artists and one of the most talented by far is Richard Read. Richard starting painting when he was about 10 years old but took it up more seriously in his twenties as a hobby. He pursued his career in printed packaging in Cheshire and painted for leisure and pleasure.

Fourteen years ago he left Cheshire to marry his wife Rosemary, who lived in Linton and since retiring some years ago he has continued to paint and exhibit his work and enjoy some success in selling it too. He uses different media, oil, watercolour and gouache depending on his subject. For example, Mediterranean scenes are often portrayed in gouache, which he says lends itself to the climate.

Richard has travelled extensively, mainly in Europe but has visited New York, Cuba, Hong Kong, New Zealand and South Africa, all of which have inspired him in his work. He enjoys sketching his subjects but often time decrees that he must take a photograph and work from that later.

He has just started on some mountain scenes from Spain. His favourite subject are the landscapes of France, Italy and Spain but he is hoping to do more in Scotland as he loves the freshness of the Scottish Colourists.

As well as his art, Richard is a railway enthusiast. He no longer has his collection of railway memorabilia and rarely paints railway scenes but he is still passionate about rail travel and has recently taken a trip on the footplate of the Tornado on the Nene Valley Railway.

When he isn't painting Richard can be found each week with the Monday Gang in St. Mary's churchyard. Maybe an exhibition is in the offing?

Sarah Hurcum



Richard in his studio
Photo by Sarah Hurcum

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Hadstock Church

REPAIR works have started at St Botolph's Church in Hadstock.

The programme of work taking place over the autumn includes redecorating the interior with fresh lime wash and patination of the floor, as well as conservation of the stonework around the historic north door and minor repairs to roof and inside the tower.

While the works are taking place the church will be closed to visitors, however, Sunday services will continue – mostly in the chancel, with access through the vestry. Harvest Festival (1st October) and Remembrance Sunday (12th November) services will be held outside.

It is hoped to complete the work in time for Christmas.

The Reverend Paula Griffiths, Priest at Hadstock, said: "This work will transform the appearance of our historic church. In 2020 we shall be celebrating the building's Millennium and we want to hand it on to future generations as a living church which is safe, secure and welcoming.

"Thanks to all in the community who have helped fundraise to make these works possible and to the generosity of our grant-givers."

Grants have been received from the Friends of Essex Churches, the Garfield Weston Foundation and Allchurches Trust to help fund the work.

Reverend Paula Griffiths, 01799 599141
Priest at St Botolph's Hadstock

News from St Mary's

AT St Mary's Linton (and in St Mary's Bartlow, too) we shall begin October with Harvest Festival at 10 am on 1st October. Do join us and if you can bring gifts of non-perishable food items for the Haverhill Foodbank, they will be gratefully received. (NB: non-perishable food includes long-life fruit juice, which can be a really important element of balanced food package for people in need.)

In Linton we shall also display in church, harvest fruit and vegetables, which we shall speedily make into a harvest soup for the bring and share harvest lunch after the service. Some pots of soup will also be taken out to the housebound people we know, so that they can join in our celebrations.

We shall hold our second Wild Church that afternoon at 2.30, beginning in St Mary's Pavilion. If you didn't try the first one maybe you'd like to join us this time as we seek to discover more of the wonder of God in the great-outdoors. All ages welcome.

Looking into November, we shall hold our annual All Souls Service – A Time to Remember at 7.30 pm on Thursday 2nd November. If you would like someone remembered by name at that service, please contact me using the email address below, or leave a note for me in the pigeon-holes at the back of St Mary's, in the slot marked G. Some people will receive personal invitations to attend, but everyone is welcome.

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Wild rabbits through the ages

YOU may be a person who longs to pick up and cuddle the baby rabbit by the roadside, charmed by its fur and ears and bobtail and memories of childhood fables. Or you may see one in your garden and reach for an imaginary shotgun.

Rabbits originated in South West Europe and North Africa and were introduced here by the Romans after the invasion of AD43. We got rid of the Romans but rabbits are known for their insatiable reproductive habits, breeding three or four times per year. A single mature pair can produce between 30 and 40 kits annually.

Unbelievably 24 rabbits were introduced in Australia in 1859 and by 1950 there were approximately 600 million. They grew to such numbers in the UK and were causing such damage that in the 1950s the virus Myxomatosis was introduced with dramatic effect. The virus is still present but less virulent, killing a smaller proportion of the total.

They were, and still are, valued for food and fur, though not so many people prowl through the countryside with rabbit sized pockets in their coats as was the custom when meat was rationed.

Rabbits eat grass, clover, weeds, shrubs, a variety of buds and tree bark in the winter when little else is on offer. I won't mention what they eat from your veg patch.

They live in warrens up to three metres deep and have multiple exits for emergency escapes. They can survive in extreme temperatures, using their long ears as coolants in hot conditions.

They are crepuscular, namely out and about at dawn and dusk – this is when the light is low and they are less likely to be seen

by the owls, hawks, cats and foxes who eat them. They thump their hind legs as a warning of danger.

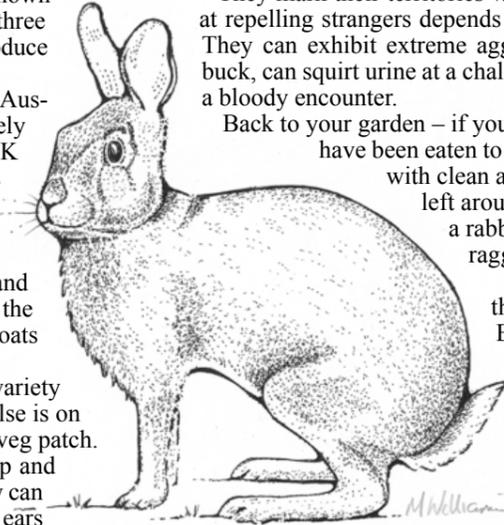
Their big eyes can rotate 360 degrees and, like hares, they are crafty, running away in a zig-zag pattern to confuse predators. They can run at up to 18 mph, using their strong hind legs and feet with a dense furry padding to soften the blows.

They mark their territories with dung hills and their success at repelling strangers depends on the potency of their pellets. They can exhibit extreme aggression – a male, known as a buck, can squirt urine at a challenger which then develops into a bloody encounter.

Back to your garden – if you see that your plants and weeds have been eaten to ground level and neatly clipped with clean angles, with pea sized droppings left around, it is likely to be the work of a rabbit. If your plant or young tree is ragged and torn, suspect a muntjac.

But not everyone is against them. The Wildlife Trust in the Breckland have been encouraging them back on to the land because the short graze made only by rabbits encourages the rare invertebrates, birds and plants.

We live alongside these wild creatures and must accept their place in the countryside and, with a deep breath, our gardens. In the scheme of things, it could be much worse.



Autumn events at Wandlebury

NOTE: most events, unless specified free, incur a charge and it is advisable to book well in advance. For more information on any event email bookings@cambridgeppf.org, call 243830 extension 207 or visit www.cambridgeppf.org/whats-on

Tilly the Travelling Tearoom at Wandlebury
Open 11am to 5pm on Sundays 1st – 22nd October

Nordic Walking

On Wednesdays 4th and 18th October. There are three levels of walks. For more information, charges and booking contact Oliver on 07947 835522 or email: info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk

Healthy Walking Every Thursday

Walking for Health accredited sociable walks around the park. Meet at the Stable Rooms at 10am for a longer walk or 10.30am for a shorter stroll. Free of charge and no need to book.

History and Archaeology Fun Day

From 12pm to 4.30pm Saturday 7th October. Traditional crafts, face painting, archery, cooking over an open fire and making chainmail and more.

Fungal Discovery (adults only)

From 11am to 1pm on Saturday 14th October

Basket Weaving (adults only)

From 10am to 4pm on Sunday 15th October. Learn the basic techniques. Tools, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided but bring a packed lunch.

Vital Spark Theatre – theatre workshops on 23rd October

10am – Pumpkin Soup adventure 2-6 years
11am – Unlocking Autumn secrets adventure 2-6 years.
12-3pm – primary age Autumn Adventure with a hot potato snack. For more information, charges and booking visit www.vitalsparktheatre.org or email Katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org

Halloween Fun

From 4-7pm on Saturday 28th October. Fancy dress optional, carve your own scary pumpkin sculpture (there is a charge) followed by a guided twilight walk around the park.

Lorna Gough

Success with an animal challenge



Look -we did it!

Photo supplied by Lindsay Healy

WE had a lovely celebration at Linton library on the morning of Saturday 16th September as many of the children who completed the *Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge* came along to be awarded with their certificates and medals. These were presented by Parish Councillors Paul Poulter and Chris Hine.

The children had to read a book a week over the six-week summer holidays and talk about the books with the young volunteers who very kindly helped out with the challenge at the library.

Thank you to all who supported the challenge and well done to all who took part

Lindsay Healy, Linton Library

POT POURRI 150

Memorable number.

THE calculator displayed a seven digit number in the form of aaabbcc. It is the largest number of this form that can be divided by 17.

What number was it?

Solution to 149 – Two people's ages.

The ages are 27 and 33.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Kings Taverners concert

THIS year's performance of music and readings will take place at 7.30pm on 14th October in Hildersham Church. The programme has the intriguing title, *Feel no pain*. We can promise a delightful evening's entertainment, with no pain.

Tickets £10 including light refreshments, Under 18s free.

Pie and Fizz quiz

AT 7pm on 10th November in Hildersham village hall. Enjoy a great evening with expert quizmaster Will Ricketts, starting with a glass of fizz. Book a table, up to eight people, or book individually.

Tickets £10 including a hot pie supper.

For both these events contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or emailcatherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

SYMONDS House Nursing Home is holding a coffee morning from 10am to 12 noon on Wednesday 11th October to raise funds for the Macmillan cancer support charity. All are welcome.

We are doing this later than the National Macmillan coffee morning on purpose as other places are all doing it in September and everyone cannot be in the same place at the same time.

Julie Cleland, Home Manager, 891237

Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night

THE Friends are organising another Quiz Night in the Linton Free Church Hall at 7.30pm on Friday 17th November.

Tickets (to include a fish and chip supper) are £10 per person although we would prefer to take bookings for teams of six people (£60) and these are available from me.

Chris Morse 891616

Fulbourn celebrates its 70th

ST JOHN'S Players, an amateur drama group based in Fulbourn, is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2017, and after successful productions of *The Railway Children* and *Strictly Murder*, we are now preparing for the final play of our 70th year, *Holiday Island*. This is a comedy running from Wednesday 25th to Saturday 28th October at Townley Hall in Fulbourn.

For tickets ring 210737 (5.30 – 6.30pm) or go to

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stjohnsplayers or visit our website: www.stjohnsplayers.co.uk Concessions are available.

Neil Cole, 07912 307781

Panto comes back to Linton

AFTER the success of last year's pantomime, the Linton Pantomime Society will be performing *Dick Whittington* written by Lorenzo Zambrana with a fantastic local cast. So come along and follow Dick Whittington on his journey to becoming Lord Mayor of London and defeating the evil Queen rat.

Performances are on Saturday 9th December at 3pm and 7pm, and Sunday 10th December at 3pm at Linton Village College.

Tickets are available via www.lintonpanto.com or call Joyce on 891790. Prices are: Under threes free / Children three to 16 years £6 / Adults £9. Proceeds from the show will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Tracey Zambrana

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The Marsh mail



THIS term we mark the 80th anniversary of Linton Village College. The school first opened its doors in 1937 with a much more modest building and staff. While the Art Deco architecture remains intact, a great deal has changed. It was lovely to meet with ex-students and staff to appreciate their memories of the College.

As part of the preparations for LVC@80, we have explored archive material including historic photographs and documents. We have discovered fascinating items including strongly worded parental letters of complaint penned over 60 years ago, reports of supernatural activity and some outrageous bus incident reports.

One of the most poignant pieces was a war time letter capturing a teacher's commitment to the profession, despite offers of employment to support the war effort because of his staunch belief that: *there is a job of work of equal importance to be done right here on the spot; to plan for a better world when once the struggle is over.*

Written in February 1942, the author urges the then Warden of the College to focus on the *inner nature of the child.* Amongst the teacher's 27 proposals includes bringing up a generation that will be free from hate and fear and to focus on developing children's character and initiative.

75 years on, we still strive to encourage this kind of holistic education at LVC. Children are encouraged to be curious, reflective and independent, to take responsibility and be ambitious in their learning and lives. Another of the school's values, caring, is symbolised not only in the Linton Learner logo but by the sculpture outside of the school's original entrance.

In addition to the tea, cake and music, the anniversary celebrations included the official unveiling of a commemorative mosaic which captures the Linton Learner attributes that we value and grow in the school community. This piece of collaborative art work, created by every student in a year group, serves as a lasting contribution to the school's heritage.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the anniversary celebrations and reinforced what is so special about our Village College.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3194/17/DC, Mr and Mrs Paul Munford, 23 Back Road, Discharge of Condition 4 (pedestrian visibility splays) of S/2223/17/FL
S/3046/17/DC, Mr Simon Duckett, 26 High Street, Discharge of Conditions 6 (Plasterboard) and 7 (Cross Sections) of S/2022/17/LB

S/3093/17/FL, Mr and Mrs Russell Taylor, 28 The Grove, Proposed lean-to front entrance porch, two-storey side extension and garden shed.

S/2952/17/FL, Mr and Mrs Dobson, 37 Bartlow Road, Erection of a detached dwelling with new vehicular access and alterations to existing dwelling

S/2949/17/TC, Glossop, The Corner House, Coles Lane, T1 Willow Fell Decay in trunk and damaging wall T2 Cypress Reduce to level of first floor window sill T3 Malus Raise crown to 7ft, shorten lateral branches to clear house by 3ft T4 Malus Raise crown to 7ft

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Memories of Linton

Part 2: The Black hand gang



McKenzie & Hayward's garage in the High Street in 2001

Picture by Mike Crofts

I WAS about two and a half when, in late 1946 after being demobbed from the RAF, my dad got a tractor driving job at Pemberton's, a vast estate that included several farms and huge acreage in both Trumpington and Grantchester and we moved out of Linton and into a tied cottage just off Trumpington High Street.

However, from about the time I started school, I would spend most of every school holiday at Linton, with my grandparents and their sons, who were both still living at home and I become a member of the *Black hand gang*.

Both my Grandad and Uncle Ted worked at Crawley's Garage near the top of the High Street; later to become the premises of McKenzie and Hayward's Car Sales. In those halcyon days, before the Health and Safety police deprived children of any insight into what work was all about, that is where I'd be found most weekdays during my school holidays.

Back in the 1950s, owing to the lack of modern day cleansing additives in motor oil, engines still had to be regularly

de-carbonised or de-coked as it was generally known. This meant partially stripping down the engine and scraping off the burnt on carbon deposits. It also involved my job (when there) of regrinding the valve seats. This entailed quickly rotating backwards and forwards between the palms of one's hands a 12-inch length of dowel with a rubber sucker on the end which, with the aid of a dollop of saliva as a sealing agent, attached to the flat head of the valve.

The action required is identical to that of primitive man (or Ray Mears) trying to start a fire, except they only lit one fire at a time; whereas there were usually eight valves to do and primitive man would have given up long before valve eight.

Of course, one of the benefits of being a child was that I too could give up when my hands became sore. I would wander off into the back yard of the garage where one or two part cannibalised cars were dumped. As long as they had a driver's seat and steering wheel I was away, on my journey, with suitable broom-broom engine noises.

Brian Goodliffe

Men's keep fit

AS the nights draw in, it becomes increasingly difficult to keep fit. Exercising out of doors is less pleasant in the winter, and pursuing indoor exercise on your own all the time can become rather soul destroying.

If you're feeling moderately fit and want to retain that fitness over the winter, or realise you've let the summer pass by without getting fit, the Men's Monday Keep Fit Club could be the answer. The club is mainly for the 30s-60s, though all ages are welcome. We are dedicated to helping people keep and remain fit by doing what they feel is right for them at the pace that's right for them.

It is a lot easier to pursue a moderate fitness regime with the benefit of the mutual encouragement you find in a club than working out on your own. We meet up from 8-8.30pm in the LVC Fitness Centre and then spend an hour in the gym, with circuit training and basketball or short tennis. For more information phone John on 891952 or Bob on 891372.

Andrew Gore

JR celebration cricket match

JOHN Richardson, affectionately known in the cricket club as JR, has retired this season. He has skilfully prepared pitches for over 25 years, since re-establishing the club, and then acting as secretary for many years. In celebration of his achievements we had a special match on Sunday 13th August between a JR XI and Club XI to celebrate his contribution to cricket in Linton. John's side included his two sons; David and Peter (PJ), his two grandsons, former players and a current player. They faced members of the club drawn from all three teams and a memorable match ensued.

Fortunately, the weather was just as it should be for a summer game of cricket. On a hot day both teams wanted to bat first but the toss came down tails which meant the club batted first. The club's ultimate total of 274 for 7 was built on an excellent innings by Sam, who scored a measured ton and was ably assisted by Allan Campbell.

An excellent tea followed prepared by Mandy Clarke who has provided teas for our three weekend teams for the last four years. In recognition of the special occasion Mandy had decorated two cakes with the club badge. There was a good crowd watching the match and we were pleased to have Tony Kelly, a qualified umpire, officiating. Until recently Tony has been more used to umpiring the East Anglian Premier League so it was great to have him involved, with the players secure in the knowledge there would be no dodgy decisions.

Opening the bowling for the club was Tom Morgan another promising young cricketer.

Eventually, good bowling and a rising required run rate became too much and the chase ended at 217 all out.

Almost 500 runs scored on the day is testament to the excellent pitch and square that JR has worked on over the years. From everyone in the club, past and present, a huge thank you John for all you have done for Linton Cricket Club.

Cricket in Linton is thriving due to your hard work and dedication John and we look forward to seeing you relaxing while watching the cricket at the meadow.

Steve Foulds, Chair LVCC, linton.village.cc@gmail.com

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Project skate park - from an old ramp to new and innovative ideas

FOLLOWING the removal of the old skateboard ramp at the meadow recreation ground due to safety concerns, Linton parish council held a meeting with the youth of the village, in conjunction with the youth work leader from the Beacon Youth Trust, to try to establish an understanding of what they would like to see built in its place.

The meeting was well attended and helped to remind the parish council of the energy and enthusiasm that the youth of the village have and can contribute to a project such as this. As a result of the meeting there were many great and fresh ideas put forward, and despite the many variations there were some design elements which were consistently reoccurring such as a pump BMX track, a course of ramps of varying height to allow children of all ages to play and a concrete skate bowl.

What Linton parish council has taken from this is that rather than just a skateboard ramp which was originally intended, what was really in high demand from the youth is a skate park containing several different items and variations of equipment and this is something that the parish council are considering and exploring in design.

Obviously this is a far larger project than that which had originally been considered by the parish council, and the greater the project the higher the cost and the more time it requires. It was with this in mind that Linton parish council made the choice to erect the 'temporary skate ramp' on the meadow recreation

ground next to the tarmacked sports courts in the hope that it would be a piece of equipment that could be used to help bridge the gap between the removal of the old ramp and the possible implementation of new equipment or a new park. This has been referred to by Linton parish council as a temporary skate ramp to add clarity that it is not the parish council's finished attempt at a replacement - however the ramp is actually built to the standard of a small permanent ramp which means there is no reason that this could not be kept long term and incorporated into the final design. Either way, it has received a good reception and will hopefully serve the village well until the final project is complete.

The council is now researching possible designs and costings with various companies, with the project led by Cllr Chris Hine



Temporary skate ramp at the meadow recreation ground

Picture by Chris Hine

Calling all Linton based community groups ...

IF you would like to apply for parish council funding for the next financial year please contact the parish council office for a grant application form or alternatively download one from www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk under the hot topics heading.

All requests must be accompanied by an annual report and/or current bank statement and be received by the 30th November 2017.

who joined the parish council in February and is proving himself an invaluable member of the team. In collaboration with Cllr Beatrice Ward they are looking at companies able to assist with design, instalment and project management. Following this the council can then apply for external grants and funding support to enable us to progress what will hopefully be a large and innovative new project.

The parish council are aware that a project such as this will take time and appreciate the patience of residents, and the ongoing support from the youth of the village that have been involved and continue to offer their ideas and designs. Please rest assured these are all being taken into account and the parish council office has been overwhelmed by the interest and response received regarding this project.

We will ensure we keep you updated on the progress and hope that in the meantime the temporary ramp continues to be well used and enjoyed.

Kathryn Wiseman, parish clerk

Planning working group

MOST people in the village hear of Linton parish council and know that we meet as a full council as well as various key groups such as the planning and finance committees. However, we also have several working groups which meet during each month or as required to start to tackle some of the upcoming issues. They can bring new ideas, proposals or recommendations to place before full council each month.

One of these important groups is the planning working group. This was put together in order to allow the parish council time to review and research topics outside of official parish council committee meetings, enabling the planning committee to be more informed and prepared when approaching applications. All applications must go to a planning committee meeting or a full council meeting to allow for the formal decision to be made and once the parish council decision is made, the group can work together to research and prepare further information to create more detailed

submissions. This can be in the form of submitting evidence and information supporting the planning committee's comments, analysing data and drafting further letters and statements to be reviewed by the planning committee. This is especially important when a developer appeals the South Cambridgeshire district council planning decision.

This group is open to residents as well as those on the parish council. It can be another piece of the puzzle and give residents a chance to contribute to the planning process. This is especially useful for the more speculative planning applications such as Back Road, Horseheath Road and now the upcoming Balsham Road.

There are currently three members of the planning committee in the working group and we welcome any and all residents and other councillors who have an interest to attend. If you have an interest in participating in this or any other part of the parish council, please contact the parish clerk. Cllr Amy Smith

Surface water flooding - a material planning objection

AS many residents will know, since the rejection of the Local Plan in South Cambridgeshire, Linton has been subjected to a multitude of planning applications. These include the Bartlow Road, Horseheath Road, Back Road and now the Balsham Road applications, all of which have been received over a very short period of time.

Linton parish council has consistently objected to all of these applications on behalf of residents due to a number of principle issues including those that residents have raised. These include the lack of sufficient infrastructure to support the new occupancy level these would bring, shortage of school places - as we well know there were several families this year that were Linton residents who were unable to secure first year placements at the Infant School as they are oversubscribed and are at capacity - traffic and inadequate drains in certain areas to cope with the current population in the village.

Although these are all very obvious and valid points, sadly they do not all constitute 'material planning objections' and thus are often discarded by South Cambridgeshire district council in their review. The most obvious example of this is the issue of drains. As many residents will confirm following the recent storms and bad weather, there were many houses that experienced issues with their drains and overflow of sewage. Linton parish council

would like to extend its thoughts to all those who have suffered with this issue and assure residents that, although it is not its designated responsibility, they are looking into ways of which to help improve and ease the issues within the village.

This being said, one other key issue that became obvious within the village after the recent storms, were the issues of surface water flooding - and this is a material planning matter. Many residents, particularly down Balsham Road risked being flooded due to the heavy downpours and Linton parish council would like to ask all residents who experience this to contact the office with letters, emails and images showing and explaining their experiences of this. These could all carry weight with the planning officers at South Cambridgeshire district council that are reviewing the Balsham Road application and will assist the parish council in putting forward a supported argument. Information and images that could be used in the Horseheath Road and Back Road appeals are also welcome!

If you could please send all images and detailed accounts to both Linton parish council and South Cambridgeshire district council then this could show the effects that surface water flooding is having on the village currently and how this will only worsen with reduced farmland providing soakaway.

Kathryn Wiseman, parish clerk

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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th August 2017.

Present: Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair) chairing the meeting; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Simon Hill, Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr John Bald; Cllr Angharad Hammond. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: five.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Chris Negus, Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor.

Councillor vacancies: Formal notification of Cllr David Champion's resignation. There were now two councillor vacancies, only one of which is currently available for co-option.

Chairman's comment: Cllr Mannassi welcomed Cllr Hammond to her first council meeting after taking office and noted that sadly Cllr Negus has been taken ill so could not be in attendance but the council wished him a speedy recovery.

John Richardson (JR) was thanked by council as after 30 years of service to the sports clubs in Linton he had made the decision to retire.

Cllr Hine, Cllr Ward and the clerk were also thanked for their work on getting the new temporary skate ramp into place.

It was also noted in local events that the Gardening Club had their best ever turnout to their annual event, with several residents including our own Cllr E Bald, leaving with several prizes.

Open forum for public participation: There were five residents in attendance who advised that they would like to speak on the relevant item with the chair of the meeting's permission.

The recent fly tipping at the entrance of Leadwell Meadows was raised and the clerk advised that this is currently with South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) as well as the police. Cllr Hill was thanked for noticing and reporting this in such a timely manner.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: District Councillors' written report. Noted.

Under the current structure due to the devolution deal a Mayor has been elected to lead the Combined Authority, then each Local Authority has a leader on the cabinet. They are responsible for a large amount of money that the government has allocated to the region as part of the Devolution package. Recently the decision was made by the Combined Authority to increase the budget for staffing within the Combined Authority. This stems from the issue that there are a huge number of projects but no real infrastructure to support these. This has resulted in matters not being properly investigated or taken forward. Hopefully the increase towards staffing costs will help improve these issues and projects will be able to progress.

County Councillor's written report. Noted.

Planning matters:

Balsham Road planning application S/2650/17/OL: Notification that this outline planning application has been received for the 'erection of up to 65 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from Balsham Road. All matters reserved except for means of access'. An outline of the ways in which the planning committee shall approach the application: It was noted that there will be a public consultation and extraordinary planning committee meeting on the 23rd August at the village hall to discuss this application and hear from residents prior to LPC submitting comments.

Confirmation that LPC agrees to endorse and support the comments and decision made by the planning committee with regards to the Balsham Road planning application to prevent this having to be brought back to full council as this is a time pressured issue: Proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr Hine. All agreed.

Bartlow Road planning application S/1963/15/OL, up to 55 new residential dwellings: Update on this planning application following the review hearing at SCDC on the 2nd August due to the implication of the recent Supreme Court ruling: Cllr Bald

noted that LPC were not happy with the way the review hearing was handled.

Agreement for the planning committee to send a formal letter of complaint regarding the process and decision made on the Bartlow Road planning application at the review hearing on the 2nd August 2017: Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed.

Notification of the Back Road planning application appeal on refusal by SCDC of S/0096/17/OL: The comments for the Back Road appeal are to be received by the planning inspectorate by the 11th September. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the case officer and extend an invitation to come to Linton.

Horseheath Road appeals for planning applications S/1969/15/OL and S/2553/16/OL: The deadline for comments from LPC to be submitted to the planning inspectorate is the 30th August. A hearing date is yet to be confirmed.

Update on the S106 meeting with the schools: The meeting with the schools only clarified that the schools are full and it is felt by LPC that they are receiving insufficient funds for the works that would be required to mitigate these developments when it comes to education. Cllr E Bald requested a meeting be arranged with the education officer at Cambridgeshire county council (CCC).

Review and consideration of a possible addition to the budget set aside for planning consultants going forward: The recommendation from the finance committee was an additional £10,000 to be set aside. This was proposed by Cllr E Bald and seconded by Cllr Smith. All agreed.

Consideration of Cllr J Bald's request to join the planning committee: Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hine. All agreed.

End of planning matters.

Financial matter: Regarding the remaining balance of the PC grant provided for the village hall refurbishments and the recommendation by the finance committee: It was proposed by Cllr Potter that the village hall be able to keep the remainder of the grant, this was seconded by Cllr J Bald. Agreed with one abstention.

Skateboard ramp update: Three of the residents in attendance advised that they had attended the meeting to get an update on this issue and were told that the temporary ramp is due to be completed by the middle of the following week. There were a variety of ideas put forward, the most common of which were a concrete bowl and BMX pump track. The next step is to create a permanent design and take this to consultation. There are a number of grants the project could be eligible for which LPC will continue to explore.

Review of jobs listed for Local Handyman Services and review of the current outstanding jobs listing and scheduled working days: Proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed with 1 abstention.

The Beacon Youth Trust: Written report: Noted.

To review the request from the Beacon Trust youth work leader, Lee Nash, to repaint the youth Drop-In Centre: It was discussed that when the unit was applied for, planning permission conditions were placed on the colour of this building. It was proposed that the clerk check these and providing they did not breach any of the conditions LPC were happy for this to be repainted. Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Hammond. Agreed.

Traffic issues: A1307 Parish Forum written report: Noted.

City Deal A1307 written report: Noted. Final meeting is the 26th September 2017 to put ideas through to the board. Linton is high on the listing for interactive traffic lights, with shared spaces being low on the list of viable projects that were considered and submitted at the forum.

A1307 Local Liaison Forum update: There was a meeting with the officers who came to Linton, and suggestions were made of how to speed the bus route through Linton that accounted for safety. Cllr E Bald asked council to review the suggestions in the report they could finance.

Review of the current working groups and committee listing prior to publication: Cllr Mannassi proposed Cllr

Hammond to join the planning committee, this was seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed. Cllr Hammond proposed Cllr Mannassi to join the planning committee, seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed. Cllr J Bald advised he would like to join the website/social media working group. Proposed by Cllr Mannassi and seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Clerk's training: LGSS (local government pensions) employer responsibilities web seminar: Proposed by Cllr Bald, seconded by Cllr Hammond. Agreed.

Honest Employment Law Practice human resources course: Cllr Hine proposed Cllr E Bald seconded. Agreed.

Flooding: Residents' letters received relating to flooding within Linton due to the recent heavy rain: This is thought to be CCC's highways department. Clerk to chase this.

It was noted that the ditches need to be cleared and re-dug. Cllr E Bald to put a list together to be reviewed. The Bartlow Road drains have not been cleared out recently and the council felt that the gully outside the Dog and Duck should be deepened. There is also a channel to be cleared out at The Grip. Cllr E Bald will also draft a letter regarding land owners riparian duties. Cllr J Bald proposed that the drain clearance is dealt with as a priority, seconded by Cllr E Bald. Agreed.

Consideration of correspondence received:

Ms McMahon's thank you letter for the S137 grant funding and an invitation to the Linton village college mosaic unveiling on the 17th September: Cllr Mannassi volunteered and Cllr Hine confirmed he would attend as well as Cllr Hammond.

ACEs thank you for support and funding over previous years: Noted.

The Hundred Parishes Society annual subscription renewal: It was proposed by Cllr Manley to match last year's donation, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed.

CCC Libraries regarding the Summer Reading Challenge presentation at Linton library on 16th September: Cllr Poulter volunteered as did Cllr Hine.

A resident regarding issues with children gathering at the green in Paynes Meadow: Noted.

A resident regarding issues on highways/Joiners Road and request for road markings: Clerk to request these markings from CCC highways.

The Gardening Club regarding the feedback summary on the Linton Clubs Introduction Day: Noted.

A resident regarding hedges obstructing paths and pavements: Noted.

CCC response on the financial contribution towards cutting of the grass verges: Noted.

CCC regarding gritting training for the village custodian: Agreed.

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

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