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Cambridge Art Makers



Stained glass class with Jill Fordham

AS some of you know *Cambridge Makers* have been running a teaching workshop and studio space in The Grip for nearly a year now.

We are pleased to be getting to know our business neighbours and a growing number of local residents and have been encouraged by many of you to write something for The Linton News.

We are delighted at how responsive and encouraging everyone has been and, apparently, we are becoming a not so well-kept secret.

Our courses, taught by experienced professionals, include woodwind and brass instrument making, stained glass window making, pattern cutting, printmaking, mixed media, patchwork, drawing and jewellery making and silversmithing. We also run *Repair and Care* courses for woodwind instruments (and have an interest in classic cars and many other kinds of making and repair).

Photos taken
by
Susannah



Jeweller Simon Rees and instrument maker and repairer Daniel Bangham in the workshop

Our courses cater for individuals with different levels of experience and are of varying lengths but all have small class sizes.

If you are interested in attending any of our courses we will be running taster classes in February half-term, which is an excellent opportunity to meet the tutors, have a go, and decide which course suits you best. We are also starting *Mini Makers* courses to keep the little ones entertained in the holidays.

You can discover more, book courses and sign up to our newsletter to keep abreast of all our activities at: www.cambridgemakers.org.

Look out for copies of our course booklet in local businesses.
Susannah Bangham, 890308

Newsletter from

GRANTA Medical Practices

Not freephone after all

WE have just received the following message from the Granta Medical Practices:-

"Granta Medical Practices recently announced that their new telephone number 0300 234 5555 was Freephone. This is not the case and we would like to apologise to all of our patients for this error. The new number is charged at a local rate and patients will pay no more than they used to when ringing the old number.* Please accept our sincere apologies."

Editors Note: Many BT contracts that allow local calls of up to one hour with no extra charge do not include 0300 numbers but did include the old practice number. So you may indeed be charged more than you were when ringing the old number.

The benefits of merging GP practices (abridged)

FOLLOWING on from Dr Wright's article last month about why GP practices are merging, I would like to highlight some of the benefits that are starting to come through for our practice members (patients). You may only have seen difficulties such as a problem with waiting times particularly in obtaining routine appointments. This is a national problem, we are better than some Cambridgeshire practices but we are looking for solutions.

Benefits include:-

- Unlimited on-the-day access for all members. It may not be at your preferred site but if you need to be seen we will see you.
- Improved opening hours and access to appointments. Various Granta sites offer appointments from 8am to 8pm Monday to Thursday, 6.30am to 7pm Fridays and every Saturday morning.
- Access to your medical records at any one of five sites, by any clinician you are booked in to see.
- Access to a physiotherapy service that is offered on the day and on site for new problems.
- The use of Emergency Care Practitioners (very advanced paramedics) instead of GP's for visits. This allows practice members to be seen quickly and if required, admission arranged, increasing chances of discharge on the same day.
- Ultrasound scans are done at Granta Sawston.
- Ear microsuction clinics are run at Granta Sawston.
- By increasing our size we have increased our internal expertise. It is now possible to internally refer patients to another clinical member of staff who specialises in that area. This may reduce the possibility of having to attend a hospital appointment.
- Access to a Social Navigator. This is a member of the Granta team who specifically looks at support from the community and ways of managing isolation and engaging patients from a holistic point of view.
- Involvement in group consultations - a national initiative, which looks at providing information in groups to increase access and exposure and help people take ownership of their illness.
- Fewer recruitment problems. We are in a relatively unique position of not having a recruitment crisis. In fact we have a number of clinicians approaching us asking if they can work for us because of what we are doing and our ideas for the future.
- An active Patient Participation Group (PPG). We are starting to really develop this and work together for the best of the practice.

These are but a few. We of course acknowledge there is a long way to go but with the merges we have given ourselves every possible opportunity to succeed and be able to provide continuing outstanding care to our practice members long into the future.

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Don't lose your village hall



Under threat our village hall

Photo supplied by the Parish Council

THERE will be a public meeting in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th February to discuss the future of this important amenity.

A meeting is necessary because, although the village hall is very well used, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to run it.

The present Trustees on the Committee have been serving for a considerable number of years and the majority now wish to retire. It has proved impossible to recruit new members, either from the user groups or the wider

community as the rules require.

We therefore have a flourishing and very well used village hall with the imminent possibility that there will be no one to run it, which will inevitably lead to its closure.

We are therefore holding a public meeting to discuss the future of the hall and hope as many residents as possible will join us to discuss this vital village asset.

The Village Hall Trustees Committee

Linton Music Series evening of jazz

BRUSH away those winter blues and enjoy a rip-roaring evening of jazz and swing with the Cambridge based jazz band *Vellicor* and Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra.

Sit back and enjoy a fantastically fun evening of great tunes and high energy from some of the most brilliant musicians (and minds) in Cambridge.

The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 9th February

at Linton Village College.

Tickets are available at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/lintonmusic series and also available in the village at Sweet Talk News. Ticket prices are adults £15, £13 concessions, young persons (to age 21) £3, family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) £30

Linda Bird



Cambridge University Jazz Orchestra in concert

Picture by TrevorLeePhotography.co.uk



Linton Scarecrow Festival 2019

LAST year's Scarecrow Festival was so popular that we are going to have another one this year – and we would like your help.

Now we know how creative Linton residents are, so we would like to invite you to suggest a theme for this year's festival.

We'd like your suggestions by the end of February and you can email them to me at: justpam1@hotmail.co.uk or post them on the Scarecrow Festival Facebook page.

This year's festival will take place between 28th and 30th June and we hope that as many of you as possible will take part again and, if you missed out last year and would like to join in this year, do get in touch.

As last year, the idea is for the village to get together, show what's going on and raise money.

We'd be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help on the day, could offer a raffle prize or might like to give a talk or demonstration. Many thanks, in advance, for your help.

Pam Richardson,
890921

justpam1@hotmail.co.uk

Too good for jumble...

A COMPLETE set of 1992 Encyclopaedia Britannica is on offer this month, also the white metal decorated headboard for a king size bed and a curved solid pine bedhead for a single bed; the Brabantia solid ironing board – ironing area 15 inches wide x 48 inches long and the red and gold bound set of six Jane Austen books.

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

Wanted items

PLEASE contact Kate France at 891602 or kfrance@profsoundconsult.com if you have a lady's bike, 26 inch wheel for sale and are willing to give all proceeds from the sale to benefit a charity



Linton Heights Power2Inspire

FOR many people the new year brings with it a sobering reminder of the need for participation in sporting events. However for pupils at Linton Heights Junior School, the spring term this year is business as usual in sporting activities.

Back in 2017 our dedicated and highly effective sports lead, Dan Penfold, heard about John Willis, the founder and driving force behind the charity Power2Inspire. Bowled over by John's resilience and determination in overcoming his own physical disability, Dan realised that his motivating and stoic message would provide encouragement for sporty and non-sporty pupils.

On Wednesday 16th January pupils from all year groups took part in Powerhouse Games which is designed for joint participation by disabled and able-bodied players. They experienced what it felt like to be a disabled player by wearing blindfolds to play visually impaired football and Goalball, in which players have to judge the location of the ball by sound (the ball contains a bell). New Age Kurling – a derivation of curling (as played in the Winter Olympics) was tried out, in which players were seated when participating; seated volleyball was also greatly enjoyed by all.

John set up Power2Inspire in 2013 in order to champion inclusion by bringing together disabled and non-disabled athletes. He put his ideas into practice by undertaking his own Road2Rio challenge, setting himself the task of taking part in 34 Olympic and Paralympic sports.

You can find out more about the charity at www.power2inspire.org.uk.

James Puxley, Headteacher

Save the Heights pool

Update on the December 2018 article

IT is now possible to easily donate towards the Linton Heights Pool refurbishment by visiting the following webpage: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/save-linton-heights-swimming-pool or click through on the links on our Facebook site (search Facebook for @SaveLintonHeightsPool). All donations go straight to the school.

We have raised £680 to date on this page – can we make it past £1,000?

Just to recap, the pool had to be decommissioned owing to major equipment failures and we need £18,000 to make repairs. We're now past the half-way mark towards that overall total thanks to the Just Giving page, Linton Heights fund-raising, Linton Parish Council donation, donation from the LAPP fund plus a business donation.

Thanks to everyone who's donated and helped with fund-raising so far. We're aiming to raise the remaining funds in the next two to three months so the refurbishment can go ahead in time for June when the schoolchildren start their summer swimming lessons.

David Walker, local parent,
linton.heights.pool.upgrade@gmail.com

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People who help us

IF you read our section in the Linton News regularly then you will know that at Chestnut Playgroup we really value the learning experiences offered by getting out and about in our community, and by inviting members of the community into the playgroup setting.

This spring term the children have been learning about *people who help us*, which has brought us further opportunities to learn from those who work in the emergency and caring professions. We have had a visit from an NHS professional to show us how to look after our teeth and talk to the children about visiting the dentist. We have also welcomed a physiotherapist to show the children some exercises to help us stretch our muscles and talk about how they help people recover from injury.

If you have a skill that you use to help people and would like to share your experiences with the children, please do get in contact with us.

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

Elaine Mingay, Chestnut Playgroup
admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk 07342 900120



lintongrantplaygroup

Pre-school and toddler group
Linton, Cambridgeshire

WE have now settled back into the swing of things after Christmas and would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported our jumble sale by donating and buying items, helping set up and clearing up. The sale raised over £200 which will be used to fund our end of academic year trip.

We have been making bird feeders to help the birds in our sitting garden and the children's gardens whilst we have this cold weather. We have been talking to the children about recycling and how we can care for our environment.

Currently the Playgroup has spaces available this academic year on every session. Our hours are 8.30am – 2.30pm Monday – Friday, with a range of sessions to offer flexibility to families. We accept families that qualify for extended hours funding and are proud to be able to offer the full 30 hours if required.

If you would like to book a visit please either email office@lintongrantplaygroup.org.uk or call us on 07806744864

LGPG Team

Guides' springtime jumble

THE Guides have just booked their annual Jumble Sale for 23rd March at the Infant School.

It is no coincidence that over the past two weeks I have received five plastic bags from charities requesting items for their shops.

When clearing out please could you think of the Linton Guides' event in March and save clothes, books and other items for us to raise money to support the activities of the two Linton units.

Kate France, 891602

Sub-editors wanted

We need volunteer sub-editors for the Linton News to help with composing the pages of text and pictures.

We are looking for people who are familiar with computer packages especially desktop publishing.

We use the InDesign desktop publishing package and would give training in its use.

Once familiar with the package each page takes around two hours to put together.

If you think you could help please contact me at Lneditor@Linton.info

Editor



To the Infants and beyond

WHAT an exciting start we have had to our new topic of *Lights, Camera, Action*. The children were entertained by the story of *Sleeping Beauty* by a visiting panto.

We are looking forward to exploring lots of different aspects of music, dance, drama and art throughout our topic this term.

Other exciting news is that Mrs Harries has had her baby. Charlie Harries arrived just in time for Christmas. Charlie has been into school to visit the staff and children but slept the whole time.

Following last term when we were showing prospective new parents around our school, our Year 2 children have been visiting Linton Heights Junior School to start the transition process.

Time marches on and it is never felt more than in the school environment, but do stop and take the time to notice the signs that spring is on its way. Daffodils and lighter mornings, along with longer evenings are just around the corner.

Please note that the admissions window for children due to start with us in September 2019 closed on 15th January: any applications made after this date will not be processed until May 2019.

Emma Little, Acting Headteacher.



NEED help with benefit advice, debt advice, form filling or food parcels? Come and see us for free advice and support at Linton Cathodeon Centre (Library) from 1 – 3pm on the first Tuesday of every month. The next dates are 5th February, 5th March and 2nd April.

Tina Rice, Community Outreach Adviser

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South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres

WE would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. We have an outreach venue at the Cathodeon Centre Linton and we have many things suitable for families with young children. During the month of February we have the following groups and courses;

First Aid for parents/carers is from 9 – 11am on 16th February. This session covers basic paediatric first aid, eg choking, recovery positions, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), minor injuries and illnesses. This course is £10 per person and is bookable.

Stay and Play is from 10 – 11.30am on Tuesdays this is suitable for families with children aged nought to eight years. The cost is £2 per session and this where you can enjoy a range of different activities and have the opportunity to meet our Child and Family Centre staff who are available to signpost and give support if you need it. We request that you bring along a piece of fruit to share during our community snack time.

Baby Group is from 1 – 2.30pm on Tuesdays, this group is suitable for babies aged nought to one year old. At the moment this group is very quiet; if numbers do not pick up we will sadly lose this group at Linton. So if you know of a new parent with a baby please do give us a mention. There is a small charge of £2 per session.

If you would like to book on any course please call 01954 284672 or alternatively email;

ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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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.

Our thanks

DearEditor
May I, via this page, express my thanks to my friends and neighbours who have kindly supported me after the sudden death of my dear husband Geoff Norby. He died suddenly on 22nd November whilst we were on holiday in Florida USA celebrating his 70th birthday. We were having a wonderful holiday with our daughter and her family and his death was totally unexpected.
As many of you will know Geoff had been a plumber in the village for many years. I knew he had many long-standing customers and friends in the village, but my family and I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support at this very difficult time.
His funeral service was packed with his family, many friends and customers and please accept my apologies that I was not able to speak to all those who attended. It is comforting to know that so many people wanted to say ‘Goodbye’ to my very special guy.
Thank you everyone for your support, with special thanks to Rachel of H J Paintin and Maggie, Vicar of St Mary’s.
Kind regards
Hazel Norby, by email

Support for Santa’s December tour

THE local on-call Firefighters would like to say a massive thank you for the exceptional turn out and support of village residents, when we had the pleasure of taking Father Christmas for a tour around the village in late December. It was great to see so many families out in the evenings and children with beaming smiles as we made our way through the village.
With the very generous donations made by the village, our events over November and December raised an incredible £3,214 for the Firefighters’ charity. Father Christmas even had the excitement of riding out in charge as we received a call on the second evening.
A big thank you also to the shops and businesses that very kindly donated items for the disco raffle:
The Football Pavilion and the staff that opened on the night, The Co-op, The Dog and Duck, The Crown, Tournants, Home, Linton Tandoori, Lizzies, Small Gifts, McKenzie and Haywood, Sweet Talk News, Wylde Sky Brewery, Glenwood Nuts & Bolts, Linton Kitchen, Fulbourn Butchers, Boyz2Men, J & S Hair, Halfords and B&Q.
Keep an eye out for this year’s events. We are planning a station open day to be held in the summer and an even bigger Christmas weekend for 2019.
Please also continue to donate all unwanted textiles to the clothing banks placed at the station. An incredible 44,000kg has been donated since it was placed in the village.
Seb Croot,Crew Commander, 891351
Linton Fire Station,
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service
seb.croot@cambsfire.gov.uk Station

The Linton News
apologises for the incorrect opening hours as advertised in last months Boyz2Men advert.

We are sorry for any inconvenience to customers and Nina and her crew.



Years of hard work

THE Garden Club was treated to a talk by Philip Whaites who was formerly assistant gardener at Wimpole Hall, then head gardener and is now retired. The talk was on the theme *Restoration and Re-creation of Wimpole Hall Gardens*.
Following the loss of the Elms in the two-and-a-half-mile avenue, four rows of trees were planted all along the length of the avenue totalling 1,000 trees.
The walled garden, which had been neglected since damage in world war two, has now been restored and new glasshouses installed. The garden provides year-round fruit and vegetables for the restaurant such as rhubarb, apricots and strawberries in summer as well as squash, melon and salad crops.
The orchard has been under planted with snakes head fritillary, swathes of daffodils, iris and camassia. The Parterre was re-discovered after a snow fall several years ago and now looks glorious in summer with the colourful planting. An area has been filled with *Bug* houses made of tall upright logs wired together, also a stumpery made with ferns and other plantings.
February’s speaker will be Claire Kneen talking on *Winter Gardens and Plants*. The meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th February in the village hall. Visitors are welcome.
Anita Daws, 892113
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Camsight news

AT the December meeting, our members enjoyed a jolly and festive Christmas lunch followed by trifle and mince pies, prepared by our volunteers and accompanied by Christmas carols.
In January, we enjoyed meeting to chat and take part in a quiz, followed by afternoon tea.
Our next meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday, 12th February at the Chalklands Community Centre, when a talk will be given on Falls Prevention.
If you would like any further information please contact us on the number below.
Jean Mannion, 893595

St Mary’s Church welcomes Jancis Harvey

THE next entertainment at St Mary’s will be supper and a cabaret by singer and raconteur Jancis Harvey who entertained our ACE group so enjoyably at Christmas.
The event will be at 7pm on Saturday 2nd March in St Mary’s Church. Tickets will cost £12 to include both supper and entertainment and can be obtained from:
St Mary’s Church after the 10 am service on Sundays,
Brian Pettit at Small Gifts, 61High Street, or Derek and me at 1 Rhugarve Gardens.
Colleen Lockstone, 891931

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LINTON DIARY

For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office; failure to do so could mean non-entry to the diary here. You may also email your event details to diary@linton.info
Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.
Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

WEEKLY	
New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm,	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
Cricknet 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	

FEBRUARY 2019	
2 Farmers’ Market, 9am-12noon	VH
4 Camera Club, 7pm	CC
5 Reach money advice, 1pm-3pm	CC
5 Celebrate Chinese New Year, 3.30-4.30pm	Library
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Reading group, 8pm	VH Upstairs
6 Harry Potter night, 4-5pm	Library
7 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion, Horseheath
7 Harry Potter night, 4-5pm	Library
9 LMS Jazz and Swing concert, 7.30pm	LVC
10 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon	URC
11 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
16 First aid for parents/carers, 9am-11am	CC
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
21 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
25 Engage session talk <i>All about hares</i> , 2pm	Library
26 Public meeting to discuss VH trustees, 7.30pm	VH
28 ACE soup and rolls and talk/quiz, 12.30pm	Pavilion RG
MARCH 2019	
1 Quiz and chips, 7.30pm	LIS
2 Farmers’ Market, 9am-12noon	VH
2 Supper andJancis Harvey,7.30pm	StMary’sChurch
4 Camera Club, 7pm	CC
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.	
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For more information and to register your free place on a Breeze bike ride, visit www.letsride.co.uk/breeze where you can check out the range of rides available across your local area. Our rides are called Sassy Lassies Cycling. If you have any questions then please do contact any of us below – we will be pleased to help you:

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Rachel Hampson, 07971 627332,
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We look forward to meeting you and cycling with you soon.
Jenny Parker

New courses at Sawston Adult Education

WE arrived back in January with renewed energy, ready to receive existing and new learners to our exciting 2019 Adult Education Programme.

Looking at our course bookings over the festive period, it seems the local community is ready to try something new in 2019. If you would also like to dabble in a new hobby or just learn something different, why not look at our new website for inspiration? There is so much on offer.

Are you free on a Saturday and looking to chill, relax and unwind? Try our popular Saturday workshops, planned for 16th March and 22nd June.

We have many topics to tease you out of your homes. How about Flamenco or Bollywood Dancing? Both courses have been very popular and the feedback has been excellent.

We also have some amazing craft workshops: for example, Fused Glass Jewellery, Head

Pieces for Occasions, Willow Weaving and Sugar Flowers.

Alternatively, are you feeling musical? Drums for Beginners was very popular in January and surprisingly, there are still places available on both workshop dates, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, our wonderful Indian cooking tutor, Rama Ram, is back on 16th March for Indian Fast Food.

All courses can be viewed and booked on our newly designed website:

www.sawstonadulted.org

If you have any enquiries, please feel free to pop in to the Adult Education reception, Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm during term-time.

Alternatively telephone us on 712424 or email

community@sawstonvc.org

Amanda Hosfkins

Adult Education

Department

Sawston Village College

There's a lot going on at the library

CHILDREN can have fun celebrating Chinese New Year with us at 3.30 – 4.30pm on Tuesday 5th; and at 4 – 5pm on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th we'll be marking Harry Potter Night with some magical activities. There is a £1 per child charge for these events – please book in advance at the library desk.

For adults, our next *Engage* session is 2pm on Monday 25th February. Kath McMahon will give an illustrated talk, *All about Hares*. Discover the natural history of this iconic animal and find out how it has inspired generations of artists. The talk is free but we request a £1 donation for refreshments. Please book in advance at the library or call 0345 045 5200.

We have moved our *Books on Prescription* collection into the computer room – please take a look at our display of books and information to support better health. In the same room you'll also find leaflets for events and activities in our region, so come and find inspiration for days out or a night at the theatre.

We're always happy to recommend books you might enjoy, so just ask. If you are prepared to take a chance in the month of St Valentine, we'll invite you to make a *blind date with a book* by borrowing a wrapped book. We'll give you just a hint of its personality (not necessarily romantic), but you won't discover its full identity until you check it out.

Anna McMahon, Linton Library

ACES meet again

A RATHER belated Happy New Year to you all. We are looking forward to seeing you again. It is beginning to seem a long time since Christmas when we all had such an enjoyable time with Jancis.

The next ACE meeting will be at 12.30pm on Thursday 28th February at the Sports Pavilion on the recreation ground. We are having soup and rolls followed by a speaker or a quiz.

Please remember to bring your fare with you if you are coming with us to Ely on 12th April.

Colleen Lockstone, 891931

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Natalie Morris

Is planning a party or club on your 'To Do' List?

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On-call firefighters are a vital part of our service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours). It's a hugely rewarding role, and we hope to encourage members of the community, from all backgrounds, to get in touch and find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter.

If you are interested and want to contact your local fire and rescue service visit www.oncallfire.uk.

To find your local station please visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk/find-a-fire-station-393.aspx

Register your appliances

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging residents to register their appliances for a safer 2019. All you have to do is visit registermyappliance.org.uk

and register large appliances bought in the last 12 years.

Registering appliances can instantly improve safety in the home as it ensures that householders can be contacted swiftly if a safety repair is ever needed or if an item is recalled by the manufacturer.

With many households relying on appliances every day to handle essential chores, chill

food and cook for their families, this quick task can give you peace of mind.

As an incentive to encourage owners to register their appliances, many of the leading brands on registermyappliance.org.uk are offering to enter registrants into free draws for a range of desirable prizes.

Appliances being registered don't have to be in warranty, or brand new to be eligible for inclusion in the scheme.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Putting his heart into it

FOR many of us, the idea of getting fit can feel like a distant dream. But one Linton man is determined to help others achieve their fitness goals. And he knows better than most how hard it can be to overcome those barriers we sometimes face.

When Anton Flynn rode into Cambridge in August 2007, he didn't realise that a few hours later he'd be wondering whether he would make it home. "I collapsed on the Roman road, when my heartbeat suddenly became very fast and wildly erratic. It was pretty terrifying."

He later found he'd had a serious episode of atrial fibrillation (afib). "I was only 36 and pretty fit from cycling daily to Cambridge and running marathons. It was a huge shock." This quivering heart condition led to years of medication, countless hospital trips for cardioversion, and eventually ablation in 2011.

For years after developing afib he practically stopped exercising altogether. But then realised "the benefits I get from exercise are so huge I want to help others experience that too."

Twelve years on and he's a qualified Personal Fitness Trainer based in Linton, working with clients 1-2-1 and running group fitness classes in Horseheath (see advert below). He says his next step is an exercise referral course, so he can work with people with more serious medical conditions to help them regain their fitness too. If you are interested, find out more at afibfitness.co.uk

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



The incredible journey of the humble eel

THERE are many extraordinary creatures around but eels must surely be Class A. In years gone by there were millions of them, in all our rivers and streams but especially in East Anglia. The remains of eel traps are evident in our rivers and museums, and there are endless books, old films and photographs as monuments to an extensive industry.

Ely is named after Eilig, the Anglo-Saxon word for eels. This dates from when Ely was an island surrounded by water and marshland, with eels in abundance. So numerous were they that monks used them as currency, with villagers expected to catch around 80,000 annually to pay their taxes. In the Ely museum there is an eel gleeve, a multi-pronged spear with serrated blades and a long handle. Imagine how dense the population must have been to allow for such a fishing method.

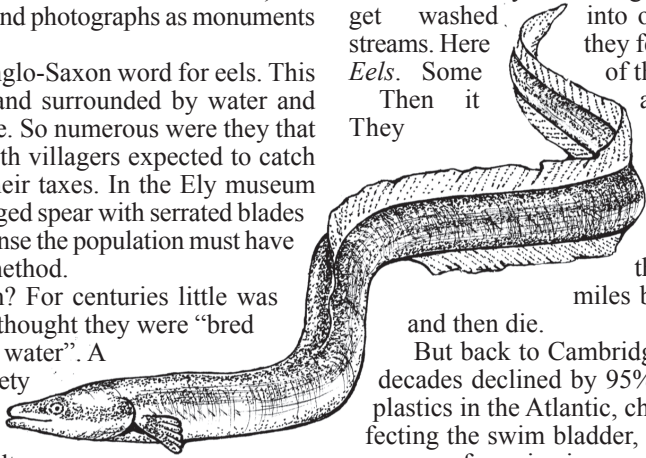
But where do they come from? For centuries little was known about them. Some people thought they were “bred of mud, of bodies decaying in the water”. A learned Bishop told the Royal Society that they slithered down from the thatched roofs of cottages. In 1922 Danish biologist, Johannes Schmidt, proposed that all eels were spawned in the Sargasso Sea, which sounds like the nautical equivalent of Timbuctoo but is actually half way between Bermuda and the West Indies. He spent 15 years searching for eel larvae in the Atlantic, finding the smallest in the Sargasso and the largest nearer Europe. Only in 2016 did a team from the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science tag adult eels, which were then tracked from Europe back to the Sargasso Sea.

Once spawned in the Sargasso Sea, the eel larva is like a tiny willow leaf. They float in the plankton and drift in the Gulf Stream towards us, growing in size and changing into see-through *Glass eels*. They continue growing, becoming much darker, and get washed into our estuaries and up our rivers and streams. Here they feed, gain weight and become *Yellow Eels*. Some of them live to be 80 years old.

Then it all becomes even more extraordinary. They absorb their digestive tract, change to yellow-brown with a silver underside and are known as *Silver Eels*. On dark, moonlit, stormy nights at the end of September, these Silver Eels migrate the 3,000 miles back to spawn in the Sargasso Sea, and then die.

But back to Cambridgeshire, where numbers over recent decades declined by 95%. Reasons – a mix of over fishing, plastics in the Atlantic, changes to sluice design, parasites infecting the swim bladder, hydroelectric turbines and even the presence of cocaine in our sewerage treatment plants.

But do not despair – things are getting better again, very slowly, and our understanding of their needs have improved. There are eel siphons being constructed, which operate like fish ladders to aid their passage upstream. The Environment Agency conducts regular auditing and monitoring of this endangered species, working to protect their habitat and seize illegal nets. With a lot of work and research, we might hope for the return of these extraordinary slippery creatures.



Join Linton army cadets

WE are now back from the Christmas break and have started the year with a visit from one of the emergency services to help the cadets understand what it is they do and why first aid is important.

We have also started preparing for our next camp with over 75% of Linton detachment attending this camp, which will revolve around Fieldcraft. Our senior cadets are attending a BTEC weekend and they will gain a diploma, which normally gets presented by the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

The detachment is growing weekly and we now have over 34 cadets, so if you would like to challenge yourself come along to Linton Heights Junior School on Thursday evening. Parade times are 7–9pm.

Staff Sergeant Rudderham, DC Linton detachment, 6840rudder@armymail.mod.uk

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Linton and District Historical Society

JANET MORRIS’S interest in railway carriage cottages started as a child with her love of *Milly-Molly-Mandy* stories, set around 1925.

After moving to West Wickham she was surprised to find real-life local examples and managed to visit *The Orchard* on Balsham Hill just as it was being dismantled in the late 1980s. It also dated from about 1925 which was the peak period for converting railway carriages into housing.

From the 1890s they had been used as holiday homes but a horrific rail accident in 1915 led railway companies to replace their stock. Local authorities soon realised that converted carriages were much cheaper than building council housing to alleviate the housing shortage crisis. Soldiers had expected to return as heroes after 1918, moving into decent affordable homes.

Lack of planning controls also encouraged potential landlords and private individuals to develop the railway cottages in rural areas. Some village landlords had been unwilling to maintain their existing properties as their agricultural tenants were unable to pay much rent. Conversely, other villages were growing due to the expansion of local businesses, such as the Chivers Jam Factory at Histon.

The Orchard was first owned by a Balsham family, the Covells, and consisted of two parallel carriages which contained the bedrooms and scullery. A central area with a double-sided chimney divided the sitting room from the kitchen.

By the end of the 1930s both the councils and private housing supply had increased and the conversion of carriages was no longer economic, although many were acquired for alternative uses.

Janet ended by reminding us of the creative conversion of more modern cheap housing such as shipping containers and she would still love to have a holiday in a converted railway carriage.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th February in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane when our speaker, Fiona Hutchings, will talk on *The Essex Field Club*.

Pat Faircloth, 893928

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POT POURRI 166

The shortest distance

THE x, y axes on a map are marked 0 to 10 km respectively. A straight road is shown going from coordinates (x, y) 2,0 km to 10,6 km (ie direction north north east).

What is the minimum distance from a point 7,2 km to the road (to nearest metre)?

Also, how far along the road from 2,0 km is this point (again, to nearest metre)?

Pot Pourri 165 – How old is the Christmas tree?

The tree is 27 months old.

Errata The answer to PP164 regarding the projectile speed should be 5 miles/sec not 5mph.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Quiz Night – a date for your diary

HILDERSHAM Village Hall Trust will host a quiz night on Friday 29th March. Full details will be given next month but if you would like to book your place or get further information now, please contact me, Jill Heale – see below.

Hildersham jam stall

In December we sent £281 to EACH*, making a grand total of £501 donated in 2018. This is slightly up on the 2017 sum – perhaps our unusual limited-edition products helped to boost sales. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support. We also much appreciate all the donations of preserves, produce, jars and lid covers..

*East Anglia’s Childrens’ Hospices

Jill Heale, 893596, edheale@btinternet.com

What’s On at Wandelbury (Cambridge Past Present and Future)

Woodland work at Wandlebury

HELD from 10am – 3pm on Wednesday 6th February. All instruction, equipment and tools provided. Wear tough clothes and footwear and bring packed lunch. No need to book, just turn up.

Holiday Bushcraft

FROM 8.30am – 4pm on Monday 18th and Tues 19th February. Fun half-term activities for children aged 5-12 years with *Wild Thyme & Embers*, who provide a variety of outdoor learning experiences for children and their families in and around Cambridge. To book or for further information please see PPF website or visit www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk

Mooch and A Moo walk

FROM 8.30am – 4pm on Wednesday 20th February. Come and meet our cows, find out why they are important and see what else is braving the winter on a guided walk around Wandelbury Country Park with one of our Wardens.

Half-term Activity with Vital Spark

FROM 9am – 12noon on Wednesday 20th February. Half-term activity for children with *Vital Spark Theatre*, a Cambridgeshire-based company specialising in working with young people in a creative way through drama, dance, music and creative arts. For more information check the PPF website or email katherine@vitalsparktheatre.org.

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The Marsh mail

LINTON
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THE start of the New Year has provided us with the opportunity to refresh behaviour expectations and set ambitious educational goals with our students. As part of this we have re-emphasised the importance of being responsible members of the college community. We know that the teenage years are important ones for young adults to develop their own sense of personal identity and independence. As with other key childhood developmental stages, adolescence is characterised by testing boundaries, experimenting with risk-taking and forging connections with others.

Significant advances in technology have dramatically changed our students' means of being able to communicate and has transformed the experience of being a teenager. While this has created many benefits that were not afforded to previous generations, it has also made the teenage years more challenging to navigate. The fear of missing out is more acute when you can view others' social lives in real time. The pressure to be connected and seek others' approval is much enhanced, as is the opportunity to behave in a way that causes others upset or harm.

Internet Safety Day, which is recognised on 5th February, has the theme *Together for a better internet*. The day seeks to raise awareness of online safeguarding issues but also more widely to spark a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Our student Digital Leaders play a key role in this.

One of our key expectations at LVC is to behave in a caring way to contribute to a safe community. This includes students and staff taking responsibility for their own safety as well as noticing and reporting changes or concerns in others, including bullying behaviour.

This duty of care extends beyond the college. The dedicated safeguarding email account (thinkpink@lvc.org) provides an opportunity for community members to contact the college with concerns about children's welfare and to share safeguarding information that poses a risk to children.

We are also working in partnership with the local police to safeguard the college community. Their involvement in drugs education for our January Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) day is one example of this.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

2523 (LINTON) SQN

AIR TRAINING CORPS

JANUARY is off to a strong start on the squadron with cadets passing classification training exams which is always a great achievement. This training will later contribute to several BTEC awards. Basic training is almost complete for our new cadets enabling them to attend camps later in the year.

The first events and training days have already started with several cadets set to complete their leadership qualifications with the Institute of Leadership Management; This Level 2 award will help with further education applications and is useful to employers when cadets get to that stage.

Under our new training syllabus, we should have the entire squadron achieving awards in leadership, heart-start first aid and communications badges before the end of February. This will equip Linton cadets with essential life skills to help them get ahead.

Our sporting events never stop and this month we have competed in the inter-squadron cross country event and I look forward to updating you with how we are placed within Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire. We are excited to welcome a few new CIs who are especially keen on sports training, so we are hoping for a record year for sporting medals.

We look forward to our annual presentation evening in early February. This is a fantastic occasion where we present certificates, awards, trophies and promotions in front of proud parents and family. Again, I look forward to announcing all of these in the next issue of the Linton News.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

The Linton railway 1865 to 1967



Linton Railway Station

was much merrymaking in the quiet town of Linton. Business was suspended and the Church bells sent forth a peal testifying the joy of the inhabitants. The Bartlow Hills were literally alive and many a hearty cheer was given for the success of the line which was associated with the names of Brassey and Company, the eminent Railway contractors".

In October 1866 an extension from Bartlow to Audley End was opened, linking the Stour Valley settlements to the main London line. The construction of the railway led to the demolition of some Linton cottages close to where the railway embankment crossed the Hadstock Road. Two railway bridges were built in the village, one across the Hadstock Road and the other over the

Photo from Garth's collection
track leading to Catley Park Farm.

Linton Station became the centre of village activity and trade. Myhill and Sons and Coote and Warren established their coal depots here, local butchers brought livestock from the Cambridge Market and builders used the railway to convey the fashionable yellowish Cambridge brick to reface or replace existing Linton properties. In September 1866 over one hundred and seventy adults and children made their first ever journey to the seaside at Harwich. For most children the Sunday School outing was the major social event of the year, and Clacton with its 1,180-foot pier was the most popular venue. Beaches were segregated until 1900, bathing machines were still in use and males had

to wear bathing suits which extended from the neck to the knees. In 1909 the Choir was ecstatic because they had been allowed to view *HMS Superb*, one of only three Dreadnought battleships in the British Fleet. Over 150 warships were present at the review of the fleet off Southend.

During the 1920s and 1930s the railway system suffered from a chronic lack of investment and rolling stock was rarely replaced. The ravages of the Second World War and Post War shortages accentuated the decline of the railways. Rival forms of transport reduced profitability and the closure of uneconomic branch lines began in earnest.

All still seemed well with our local line in 1951 when Linton travellers were able to visit the Festival of Britain Exhibition in London for a return fare of 53p, and travel to Cambridge for only 8p return. However, the Stour Valley line was losing over £26,000 a year by the early 1960s and the infamous Doctor Beeching brought down his famous axe in 1967. The last passenger train ran from Sudbury to Cambridge on 4th March. The station building is still largely intact but all the rails are long gone and the Hadstock Road bridge was demolished in April, 1971.

To all groups

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3491/18/FL, Mr & Mrs J, O'Malley, **7 Bakers Lane**, Proposed shed & change of use of land to garden.

S/4200/18/LD, Dr Rodgers, **8 Horn Lane**, Certificate of lawful development of proposed works to a listed building for internal alterations.

S/4209/18/FL, Mr Jason Frost, **13-15, High Street**, Re-instate internal dividing wall to provide two separate dwellings.

S/4210/18/LB, Mr Jason Frost, **13-15, High Street**, Re-instate internal dividing wall to provide two separate dwellings.

S/4300/18/FL, Mr Andrew Edwards, **18 Symonds Lane**, Single storey side and rear extension.

S/4686/18/LB, Tyler-Smith, **14 High Street**, Repairs to decayed timber post.

S/4676/18/FL, Mr & Mrs Nigel Head **Bergendal, 2 The Ridgeway**, One and two storey side extensions and remodelling of fenestration and improvements to the external wall and roof finishes.

S/4729/18/LD, Sellick and Dr Pearce, **1 Hollybush Way**, Certificate of lawful development for a proposed loft conversion, rear dormer and rooflights.

S/0011/19/TC, Baby Pig Ltd, **10 Horn Lane**, T1 Apple Reduce lateral branches by 1-1.5m, thin by 20% and generally prune T2 Apple Prune.

S/0013/19/DC, Dobson, **37 Bartlow Road**, Discharge of Conditions 3 (Foul Water Drainage) and 4 (Surface Water Drainage) of Planning Application S/1892/18/FL - The erection of a detached dwelling with new vehicular access and alterations to existing dwelling.

S/0035/19/PA, Mr Jonathan Sanders, **53 Bartlow Road**, Prior Approval for a single storey rear extension.

S/0092/19/TC, Robert Murison, **80 High Street**, T1 - Prunus sp. (Wild Plum/Damson) Remove to ground level and replant with Culinary Pear. T1 is of poor form and minimal amenity value at present.

S/0179/19/TC, Joanna De la Force, **18 The Grip**, 1) Rowan - lift to 2.5m and reduce crown by 15%, 2) Holly - Reduce all round by 1m (i.e. bring longer shoots back into crown), 3) Maple - reduce crown by 1m all round, 4) Sycamore- reduce crown by 1m all round, 5) Magnolia - reduce crown by 10%, 6) Group of 4 plums - reduce crowns by 1-2m

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Communication with Linton



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TO say that communication is changing rapidly is a cliché and an understatement.

Before the internet, communication was mostly by post or phone, the teleprinter for Saturday's football results was high-tech, and the fax machine a marvel.

We can now send text, photo and even video material around the world instantly. Many of us do, using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, emails and sites offering electronic greetings cards to suit all (or nearly all) tastes.

This has speeded up communication within Linton. Linton Past and Present Memories is perhaps the largest Facebook site and highly informative on everything from the Village College's former house system to the current crisis facing the village hall.

Within the law of libel – an important protection for individuals who might be subject to abuse – anyone can say anything they wish to say and draw immediate attention to any pressing issue, be it the A1307, a planning application – real or potential – parking in the High Street, pressure on medical services or threats to wildlife.

I'll include at this point a word of appreciation for Tony Smith's photography, which is some of the best wildlife work I've seen, even if I'm less enthusiastic about some of his pics of agricultural machinery.

Anyone can set up a site.

The Churches have their own and I use mine to promote pro bono educational services and A Book of My Own, which provides books to children who might not otherwise have them.

Compare this with the time-lag involved in writing an article for, or a letter to, The Linton News, which would take one to four weeks to be printed, provided the editorial team was happy with it, and which would take a similar time for someone to respond to, and the improvement in public access is obvious.

We can, and do, talk to each other online and can say what we want to say without interference. Even the village forum, which was very active until two or three years ago, was less efficient and direct in allowing free discussion of issues that concern us.

Every new development brings new snags however, and this is no exception, we meet occasional, but have largely been spared the spate of, *fake news* that has affected international politics, here but different people, and different generations, use different media and so see different things.

At the age of 68, for example, I like the scope offered by Facebook and Typepad, find Twitter limiting, and have never used Instagram, which is much more popular with young people. Instagram in particular is divisive, as its users communicate among

themselves, without other generations ever seeing what they are thinking. One person's diversity is another's division.

So, where next? As many of us do not live with one eye on a computer screen, might it be worth including a monthly summary or selection of internet postings from the Parish Clerk, or Council Chairman? If so, who would make the selection and edit the comments? Should Parish Matters, like the rest of Linton News, be open to residents other than councillors, and, if so, how?

Not an easy question, as the yellow pages are designed to allow the Parish Council to communicate its activities – including the minutes – and so enable everyone in the village, and not just those with a particular issue in mind, to be as well-informed and involved as possible.

Finally, what about those who do not regularly use, or even own, a computer and who move around the village on foot? We have five notice boards, in the High Street, on the corner of Symonds Lane, at Parsonage Way, on Camping Close and the Coles Lane car park and an information board in the Village Hall, downstairs from the Parish Office.

The unlocked sections of these are often taken up with commercial notices, which are of interest to many residents but do not necessarily reflect their concerns. Might part of a response to the divisions caused by the new forms of communication lie in extending these channels, and in ensuring that they are not used just as free advertising? Not to mention, of course, the oldest and often most effective channels of communication that are open to us all – reading, and talking, to each other.

Cllr John Bald

Phase one of City Deal begins

CARRIAGEWAY works near to Dalehead Foods mark the start of Phase one of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) A1307 scheme to improve road safety and encourage the use of public transport. Part of the first lane of the eastbound dual carriageway was hatched off to create a safe left turn into Dalehead Foods and improve visibility for vehicles leaving the site. Work will soon follow to upgrade traffic signals and to create an eastbound bus lane approaching Linton.

Other plans are evolving to ease the journey of buses through Linton, to relieve parking problems and reduce traffic congestion within Linton. This includes the proposed Traffic Hub at the end of Bartlow Road, with its bus stops and planned roundabout; an idea that came from LPC. Earlier suggestions for High



A1307 where the works are proposed.

Street, *shared spaces* and bus-only turnings were heartily opposed.

Also planned is a Linton Greenway route for cyclists, pedestrians and riders to travel safely off-road through South Cambs. A recent meeting between LPC, GCP and cyclists brought a new perspective to these proposals, as did input from Hildersham. Possible

image from Google Maps route/s for between Hildersham and Linton and onward to the Traffic Hub were discussed, including limiting the use of Back Road. There will be public consultation on this, through GCP.

We will also keep you informed of LPC proposals to manage parking and congestion within Linton

Cllr Enid Bald

Your village hall needs you



YOU may have seen recently that there is to be a Public Consultation held on the 26th February at 7.30pm at the Village Hall to discuss the future of the building.

The hall is very well used and has regular bookings, from local clubs, groups and organisations and private functions and is a valuable village asset.

It is, and has been for many years, run by the Trustees of the Committee, who have done an outstanding job of running and maintaining the property for the benefit of the village. Some examples being: Sue Parry has been the hall secretary

for 14 years and has always been on hand to take bookings, assist with any queries and maintenance and Richard Jessop, as the treasurer, has been responsible for submitting the immaculate accounts and overseeing the running of the building. In doing so both have made great contributions to the village.

However, as time goes on, many of the current trustees would like to take a step back, after many years of contributing.

The problem is that the committee has struggled to recruit new members to take over this work, without

which the hall cannot run.

This means that Linton could face the very real risk that we could lose our village hall in the very near future..... unless we act.

If this isn't what you want, and you feel the village should maintain this valuable asset, then now is the time to speak up and get involved. If not it may be too late.

Whether you would like to become a trustee or help support the committee, have any ideas or just want to know what is happening in YOUR village, then please make sure you attend the meeting and have your voice heard before it's too late.

One of the things we love about Linton is its great sense of community spirit and now really is the time that we show that and group together to save the village hall, not just for our generation but for that of our children and future generations.

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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 13th December 2018.

Present; Cllr Merrie Mannassi- Chairman; Cllr John Bald – Vice-chair; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Lee Gardner; Cllr Carole Campbell; District Councillor John Batchelor and District and County Councillor Henry Batchelor

Apologies for Absence; Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Brian Cox; Cllr Angharad Hammond; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Graham Potter.

Councillors’ Declarations of Interest; Cllrs Merrie Mannassi, Kate Kell and Enid Bald declared a prejudicial interest in item 199/18/19, Cllr Kate Kell also declared an interest in 197/18/19.

Councillor Vacancies; Two available for co-option.

Chairman’s Comment; Thanks to Linton Kitchen for organising Linton Christmas Market which was a huge success. Congratulations to the Activity and Care for the Elders’ (ACE’s) for recruiting the new Community Warden and for their recent, very successful and well attended event.

Open Forum for Public Participation; Kelly Austin, the Social Navigator from Granta Medical Practices, attended the meeting and advised of a current service scheme whereby they are outreaching to people who are often living in isolation or require additional support. Granta Medical Practices are working with a range of bodies and organisations, including Parish Councils, transportation ports and the doctors to help facilitate them in offering these services.

This is a similar service to the Community Warden Scheme; however, this is a one-off meeting to help facilitate lifestyle changes for a wider population. There is a dementia support service, Cambs Hearing Help workshops and many other schemes. They are now looking for contacts and feedback from residents and local authorities, groups and organisations as to new schemes which can be put into place that the team can help facilitate. If there are any areas of the parish or groups which could benefit then the parish was requested to inform them to assist.

To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 15th November and the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 29th November 2018, including supporting documentation in the appendix;

The minutes of the 15th November 2018 were agreed with the following changes;

- 167/18/19, priority projects review; to clarify that this was as LPC were struggling to identify who owned the land as no one authority claimed this.

- 170/18/19, The World War Two memorial; to clarify that it is the World War One memorial when referring to Ester Cornell’s contribution.

- 163/18/19d, The World War Two memorial; change the slab to loose rather than broken.

- 164/18/19b, take out dwellings and correct bings to buildings. To also include that there were a significant number of ponds and LPC has now written an ecology report.

Proposed by Cllr John Bald, Cllr Amy Smith seconded. **Agreed.** The Minutes of the Extra-ordinary full council meeting of the 29th November 2018 were proposed by Cllr John Bald, seconded by Cllr Simon Hill. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk’s Report; There were no matters arising to note. The Clerk updated the council on the following aspects: the clapper stile, the Green Lane Traffic Regulation Order, the estimated delivery time of the tree guards, the progress of the installation of the benches and the bin at the top of Cambridge Road.

The Clerk also updated Council on the LGSS Pension Scheme and advised that there may be an exiting fee. It was proposed that LPC pay £150.00 for the indicative report to allow them to review the status of the pension scheme to give LPC an opportunity to make an informed decision.

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed, Cllr John Bald seconded. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Planning Matters; Updates on Bartlow and Horseheath Road planning applications. The Horseheath Road development site has been sold. As soon as there is an update on who has purchased the

land LPC would like to meet with the developers.

District & County Councillors’ Reports & Business; Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) are running the same consultation as South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) as listed in the report to allow for feedback, Parish Councils can go online and participate in the survey.

The list of changes to the bin collection services has now been released from SCDC.

Cllr Enid Bald requested that Henry Batchelor look into the issue of the SCDC fence at the northern boundary of the cemetery as this is in disrepair and needs addressing. Cllr Bald also raised that there were many dead trees along the side of the Rivey Way footpath and Bridleway which need attention as they may present as safety issues.

The District Councillor advised that Dolphin Close will not be resurfaced, this was printed in error, however the Dist. and Count. Cllr advised that he will look into seeing if the Chalklands Estate is being resurfaced in the forthcoming year.

District Cllr John Batchelor advised that he had a meeting with Karen Pell-Coggins, Planning Officer for SCDC, who is reviewing the Bartlow Road planning application, where she advised that there are still many design points outstanding. This includes information on flooding and basic design points which are outstanding for the site so there will be another round of amendments. This means that the application will most likely not be reviewed until February 2019.

The District Cllr continued that a new SCDC document has been released which details the number of social housing within the district and noted that Linton actually has one of the highest number of social housing within the district currently.

Cllr John Batchelor left the document with the Clerk to keep in the office so it was available for Councillors and residents to review.

The District and County Councillors left the meeting following this item, as did the member of public.

Traffic Matters; Market Square; To review the mock-up of the proposed signage for the parking restrictions on Market Square.

Council reviewed the information and advised they confirmed they were happy with the text and size and would like to progress with the Musket Top and no uplifts. The quote was confirmed and agreed at £1285.50 and the Clerk was given permission to progress the order upon review from the Chair and Vice-chair of the final mock up design. Proposed by Cllr John Bald, seconded by Cllr Amy Smith. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Correspondence item 55; Parishioner’s letter re dangerous parking on Symonds Lane. This was passed to the Traffic Working Group (TWG) to review.

Greater City Partnership and City Deal (GCP) and Greenways meeting report from the meeting of the 22nd November 2018. The report was noted and thanks were given to the cycling groups that turned up for the meeting as they raised interesting comments and a new perspective.

Synopsis of report: Greenways are for cyclists, pedestrians and riders to travel safely off-road through South Cambs. The possible route/s for Hildersham and Linton were discussed. The route then needs to go onward to the Traffic Hub at the end of Bartlow Road with its bus stops and planned roundabout.

The intention is to encourage bus travel, the speeding of the buses through Linton, with the additional potential to relieve parking problems and traffic congestion within Linton.

It was also noted that traffic data is currently being collected, which included registration number data.

Correspondence item 58; Parishioners request to have double yellow lines down Horn Lane. This was passed to the Traffic Working Group (TWG) to review. The TWG were also asked to consider and research if LPC can take images of cars parked illegally and report these directly to Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

Monthly Financial Matters; To Approve Accounts for Payment Cllr John Bald proposed, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. Put to a vote and **agreed with one abstention. Motion Carried**

Consideration of the Clerk’s request to have Rialtas, the company that run the financial software package, in to assist with the completion of Years End. This is at a cost of £540 plus vat and any incurred mileage. Proposed by Cllr Amy Smith that this is agreed this year as

a training exercise and this is to be re-reviewed next year. Seconded by Cllr Carole Campbell. Put to a vote and all agreed with one abstention. **Agree. Motion Carried.**

Correspondence item 13; The Open Spaces Society re threat of deregistration and request of donation. Minimum suggested amount £10.00. The Council reviewed the request and agreed not to contribute.

Consideration of the final proposed budget and precept by Council for the financial year 2019-2020. This item was deferred to the January 2019 council meeting.

Consideration of the additional Independent Grant requests and the S137 requests which were received following the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the 29th November 2018. This item was deferred to the January 2019 council meeting.

Signing of the cheque for Chalkland Sheltered Housing as this is due for December and the Finance meeting for December was cancelled. As there were no signatories present at the meeting the cheque could not be signed, however the payment was agreed and the Clerk will contact the signatories to sign the cheque outside of the meeting.

Review of the first draft of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between Linton Parish Council (LPC) and the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT).

The SLA was reviewed by Council and it was noted that under section 12, Financial Arrangements and Terms of Payment, page 9, paragraph 4, it was proposed by Cllr Amy Smith and Seconded by Cllr Enid Bald that the cap limit for match funding be set at £500.00 and a clause be added that this only applies to new funding sources and cannot include any party or funding sourcing that they have received funds from historically. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Cemetery and Tree Planting Tree Planting Report for the cemetery; The trees noted in the report have been purchased and planting will begin shortly.

Update from the meeting on 26th November 2018; “Village Treescapes” A meeting of the Tree Warden groups presented by the SCDC Tree Officers. Noted

Consideration of the quote submitted from Local Handyman Services Ranger services, which can be taken from the pre-agreed two working days per month. Cllr John Bald proposed, Cllr Enid Bald seconded. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

The Pavilion and Recreation Ground; Correspondence item 52; letter from a parishioner requesting a plaque in memory of John Richardson (JR) for the pavilion. This is to be put to the cricket and football club to see if they had any ideas of any type of memorial plans. LPC will not own the placing of the plaque, however we can provide the clubs with the quote and designs we obtained and LPC will agree to contribute towards this financially.

Consideration of Correspondence Received

Correspondence item 54. Charity Scope re inquiry on possible locations for clothing bank in Linton. Council decided not to progress.

The meeting was closed at: 9.15pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th February 2019.

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