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BARTLOW 3 counties CHARITY WALK

THE Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk is on Sunday 5th May starting at Hills Farm Bartlow. Hopefully you will have received your copy of the Linton News before then.

There are walks to suit everyone. The famous 13-mile 3 counties walk, nine and six mile family routes,

and a one mile history trail. Perfect for a shorter stroll. For discounted tickets register on-line at bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk Prices are unchanged from last year.

Registration times in the farm yard on the day are 9.30 to 11.30am for the main walks, and 10am to 2pm for the history trail. If you are planning on doing the 13 mile walk you should aim to leave by 11.15am.

The 13 and nine mile walks are routed through the fabulous new history trail, which those on the six mile route can enjoy free after their walk.

Food and drink will be available to buy at the mid point of the walks. We are lucky to have Kitsch Hen on site with their fantastic selection of scotch eggs. They cater for everyone with vegetarian and vegan options available. Water, squash, biscuits and dog biscuits are provided free of charge at the hospitality points. Saffron Ice cream will have a stall at Ashdon Windmill. Food and drink is also for sale in the farm yard, with lovely burgers and bacon sandwiches, pizzas, and cakes. The bar will be serving beers from Wylde Sky brewery in Linton, Roughacre Brewery in Castle Camps and a Marstons Beer. A selection of wine and soft drinks is also available. Toilets are at the mid point of the walk and in the farm yard.

The walk is raising much needed money for three good local charities: Addenbrookes Children's Services, Linton Health Centre Community fund and St Mary's Church Bartlow.

The theme for the history trail is World War 2. The trail will show history about the local area during the war years, and many artefacts from the war. Games for children will be available in the World War 2 exhibition in St Mary's church.

There will be children's activities in the farm yard after the walks, with face painting and a bouncy castle.

Linton Jazz will be entertaining us, with a fantastic performance as usual.

So, dust off your walking boots, tell your dogs and children, and get on line to buy your discounted tickets. I hope to see you all there.

Duncan Ogilvy Walk co ordinator, 893644
Hetty Findlay 890353



World's most dangerous place to give birth

DID you know that Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to give birth, with 10 women dying every day in childbirth? This year Christian Aid is highlighting this issue in their annual appeal which takes place from 12th – 18th May.

Motivated by Christian values, but helping those of all faiths, and none, Christian Aid supports the poorest of the poor in 37 countries across four continents. As they strive for sustainable long-term development work, in partnership with groups in the countries where projects are undertaken, money is carefully stewarded with 86p in every £1 going directly to charitable purposes and the other 14p towards the upkeep of the charity. Each £1 spent on fund-raising earns £7 more.

Many thanks to those of you who responded to last year's appeal. This year, when our volunteers deliver envelopes to your door they will also leave a message for you to explain when they will return to collect the envelope, or where you can go to drop it off.

We really hope that you will consider making a donation to the work of the charity. Last year we raised £3,000 (with Gift Aid) in Linton – an impressive amount. However, if you would rather not be disturbed, please leave your envelope outside where it can be seen.

For more information please visit: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>.

Pam Richardson, 890921

Too good for jumble...

SPECIAL offers this month are a pair of Super Zenith 10 x 50 binoculars, boxed in perfect condition, and a ladies Raleigh bike with 28in wheel which needs a new back tyre and a Bikemate Turbo Trainer (a static bike exerciser). The white metal decorated king size headboard is still available.

The single bedhead raised £15 for St Mary's Church. If you are interested in any of the above items or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please phone Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

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

The benefits of online access

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Application forms are available on our website, in our new patient pack, or you can pick one up from any Granta reception. All you need to do is bring the completed form back, along with some photo ID. All applications will be processed within 48 working hours and confirmation of activation will be emailed / texted to you unless otherwise requested.

If you would like further information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sandra East, Granta Communications
sandra.east@nhs.net

New Developments at Bartlow Road

THE principle of development at Bartlow Road was allowed when South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) had little option but to approve speculative applications, based on a five-year housing need. The Local Plan is now in place, so applications can now be judged on local issues.

At the meeting of the SCDC Planning Committee, the Reserved Matters (RM) application was deferred - not exactly refused, but sent back for further work by the developers. Had the RM application been refused, the developer would have been expected to appeal (an expensive process for councils and time consuming for councillors) with the possibility of the current plans having to be accepted. With the deferment a better plan is expected. This is good news and allows Linton Parish Council to have further input in making the site less harmful to Linton.

The decision was based primarily on grounds of poor design as SCDC principles are that design should be excellent or outstanding to mitigate the damage done by development. This is particularly relevant in our valued landscape. The other issues were also taken into consideration included flooding and drainage, the effect on the chalk stream and biodiversity, housing mix, loss of mediaeval hedges to be replaced with drives onto a 60mph road, loss of amenity and several other issues, too.

Linton resident Mr Pearse, Councillor John Batchelor and I spoke (with Corrie Newell supporting my speech for the technical bits) and we all answered in-depth questions. The questioning was welcome as it allowed more detail and information to be shared; otherwise we only have our three-minute speech. Well done and thanks to those who contributed.

That was a good result, arrived at after long and informed consideration by the Planning Committee.

Now the application will be referred to the design panel, and LPC will be consulted. The application will then come back to full SCDC planning committee.

Enid Bald

European Union Parliamentary Election

DUE to the recent extension of the Brexit deadline, EU elections are scheduled for 23rd May, unless we leave the EU before 22nd May. Polling for Linton residents will be in Linton Village Hall as usual. The candidates will be the same as for the whole Eastern region, as EU elections take place on a party list system. Look on the Chelmsford City Council website (chelmsford.gov.uk) towards the end of the month to see the candidates standing for each party.

There is also information on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website: www.scambs.gov.uk/elections 2019

To vote in the European Parliamentary elections you will need to be aged 18 or over on Thursday 23rd May 2019, registered to vote in the UK, and:-

- be a British citizen, a citizen of the European Union or qualifying Commonwealth citizen who has leave to remain.
- not be subject to any legal incapacity to vote

The deadline to register to vote is 7th May

The deadline to apply for or cancel a postal vote is 5pm on 8th May.

The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 15th May.

Note: All registered European electors have been sent an application form to complete should they wish to cast their vote in the UK rather than their home country. EU citizens must complete this form (known as a UC1 form), if they want to vote here.

If you are a European elector and haven't received your UC1 form by 19th April you can download and return one from YourVoteMatters

Editor



Linton Scarecrow festival

something for everyone

THIS fun-filled community event will take place over the weekend of 28th – 30th June. It's an opportunity for groups, clubs and societies in Linton to get together and celebrate, fundraise and raise profiles. So, if you'd like a stall (at no cost) to raise money or for publicity, to give a talk or offer an activity do be in touch.

Our Scarecrow Workshop will take place from 7.30 – 9pm on Monday 13th May in St Mary's. If you'd like to make a scarecrow but aren't quite sure how, this is a chance for you to find out.

Our theme this year is *Book characters*. This offers lots of scope for entries from makers of all ages and we'd really like to hear from you if you're going to make a scarecrow so that we can ensure it features in the trail programme. We'd love to know by 18th May so that we can produce the booklet in lots of time.

We're planning to get the Festival going earlier this year so that all those not at school on Friday 28th can make an early start.

If you'd like more information or to let us know what you're planning, please be in touch: email justpam1@hotmail.co.uk, phone 890921 or send a message on Facebook where you can like, follow and share our *Linton Scarecrow Festival* page.

Pam Richardson, 890921

Repair Café returns

SUSTAINABLE Linton is delighted to announce their second Repair Café, from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday 8th June at Linton Village Hall. The idea is to match amazing repairers with people who need stuff fixed...and all for free. You can also pick up ideas on how to fix things yourself, if that interests you.

We welcome: small household appliances, electrical items, computers, mobile phones, bicycles, clothes and general bits'n'bobs.

There will be a cafe on the day and information relating to living sustainably. You can turn up on the day but it's best to book your item in as there are a limited number of repairers and it will help them to have an idea of what's coming and any small spares needed.

To book an item in for repair, contact us on 07931 966952 or email info@sustainablelinton.org. The repairers are brilliant and can fix most things but there are no guarantees. If you'd like to find out about becoming a repairer yourself, please get in touch.

For more information follow Sustainable Linton at [fb.com/SustainableLinton](https://www.facebook.com/SustainableLinton)

Anna McMahon and Barbara Silverman

International Guitar Music

ON Saturday 11th May, internationally acclaimed classical guitarist Morgan Szyman-ski will give a recital of guitar music with a wide cultural flavour, including that of European and Latin American composers and those from his Mexican and Russian heritage. He will also play popular favourites from the European classical guitar repertoire.

Morgan will also lead a workshop at 3.45p.m. on Friday 10th May in the music room at Linton Village College.

The workshop is open to young people of all abilities who play ukulele or guitar and who would like to improve their technique on these instruments or to pass on their skills to others. Come and learn more about your instrument and have a lot of fun with an inspirational teacher.

The concert takes place at 7.30p.m. on Saturday 11th May in St. Mary's Church.

Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, Linton. Tickets may also be bought online from www.lintonmusicseries.co.uk

Tickets cost £15, £13 concessions, £3 under 18's, £30 Family ticket.

Linda Bird



Morgan at the guitar

Picture supplied by LMS



A fond farewell to Mr Penfold

IT is with great sadness that we are bidding our wonderful sports lead, Dan Penfold, a very fond farewell. Dan decided to leave Linton Heights at Easter in order to lead Prestige Sports Cambridge. He will however not be leaving the school altogether as his company will continue to run certain after-school clubs.

As well as having been a pupil at Linton Heights, Dan has worked at the school for the last six years. He is an exemplary teacher, greatly loved by pupils and staff alike.

Some of the highlights of his sports leadership include teams of Linton Heights pupils being South Cambs netball champions; three times South Cambs cross country winners; and also South Cambs gymnastics winners. More notably, Dan has made sport accessible to

children of all abilities – with his multi-sports events and his local schools mini-Olympic competition.

Dan has also done a first-class job of promoting sport in the local community, in a managerial capacity with Linton Granta FC and also with the youth teams for Linton Aztecs.

We all wish Dan the very best of fortune with his business and a highly successful career.

Whilst we are very sad to see Dan go, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Lewis Russell as a worthy successor. Lewis is a sports science university graduate and has several years' experience of teaching sports to KS1 and KS2 pupils as a Cambridge United coach.

James Puxley, Head Teacher

Love Your Library

WHETHER you're a library regular or visiting for the first time, we look forward to welcoming you to Linton Library for our *Love Your Library* event from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 18th May. With a theme of *International friends and neighbours*, we'll be providing global games and activities for all ages, refreshments, raffle and a book sale, plus live music. You can also find out about some of our special services such as Library at Home. Look out for posters, or ask at the desk for more details.

We are seeking new volunteers for our regular drop-in Storytime sessions for pre-schoolers, currently held on Tuesdays at 2pm in term-time. If you'd enjoy sharing books and rhymes with little ones a couple of times each month in our friendly library, please let us know.

During May we'll have a special display for Mental Health Awareness week, with useful books for understanding and managing mental health issues.

Anyone can join the library – it's easy, and free. Come to the desk with proof of your ID and address (a driving licence is ideal), or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library and click on *Online library services* then *Join libraries online*. Children under 16 need an adult guarantor.

If you just haven't used your library card for a while and you're out of the reading habit, please ask us for recommendations, or take a look at our display of books recently enjoyed by other library borrowers. The library is for everyone, and we hope to see you there soon!

Anna McMahon



Mother's Day fun

A BEAUTIFUL Spring day made for a perfect Mother's Day celebration at Chestnut Playgroup, as mothers and grandmothers were invited to spend an afternoon creating special memories with their children and grandchildren. There were smiles all round as they worked together to create colourful daffodil pictures and pasta jewellery. There was an extra special treat for the snack and lots of fun was had playing outside in the sunshine.

We continued our spring theme with an Easter family fun day which included face painting, Easter crafts, games and, of course, coffee and cakes. Some lucky people also received a chocolate treat for finding one of the Chestnut rocks which were hidden in different locations around the village. Thank you to everyone who came to support the family fun day. A wonderful time was had by all.

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

admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120

Lucy Walbanke-Taylor on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup



Infants go to Colchester zoo

WELCOME back after the Easter break, we are now in the final term of the year.

Our new topic Carnival of the Animals started with a whole school trip to Colchester Zoo. At the time of writing, we are busy organising a small army of helpers and hoping the weather will be kind to us.

Whole school trips are a great learning experience for all children and the learning that can take place outside of the classroom should never be underestimated. These trips would not be possible without the support of our PTFA who help by funding the coaches, so thank you to them and thank you to you for supporting their fundraising events.

As part of World Autism Awareness week, the whole school had a week of learning about autism and what it means to people living with these difficulties. The teaching staff were amazed at the level of acceptance and maturity shown by the children. The week ended with a Silly Socks day to raise funds and show support for Autism Anglia.

The national offer date for children hoping to join us in September was right in the middle of the Easter break. If you have received an offer, it is really important that you contact the school to accept the place, we can then register you as accepting and you will receive information about opportunities for your child to come into school over the summer term.

Louise Cooper, Acting Headteacher



Silly Sock day fundraising and so much more

WE have had another busy month at Granta and the children were definitely ready for their Easter break. We took part in fundraising for Silly Sock day, all in aid of raising awareness for Autism. It was great to see so many children and staff wearing their unique and colourful socks around the school. We must say a big thank you to everyone involved in all of our fundraising activities. Collectively for Red Nose Day, Silly Sock Day and Children in Need we have raised over £315.00 for charity.

Congratulations to our 6th Form team who took part in the Cambridgeshire County Table Cricket Championships. The team won both of their matches to become County champions. They will be playing in the Regional championships at Newmarket in May and we wish them all the best of luck.

As always, we have lots of events to keep our children busy in the upcoming months. Key stage 4 have their residential trip to Bendrigg and some of our students will be taking part in their DofE challenges, both of which are full of activities to excite and challenge the students, improving their confidence and self-esteem. Dates for your diaries: Half Term 27th – 31st May.

Lucie Calow Headteacher

Bicycle repairs

SOME time ago I made a list of people in and around Linton who were willing and able to repair bicycles. I would now like to update the list which will be printed in the Linton News.

If you wish to be included, please email me with your contact details and indicate when you are available - evenings or weekends. Thank you.

Kate France, 891602 kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

Where artists meet

FEELING creative? Want some companionship? Then come to our Art Factory held in the United Reform Church Horn Lane every Tuesday from 1pm to 3pm between 23rd April and 25th June.

Bring your own materials (sorry no oils). Encouragement is offered but no instruction. There is no cost apart from 50p for coffee and biscuits. Contact Jane 894160 or Liz 890358.

Jane Whitmore, 894160

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Linton Heights summer swim scheme

PLEASE spread the word to friends and neighbours – as a thank you to the Linton community for the support given in the pool refurbishment, Linton Heights Junior School would like to open the pool up to the local community in the summer.

You do not need to have children at Linton Heights, or indeed have children at all.

The pool will be open from Saturday June 15th. Term-time the pool is open Thurs-Fri after school and on Saturdays. Over the summer holidays the pool opens Monday to Sunday, excluding Wednesdays. The exact times will be communicated when you join the scheme.

Swim sessions will need to be booked by Doodle poll – details of which will be explained nearer the time. All swim scheme participants will need to have completed one of the two resuscitation sessions which are taking place on either Thursday 2nd or 9th May at 6pm in the school hall.

A household will not be able to take part in the swim scheme unless at least one adult member of said household has attended one of the resuscitation training sessions.

To cover pool training and maintenance costs, there is a charge of £30 per family to be made payable to Linton Heights Junior School at one of the resuscitation evening sessions. £10 per adult covers the cost of the resus training session and the balance of £20 is paid to the school for ongoing pool costs.

If you require any further information at all, please contact Christine Benjamin or Sarah Bowie in the school office on 892210.

James Puxley, Head Teacher

ACEs go to Ely

THE ACEs had their first coach trip of the year to Ely – it was a bright, sunny day but a little chilly. On Jan's advice, we took the scenic route through Newmarket, going twice round the *Newmarket Stallion* statue to get a better view - and seeing strings of racehorses returning from morning gallops.

There was plenty to see in Ely, with many visiting the Cathedral, Museum and Cromwell's house. Others headed through the park (where Time Team excavated the original wharfs and mediaeval buildings) or to the riverside, with its antique shops and boat trips. Some were happy with the restaurants, pubs and shops. So, there was plenty for everyone, including a jolly driver.

The next event is a Ploughman's Lunch at 12.30pm on 23rd May at the Sports Pavilion. There will be a speaker. Please check the notice boards for details.

At that meeting we will take names and collect the fare for the next coach trip to Woodbridge on 20th June. This has an optional boat trip on the river Deben. As ever we keep the costs as low as possible, so the more people travelling, the cheaper it will be.

Enid Bald

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News from St Mary's

THIS month I'm highlighting events in Castle Camps, whose church, All Saints, is part of the Linton Team Ministry. It's a big year there, because they're celebrating the 150th anniversary of the well-loved hymn, *O Jesus, I have promised*, which has been sung to many different tunes ever since 1869. Even people who aren't frequent churchgoers may remember singing it heartily at school or church parades – perhaps to the jazzy tune written in the 1960s. Are you one of them?

The hymn was written in Castle Camps by John Bode, Rector of All Saints Church. He found it difficult leading a church separated from the village by fields, and struggled to get a good congregation. But Bode felt sure God had called him to stay and work there. So, when the time came for his children's confirmation, he wrote his hymn about keeping our promises to God – *serving to the end* – which is what he certainly did. He remained Rector of Castle Camps until his death in 1875, and is buried there.

Many different events will celebrate Bode's hymn over the summer, starting with Beer and Hymns (other drinks available!) - at 4 pm on Sunday 12th May. Come along to All Saints' and sing old favourites, to the rousing accompaniment of the Hadstock Silver Band, while enjoying local brews. And the church's 'remote' setting is actually really lovely, with wonderful views and lots of parking space.

One of the planned events will be a confirmation on June 16th, in All Saints Church Castle Camps, for candidates from local churches. Any adult or young person interested in taking this important Christian step, please contact me as soon as possible at the beginning of May.

Look out for ads. of further events, too.

Maggie Guite (Rector, Linton Team Ministry)

Fines for Littering

IN last month's paper we had a reader ask if there was a penalty for discharging litter on the road and verges and to whom such behaviour should be reported.

Vicky Lacey, who is Waste Projects Officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council, replied that the information is to be found on the Envirocrime section of the SCDC website.

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/environment/envirocrime/envirocrime/> where you can use an online form to report littering.

If you drop litter, you could receive an £150 fixed penalty notice or be taken to court and fined up to £2,500.

Litter includes cigarette butts, crisp packets, cans and other discarded items – it is unsightly, attracts vermin, and makes an area looked uncared for.

Our enforcement officers work around the district, and if littering is witnessed, will take action where necessary.

You should tell us if you see someone littering. Please provide as much information as possible, such as what happened, where it happened, a description of the person dropping litter and their vehicle, if applicable. Do not confront the person yourself. You can report littering to us using our online form as above.

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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.

From Granta Medical

Mr McCarthy's recent letter raises several issues about Granta Medical Practices. I am delighted to be able to respond on behalf of the practice and hopefully reassure not just Mr McCarthy but your other readers.

The new 0300 telephone number is charged as a standard call by all major phone companies. The medical practice makes absolutely no money from it – in fact the practice has invested a lot in updating the phone system across all of our sites. We have done this to help improve communication, provide a better service and be better able to adapt to the increased use of technology in delivering medical services. The historic numbers used for each site continue to work. Your readers are welcome to use whichever number they prefer and find most convenient.

Likewise, the term *member* is one that is interchangeable with *patient*. Some of those registered with us dislike being called 'patients' when they are well and have no medical issues, but are still registered with the practice. Again your readers are most welcome to use whichever term they feel most comfortable with, or indeed use both. We want to be as inclusive and accessible as possible.

General Practice across the country is in a difficult position. Decades of under-investment by the NHS in practices and in training GPs have created a shortage of some 3,500 GPs in England at present. Primary Care nurses are also scarce. Despite record numbers in GPs in training, this shortfall of GPs is predicted to rise to 11,000 within the next decade, according to a recent joint report by the Nuffield Trust, King's Fund and Health Foundation.

We at Granta are hugely fortunate to have a dedicated team of clinicians – of all types – supported by non-clinical colleagues serving our community as best we can with limited resources. We are fortunate to still be able to recruit GPs when many practices cannot. Several new GPs will be joining the practice over the next few months, strengthening our team. Our commitment to offer guaranteed same-day service for urgent problems through our rapid access clinic is a service that few practices can deliver – and a service that we know many appreciate.

Given the challenges ahead, we need the help, support and understanding of those who live in the area and of those who use our services.

Our patient participation group is a forum where those able to offer help and support to the practice, as well as constructive critique, can help shape what we do.

Anyone interested in joining the Patient Participation Group can contact Jane Bertram at Granta Sawston on 0300 234 5555. Dr James Morrow

GP & Managing Partner, Granta Medical Practices

Found

Dear Editor

Some prescription sunglasses were found on Coles Lane on 11th April. If you have lost any and think they might be yours, please ring Sheila Price on 891633.

OUR THANKS

Guides Jumble Sale

A big thank you to everyone who donated, attended, bought from or helped the Guides' jumble sale on 23rd March.

We raised £650 for the two Guide units - the best result ever. The fantastic support we receive each year really is much appreciated.

Kate France, 891602

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WEEKLY

New Age Kurling, Mondays 2-3pm and 3-4pm	VH
Beacon Astro football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm	LVC
Netball, Monday evenings, 6.30pm junior, 7.30pm adult	LVC
Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm	Pavilion
Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm	LVC sports centre
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
Linton Air Cadets, Mon and Thurs, 7-9.30pm (07717 801056)	LVC
Scrabble club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon	CP
Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm	CC
Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm	LVC
Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term-time 9.30-11.30	LVC
Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am	CC
WEA, Tuesdays, 10.30am-12.30pm, term-time	VH
Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1-2.30pm	CC
Storytime, Tuesdays, 2-2.30pm, term-time	Library
Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm	VH
Beacon Red Zone youth club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm	LVC
IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm	CC
Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm	CC
Tots in tow, Wednesdays, 9.30-11am, term-time only	VH
Beacon Girls Group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm	RG
Walking netball, Wednesdays, 6-7pm,	LVC sports centre
Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am	URC
Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm	Library
Beacon drop-in club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm	RG
Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm	LVC
Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm	LH
Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm,	URC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am	CP
St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm	St Mary's church
Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm,	CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248	

MAY 2019

5 Bartlow walk, from 9.30am,	Hills Farm, Bartlow
6 Camera club, 7pm	VH
7 WI, 7.30pm	VH
9 Resuscitation session, 6pm	school hall, LH
10 Guitar workshop, 3.45pm	Music room LVC
10 Gin tasting evening, 7.30pm	LIS
11 Garden Club plant sale, 10am	3 Mill Lane
11 LMS guitar concert, 7.30pm	St Mary's church
12 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon	URC
13 Scarecrow making demo. 7.30pm	St Mary's church
13 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
14 VIP Group AGM and Quiz, 2pm	Chalklands
14 Gardening Club, 7.30pm	VH
15 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon	HC
16 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
17 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
18 Love your library event, 10am to 1pm	Library
18 Not the Eurovision song concert, 7pm	URC
19 Walking group, 11am,	Church Lane
19 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's Church
21 Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
23 ACE lunch and talk. 12.30pm	Sports pavilion RG
28 Big litter pick, time TBA see Parish Matters page 7	
28 Climate change talk by Extinction Rebellion, 7.30pm	VH
31 Private Fincham Memorial, 11am	Cemetery

JUNE 2019

1 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH

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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A Feast for Wildlife

FOR our April meeting we had a very detailed and humorous talk. Our speaker was Linda Gascoigne. One of the slides showed an Elephant Hawkmoth, which feeds on Fuchsia along with its caterpillar.

Due to intensive farming, a lot of wild flowers have become extinct or rare. Ryegrass crowds cowslips. Coppicing is less frequent, this process creates a woodland clearing, lets light in which encourages native plants to grow. Plants like foxglove, nettle and bramble etc which in turn feed invertebrates, birds and mammals.

We should grow as many native wild plants in our own gardens as we can. Oxlip is now only found in the Essex/ Suffolk / Cambridge border. The Lady Slipper orchid is found in limestone in Yorkshire and the Military orchid at three sites in Britain. The Fen and Bog orchid grows on sphagnum moss.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on May 14th in the Village Hall. The subject will be a demonstration of propagation given by our speaker, Vivienne Gould. Visitors are welcome.

The Club's plant sale is between 10am and noon on Saturday 11th May at 3 Mill Lane. Do come along and see if there are any new plants for your garden. There will also be produce for sale.

Donations of plants, produce or cakes will be appreciated and may be delivered to 3 Mill Lane on Friday 10th May.

Anita Daws, 892113 lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Camsight VIPs news

ON Tuesday 9th April we held our Annual General Meeting, which was well attended. This was followed by a quiz provided by our team of volunteers, and also some very amusing verse written by Pam Ayres, along with our afternoon tea and raffle.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 14th May at the Chalklands centre, when we shall hear a selection of poetry from a member of the Camsight team.

If you would like any further information, please contact us on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

Linton Army cadets

LINTON Detachment Army Cadet Force have been busy with senior training camps, field craft and cadets' combat competitions.

One of our cadets has been chosen for the County First Aid team who are hoping to go to the National competition later this year.

The detachment is growing well, we now have 40 cadets which includes both male and female cadets.

We are busy preparing for the memorial of private Fincham, at 11am on Friday 31st May at Linton cemetery. See page 7 and below. If you would like to challenge yourself and you are 12 years old and in year eight then come along to Linton Heights Junior School on Thursday evenings between 7pm to 9pm (when we have our parade times), and ask for me

Staff Rudderham.

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

This was Private John (Jack) Mark Fincham, of the East Surrey Regiment, who died in 1920, aged 31, as a result of war wounds obtained in the First World War. The stepson of George and Harriet Carter, he lived and died in Linton except for four years in France. His grave was unmarked.

See page 5 of March 2019, Linton News and this month's Parish Matters on page 7.

The Anderson Trust

THE Anderson Trust was established in 1998 as a result of the sale of Church Cottage in Linton, the former home of Professor Charles and Mrs. Mary Anderson. According to the terms of the Trust Deed the purpose of the Trust is to promote the Christian religion in and from the Parish of St Mary's, Linton; to sustain the Church of St Mary's and worship therein; to promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, particularly for the benefit of the Church School and of religious teaching in Linton and for any other charitable purpose for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton.

At their meeting on March 18th, the Trustees approved the 2019 distribution of £8,800 interest, received from investments, to the following applicants:

£5,000 to the Beacon Youth Trust towards the salary and on-costs of a Youth Worker; £1,100 to St Mary's Church towards resources to develop youth, children's and families' ministry; £1,000 to Linton Heights Junior School Swimming Pool Re-commissioning Fund, £500 to Linton Village College English Department towards texts to support students with dyslexia, £300 to Granta School to support Duke of Edinburgh Award students, £500 to Linton Youth Music for a visiting schools production of *Hansel and Gretel*, £250 to Linton Village Cricket Club towards mobile covers for the cricket pitch and £150 to support a music student at Linton Village College. An invitation to apply for 2020 grants will be issued in the November edition of the Linton News.

Gillian Powell, Chair of Trustees, 893664

Could you be our next Community Champion?

CAMBRIDGE Fire and Rescue Service are looking for volunteers to join their team of community champions across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

As part of their voluntary activities, community champions support and participate in local initiatives and campaigns, helping to spread the word to local communities about keeping safe. They make a huge contribution to the Service and help work towards the vision for a safe community where there are no preventable deaths or injuries in fires or other emergencies.

Champions cover everything from fire safety in the home, to road and water safety, including:

- attending local events – Representing CFRS at events, such as school fetes, school presentations and community festivals.
- Community fire station open days – Helping out at events and sharing safety advice.
- Fire station car washes – Helping out and sharing safety advice.
- Community fire safety campaigns – Targeted activities to coincide with safety themes, such as electrical appliance safety and cooking safety.
- Taking part in large-scale joint training exercises - Volunteers can act as injured casualties/concerned bystanders, helping to make training scenarios as realistic as possible.
- Community consultation - Taking part in focus groups during consultation with communities.

Community champions receive training as part of the role to help develop their skills. The opportunity also gives volunteers the opportunity to enhance their CVs, make new friends and improve their knowledge of the work undertaken by CFRS. No previous qualifications or specific skills are needed to become a community champion and CFRS is always seeking people from diverse backgrounds.

It's a rewarding role, and one that you can give as much or as little time as you can.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a community champion visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

Councillors' Report

A1307

THE Combined Authority (the Mayor) recently turned down a request from Haverhill for another feasibility study into a bypass of the road. The CA didn't want to send the money as it didn't line up with their ideas for a CAM Metro, nor the current upgrades to the road, funded by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

Update on A1307 improvements due before 31 March 2020:

- Upgrade of traffic lights at Village College – completed.
- Bus lane from Dalehead to Village College plus upgrade of cycle path – May/June.
- Further consultation on parking proposals for the High Street and the operation of traffic lights at the High Street/A1307 junction – June followed by implementation later in the year.
- Traffic lights at the Hildersham crossing – later this year.
- The work on the Dean Road crossing has moved to 2020/21 programme to be coordinated with the new roundabout at the Bartlow junction.

All projects should be complete before end of March 2021.

19 Bus Service

The 19 bus, which serves some of the villages between Linton and Haverhill, has had its contract extended. There was some fear it would be stopped due to lack of uptake, but thankfully, its contract has been renewed and it remains.

Settled Status

A reminder that EU citizens, who want to remain in the country after Brexit, need to apply for 'settled status'. This can be done online and is free. Editor - see page 1

Refugees

South Cambs have announced that they, in conjunction with Cambridge City, will be offering homes to five refugee families.

Children's Services Ofsted

The County Council's Children's Services have recently been assessed by Ofsted, who have downgraded the service from *good* to *requires improvement*. This is a clear sign that the services have moved in the wrong direction in recent years. Not helped by the announced closure of Children's Centres in the county.

Mobile Phone Coverage

The County Council commissioned a company to carry out a survey of mobile phone coverage in the area. This was welcomed, as reception in some of our areas is patchy to say the least. The survey confirmed the coverage is worse than expected and a plan is being put together to remedy this.

Highways and Street Lighting Survey

The County Council is running two satisfaction surveys, one of the Highways services and one on Street Lighting. They both run until May 31st and can be found here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/N3UFW/>

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BO6ZG/>

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

Community Peace Garden

ON Saturday 23rd March, the Community Peace Garden behind St Mary's Church was formally opened by the Rector, Maggie Guite. Representatives from the various funding bodies were invited and the opening was followed by refreshments in the Church Pavilion.

This project to convert a piece of derelict weed covered ground was a considerable time in its realisation. Rebecca Rix generously gave of her time in designing the garden to be accessible to all people and to have a woodland theme, with wide pathways, seating and raised beds.

Applications for funding were completed and in addition to a considerable donation from the Parochial Church council, we were very grateful to receive funding from The Anderson Trust, The Cooperative Community Fund, South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Fund, the Parish Council, Cornerstone Church and very many individual donors.

The hard landscaping was carried out by Jacq and Wills Landscaping and volunteers including pupils from the Infant and Granta Schools undertook the planting. The garden is maintained by volunteers from the church and the Gardening Club, but we would be grateful for any other volunteers from the village.

We are applying for the garden to be registered with the



All gathered in the garden

Photo by Roger Lapwood

Quiet Garden Movement, but the garden is open to all in the village and we hope people will find it a place which gives an opportunity for some quiet and reflective time. Glynis Younger

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COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



Moths and Butterflies herald the summer

HOORAY! Summer is almost here, and with it our glorious and astonishing butterflies and moths of the family *Lepidoptera*. Just when you think your day couldn't get worse, the sun comes out and a butterfly flits into view, darting hither and yon, raising your spirits. (We'll ignore the clothes eating moths just for today).

In the UK there are 800 moth species and a mere 70 butterflies. Butterflies are slender and smooth, moths are stout and fuzzy. Butterflies gather food in the day, moths by night. Butterflies have long thin antennae, and moths go in for the short and feathery. Butterflies rest with their wings closed, moths with theirs open. Some moths never fly at all, they just crawl along. Others can fly at 20mph.

Together moths and butterflies make up 10% of the entire species of living organisms in the UK. Clearly butterflies are the more vibrant in colour, but moths are equally beautiful in

a mothy sort of way. Their life cycle (egg, larva caterpillar, chrysalis or cocoon and then adult) has been used to teach us about the living world for generations.

People have been studying them for 300 years. At the moment over 10,000 people are tracking butterflies in the UK alone, with 850 sites monitored weekly. This means we have a unique data source unmatched in geography and time scale, giving vital information for climate and environmental change. Some species are on the up, but sadly more are declining.

Here are some surprising facts for your collection. When the adult butterfly emerges

from the chrysalis, it will wait for a few hours for its wings to fill with blood. They can't fly if their body temperature has not reached 86 degrees Fahrenheit (30°C). They have four wings and an exoskeleton, the latter protecting them and preventing them drying out. Many butterflies can taste with their feet, finding out if the leaf they are on would be a good site for egg laying and providing immediate sustenance. They attach their eggs to the chosen leaf with a special glue. They feed on flower nectar and drink from puddles.

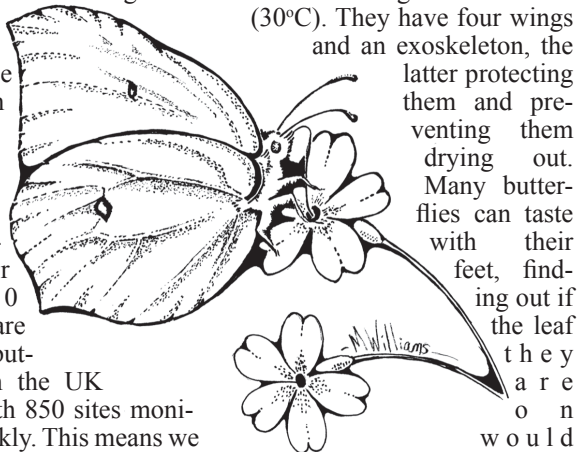
As for moths – what amazing patterns and camouflage they have. Some carry a case

around them made of silk and pieces of plant and soil. Some don't even have mouths so must live on the energy stored as caterpillars.

Blue tits the world over eat 50 billion moth caterpillars annually. To avoid this fate, some moths have evolved to look like less palatable insects, such as wasps and spiders. Some moths even mimic bird droppings.

Most moth caterpillars eat the leaves and flowers of plants. Some eat fruit, or seeds, and a few eat animal foods like beeswax or fur. A very few species of caterpillars are carnivores, eating aphids or other soft-bodied insects. They sometimes feed on mud to get minerals or on animal dung to get protein.

It is estimated that in some countries 90% of the population eat caterpillars for protein. We tried a bag of roasted crickets from a local supermarket the other day. As yet they have not reappeared on the shopping list.



2523 (LINTON) SQN AIR TRAINING CORPS



THE clocks have changed and we once again have lighter evenings which we love to make the most of. We can now get out from behind our classroom desks and put into action all the theory we have learnt.

Starting with Duke of Edinburgh awards we have bronze, silver and gold levels now being completed on squadron. The practice and final assessment expeditions are booked and we look forward to a record year of awards.

To kick-start spring we have already had flying allocations come through for four cadets. With little or no previous flying experience we had perfect weather for air experience flights from RAF Wittering with all managing to fly in the Grob Tutor aircraft, a great start to the flying season.

We are now working our way towards the annual sector and wing field day competitions with Cadet Warrant Officer Godfrey leading the Linton team.

As well as this we will also be marshalling and camping at the Duxford airshows again this year - we camp by the footbridge from the north side car park. We put our banner up so if you do walk by please do come and say hello and learn more about what we do.

Our cadets have just returned from Easter Camp so I look forward to updating you with their activities next time. We still have many summer camp, aerospace camp and other adventure training camp spaces to come so we have a busy and exciting summer ahead.

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Quiz night fund-raiser for Beacon Youth Trust

THE now annual (and quite possibly famous) Linton *Not The Eurovision Song Contest Quiz* will take place at Linton Free Church Hall, Horn Lane on the evening of Saturday 18th May. As the title suggests, the date coincides with the evening of the Eurovision Song Contest, some might say providing a positive alternative. Arrivals are from 7pm with Round 1 questions starting at 7.15 pm.

The evening includes a Fish and Chip (or equivalent) supper. Contestants can (and should) bring their own drinks. A fine time of fun, questions and some answers is promised for all.

This year, the quiz will be a fund-raiser for the Beacon Youth Trust that provides youth work in the village in partnership with Romsey Mill.

Tickets are £10 each and all of the surplus generated on the evening will be donated to the work of the Beacon Youth Trust.

For tickets and any further information, please email the Quiz Master for the evening, Steve Munday, on Munday5@aol.com. Steve Munday, 890358

Balsham Singers Summer concert

THE programme for this year's concert is rich and varied, including Mozart, Finzi, Balfour Gardiner, Chilcott, a medley from Les Miserables and more. We try hard to sing music that everyone can enjoy.

Our concert will take place at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham on Saturday 18th May. Tickets costing £10 can be purchased from the Post Offices in Balsham and Abington.

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Lesley Crisp, 891141

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POT POURRI 169

Pot Pourri 169 The Maths Casino

IN the maths casino is a table marked with six rectangular places. They are marked as follows - two are marked with x3, two marked with x2 and two marked with x1. Thus, placing any money on the relevant place will either triple, double etc.

I have two £20 notes, two £5 notes and two £1 notes. I must place all six notes on the six places to win exactly £100. I lose should I win more or less than exactly £100.

The croupier only allows you a very limited time to place your notes to win. (He then always changes the place values and the amount to place in reality). What value notes did I place on which places in order to win the £100?

Pot Pourri 168 How fast is the time?

The watch was 54 minutes fast.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham News

Quiz Night

WE would like to thank everyone who supported the quiz on 29th March. It was a most enjoyable evening, raising just over £580 for the Village Hall. And, once again, Linton fielded the winning team.

Violin concert

This will be held at 3pm on Saturday 1st June in Hildersham Church. It is an hour-long concert for solo violin and includes music by Biber and Bach. It will be followed by cakes and refreshments.

Tickets are £5, free for students and children. To book, please contact Paul Seddon, paul@paulseddon.com, or Cathy Myer, 892848.

Hildersham Lecture

At 7.30pm on Friday 17th May in Hildersham Church. David Newble's talk is entitled *Drug discovery and the Cambridge engineers who made it possible*. Tickets are £5 including refreshments.

Changes to Hildersham Church services

1st Sunday of each month United Service in Balsham at 10.30am

2nd Sunday Communion at 9.15am

3rd Sunday Café Church at 4pm

4th Sunday Evensong at 6pm

Amanda Palmer, 894316, amjpalmer@gmail.com

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Headed for extinction

AS members of *Extinction Rebellion* we will be talking about the threat of climate change at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th May in the village hall.

What is true? What can we believe? What can we do? There will be times for discussion and you will leave with a clearer idea of the science and the facts surrounding this issue. Linda Richardson (892074) and Penny Hall

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The Marsh mail



CREATIVITY is usually associated with artistic talent. There are a number of children (and many adults) that have a limiting and fixed mind-set in regards to their own creative abilities. *I can't draw* is a defeatist statement that art teachers are familiar with and spend their life's work attempting to overcome, in the same way that English and maths teachers do with *I can't spell* or *I can't do maths*.

The outstanding outcomes from this year's GCSE art cohort are testament to the fantastic standard of arts education at Linton Village College. It will be fabulous to see the students' art work showcased in the exhibition that will take place later this term. Some highlights can be viewed on the @LintonArts twitter account.

Creativity in other parts of the curriculum have also been celebrated at LVC recently. Our team of students won first prize in the inaugural Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service competition as part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Learning UK schools challenge.

LVC students have also achieved trophy success in the Cambridge Rotary Technology Tournament and a number of our Year 11 students have sat exams for the prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. Younger students have participated in the junior maths challenge and a STEM Launchpad day at the Wellcome Genome Campus.

In 2015 a sample of LVC students were selected to take part in PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) tests which are conducted every three years with 15 year olds across the world to assess their science, mathematics, reading and problem-solving abilities. While England ranked between 8th and 15th in the international tables, our students performed significantly higher than all OECD countries.

LVC has retained a strong commitment to a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum, despite governmental pressures to prioritise EBacc subjects (English, maths, science, languages, geography and history). Meanwhile, there are growing concerns that schools with narrower subject options stifle students' creativity.

PISA is currently drawing up new questions to measure the quality of creativity among students. Championing students' creative potential puts our students in good stead not only for exams but for learning, future employment and life.

Helena Marsh

Need to be gluten free?



APRIL is our annual meeting when we review the events and finances of the past year and elect new committee members. As there were no new nominations, our president, treasurer and secretary and three other current committee members agreed to continue for another year.

A talk was given by Liz Cox, a Linton member with coeliac disease who is president of Bury St Edmunds Coeliac Group. This is an auto-immune disease, not an allergy or intolerance. Symptoms can be stomach ache, diarrhoea, constipation, fatigue, anaemia, unexpected weight loss. To diagnose, doctors do a blood test and confirm by doing an endoscopy. Undiagnosed, it can lead to serious complications like osteoporosis and anaemia. It does not require medication – just a gluten free diet.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye and rice. It is important to check foodstuff packaging for hidden gluten when buying e.g. gravy granules, some ice creams, and table sauces. Great care must be taken when preparing food. Make sure surfaces are free from flour, always use clean utensils, and check toasters for bread crumbs. When serving, always put gluten free on separate plates with separate knives and forks. A food tasting followed of unmarked ordinary and gluten free cakes, biscuits and crisps. Members all agreed it was hard to tell the difference.

Our next meeting is on 7th May when the speaker will be Fran Saltmarsh on Corsets and Crinolines (the history of underwear). New members and visitors always welcome.

Sally Probets (891021)

Bishop gives thanks at Hadstock church



Left to right: The Rt Revd Roger Morris, Robin Betser, The Revd Paula Griffiths and Benedict Hannam carrying the cross

Picture supplied by revd, Paula Griffiths

THE Rt Revd Roger Morris, Bishop of Colchester, thanked the people of Hadstock for all their work in the community and for the church building on Sunday 17th March when he preached in St Botolph's Church, Hadstock, at a Service of Thanksgiving for the work carried out to the church in 2017–2018.

Speaking to a congregation of villagers and many others who had supported the works, the Bishop said: "It is a great joy to see this beautiful and historic church looking so vibrant, light, and full of life. I am very grateful for the tremendous generosity of the village community that has enabled the church repairs to be completed despite the enormity of the task."

The Revd Paula Griffiths, Priest at Hadstock, said: "I have been amazed and touched at the response from the village and community. Work was already under way when we found that the nave ceiling was rotten and needed complete replacement – and another £30,000, taking the total to £88,000. It could have been disaster, but for the generosity of so many who donated, ran fundraising events, and gave practical help."

There is a long list of people to thank, including all the professionals who worked on the building, and everyone in Hadstock or beyond who gave donations, organised events or gave practical help. Special thanks to my colleagues in the Friends of St Botolph's Church, Hadstock and the Parochial Church Council for their energy and enthusiasm throughout the works.'

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Historical Society

CAMBRIDGE Museum of Technology was the theme of our talk presented by the curator Pam Halls. Now a Leisure Facility thanks to Heritage Funding from the National Lottery of £1,500,000 the museum has undergone a massive restoration and will re-open its doors again in June of this year.

Pam began her talk with a 1930's picture of Cheddars Lane Pumping Station, just off Newmarket Road, Cambridge featuring the 184' chimney adjacent to the biggest gas holder in East Anglia.

Plans were drawn up to create a pumping station which came into operation in 1895 as the River Cam flowing through Cambridge had become virtually an open sewer and health hazard due to the growing population of the city. The pumping station continued operating, with modifications, up until May 1968 when the remaining staff closed the doors for the last time.

Word got round that the council wanted to demolish the site and scrap the machinery. However, a group of enthusiasts set about trying to save and preserve the building and stop further deterioration. After an enormous amount of work, they were able to open the Pumping Station as a museum in May 1971. As well as the machinery already in situ, local organisations donated equipment to add to the collection. To find out more visit the website www.museumoftechnology.com

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st May at Linton Village Hall, this time with our speaker Julie Blounford and her subject *The Heffer's Story 1876 – 2017*

Margaret Creek, 893915,
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Wandlebury events in May

**Wandlebury Park Outdoor Cinema:
Bohemian Rhapsody 1**

Saturday 4th May from 7pm to 11pm

The Star & Mouse will be screening the story of Freddie Mercury and Queen. Dogs are welcome. There is a charge and prices vary with extras and booking is essential.

Booking: www.starandmouse.com or www.cambridgeppf.org

Go Bats at Wandlebury –

Friday 10th May from 8.30pm to 10pm

Cambridgeshire Bat Group will be leading this guided walk at dusk. Free, suitable for those over nine years of age. Meet at the noticeboard in the car park.

Saturday Bushcraft for Families

Saturday 18th May from 9am to 11.30am

On the third Saturday of each month the outdoor learning experience group, Wild Thyme & Embers, is now offering to teach bushcraft skills together as a family. There is a charge and booking is essential. Please visit www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk

Painting and Drawing in Summer – four-week course

Mondays starting 20th May from 12 noon to 3pm

Treescape artist Debbie Baxter will give tuition in drawing, acrylics, and watercolour painting. There is a charge. Materials list will be provided on booking.

Booking: email debbiebaxterart@yahoo.co.uk

Gog Magog House History Walk

Tuesday 21st May from 10.30am to 11.30am

Free event – donations welcome. Meet at the notice board next to the car park at Wandlebury Park.

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

Mary Nealon

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1122/19/DC, Mr Edward Wilson, 1 Rivey Way, Discharge of condition 3 (materials) of planning consent S/1520/16/FL for demolition of outbuilding, erection of 4 bed house to create end of terrace adjoining 1 Rivey Way & proposed extension of 1 Rivey way & Car Parking.

Editor's note: Other applications this month have been decided so cannot be commented on

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Reports Roundup

MEETING with Tree and Landscape Officer - Cllrs Enid Bald and Kate Kell

Synopsis - This meeting was initially to discuss the status and preservation of hedgerows and trees, especially those affected by planning applications. It is the aim to work with the Tree Officer to identify, evaluate and register important hedges and trees (help from residents would be appreciated).

The ownership and responsibility for trees along Rivey Lane is to be established, as many need to be properly managed. Large branches from a recently pruned tree in Rivey Way have been dumped in Rivey Lane. This and other dumping has been reported to SCDC and to Envirocrime.

The general condition of the verges along the Rivey Lane bridleway is poor, with dumped building and garden rubbish, litter, grass cuttings, etc. Ways to tackle this and prevent further dumping was discussed, including community involvement.

The recent Tree Survey was reviewed regarding work recommended in the Cemetery and Churchyard.

Meeting with Ecology Officer at Pocket Park - Councillors Kate Kell, Dr Brian Cox, Enid Bald

Synopsis - Management of Pocket Park/Leadwell Meadows as a wildlife area was discussed. Confirmed that the large areas are to be cut annually in September only, with suitable paths cut monthly April-September, for public amenity. Flood prevention and future improvements discussed.

Bartlow Road planning application described, along with its impact on this area of recently restored floodplain (which has been effective in preventing flooding in the village). Community involvement should be encouraged to help with upkeep and management of this area. The wood chipping from village tree works is to be used to improve the muddy paths at the southern edge.

Meeting with Argenta Tree Surveys - Cllrs Kate Kell and Enid Bald, Parish Clerk.

Synopsis - The trees for which LPC has responsibility have just been surveyed as part of the LPC Tree Assessment Policy (2015). The problems have been identified, advice given, knowledge shared, and individual trees discussed.

Now work has either been allocated to the Village Handyman or sent for tender to specialist tree contractors, as appropriate. The only urgent work (removal of a Lime in the cemetery) has already been completed.

It was decided that the Annual Assessment-work should be allocated to Argenta, as advised, for continuity of care.

General advice was given on Ash trees soon to be lost to Ash Dieback; these could be replaced with black poplar (for a butterfly route), birch, maple.

The Chestnuts seem to be fighting back against infections and infestations, so do not fell unless there is real need (not just because a developer would find this convenient)

Meeting with SCDC Planning Officer re: Bartlow Road Planning Application s/2487/18/RM - Corrie Newell, Planning Consultant, Cllrs Enid and John Bald

Synopsis - This meeting was before the officer report had been finalised to raise concerns about the Reserved Matters application, particularly the layout, drainage, effect on the local character landscape, neighbours floodplain and village.

There is still development outside permitted areas, with drives encroaching onto the planned GCP/City Deal transport hub-GCP now aware. House designs are cramped, bulky and too high for the site. There has still been no evaluation of the effect of housing on the skyline and from significant view points.

With development too close to the gas main, the site is undevelopable. Following the meeting, another sheaf of amendments was received, which addressed a few issues.

LPC responses and further objections were submitted, we are still waiting for documents and other information from SCDC.

We expect this application to be heard by the SCDC Planning Committee in April.

Cllr Enid Bald

A Commemorative event for Private John Fincham

A COMMEMORATIVE celebration will be held on Friday 31st May 2019 at 11am at Linton Cemetery to mark the life and service of Private Fincham, a war veteran from Linton who gave his life to fight for his country in the First World War.

Private John Fincham, the stepson of George and Harriet Carter, was born in Linton in 1889 and lived in the village for his entire life, with the exception of the four years he was stationed in France during the First World War.

Private Fincham, Service No. 5003, served with the 8th Bn. East Surrey Regiment throughout his four-year service. Following the war, Private Fincham returned home to Linton with injuries related to the use of the phosgene gas.

He lived at 5 Union Lane, which was previously the name of a minor road in Linton, linking Linton and Hildersham and was cared for by his sisters Adelaide and Jessie. Sadly, the injuries sustained from the phosgene gas had caused damage to his respiratory tract, causing breathing difficulties and eventually heart failure.

Private Fincham passed away at home at the age of 31 on the 6th January 1920. He was buried in Linton Cemetery but until recently, there had been no commemorative marker laid to mark his services.

In memory of Private John Fincham the Parish Council will be holding an event which will begin at the cemetery at 11am on Friday 31st May 2019 and then move to the village hall for light refreshments until 2pm.

There will be some information displayed pertaining to Private Fincham's life, family and services and a small celebration of his life. All members of the public are welcome to attend to honour his sacrifice.

Parish Clerk

Speedwatch News

I WOULD like to start by giving my thanks to the volunteers who have given up their time to enable us to get Speedwatch up and running in Linton.

Speeding is an issue through many local villages and our (police owned) Speedwatch equipment is therefore shared with Horseheath, Castle Camps and Shudy Camps.

At the time of writing, we have held our first three sessions – on the High Street, Back Road and Hadstock Road. In total, 28 vehicles have been recorded for excessive speeding during these sessions and reported to the Police.

Many more drivers spotted the volunteers in hi-vis jackets next to the equipment and drove at, or slowed to, appropriate speeds – thank you!

While carrying out the Speedwatch sessions, we were approached by a number of village residents, who all expressed their thanks that Speedwatch was up and running. A number then suggested other locations in the village that have issues with speeding.

All of the roads mentioned to the group so far have at least one location that has been approved by the police for our Speedwatch monitoring and they will be next on the list when it is our turn for the equipment again.

If there are any locations in Linton where speeding is of concern, please get in touch via linton-speedwatch@outlook.com or via the Parish Office.

If you would like to volunteer your time to join the Speedwatch team, please let me know.

You will need to attend a short training session, there are no tests involved, and then will be able to take part in Speedwatch activities. Help reduce speeding in your village and join the Speedwatch Team.

Cllr Kate Kell

The Local Highway Initiative - traffic calming at the Grip



Image of the Grip

Image from Google Maps

EACH year Linton Parish Council submits schemes to Cambridgeshire County Council for Local Highways Improvements.

Over the years we have been rather successful, with a great many dropped kerbs, the "gates" at each village entrance, and other safety measures.

Last year, a resident-led project proposed that there should be pedestrian safety and speed reductions measures for the often-neglected Grip. The residents had started this by their own work of cutting back hedges, clearing ditches and paths.

There followed consultation and circulation of drafts, then the application was submitted. I presented the proposals to the Member Panel (a much happier event than usual!) and am pleased that the scheme has been approved.

The final designs for the priority build out, signs and passive traffic calming will be consulted upon, so there will be more on this. The cost should be around £15k, of which Linton pays 34%.

Suggestions for the next submission are welcome, but thoughts currently include parking, signage and more safety measures.

Cllr Enid Bald

Linton's Big Litter Pick

LINTON is a beautiful village and thanks to the hard work of the Village Custodian, is kept very tidy.

Chris, the Village Custodian employed by the Parish Council, is out in all weathers throughout the year clearing the streets, whether it be from leaves in autumn, snow in winter or litter and rubbish throughout the year. However, despite all his hard work, there is only so much one person can do.

In a time when everything has disposable packaging and plastic waste is becoming a key focus for the media with its impact upon the environment and wildlife and an increasing importance is being placed on the education of the next generation of how to treat and protect our surrounding, the Parish Council think it's time Linton took steps to ensure that as a village, we lead by example and ensure that we are part of the solution.

One of the things I have personally always loved about this village is the strong scene of community spirit, so we are hoping to arrange an event in Linton to be held in the May half term called *Linton's big litter pick*.

This is intended to be an event where members of the community can come together and help to collect litter and waste in a village wide event to help restore Linton to its former glory of winning the Best Kept Village in 1987.

All the equipment such as litter pickers, bins and gloves will all be provided, along with refreshments for those involved.

The Linton Infants School and the Heights Junior School have both offered their support and we are hoping that lots of people can come together to get involved.

This will be held on 28th May 2019 so watch this space for more information. Please get in touch with the office if you think this is something you would like to get involved with organising. You can contact the Parish Council office on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or on 01223 891001 and speak with the Parish Clerk. The success of this event really does depend on community involvement.

Parish Clerk

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Parish Council Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on the 21st March 2019 at 7:30pm at the Cathodeon Centre. **Present:** John Bald – Vice-chairman; Cllr Paul Poulter; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Kate Kell; Cllr Lee Gardner; Cllr Carole Campbell; Cllr Brian Cox (Dr); Cllr Enid Bald **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Graham Potter, Cllr Amy Smith and Cllr Merrie Mannassi. Cllr Paul Poulter advised that he would be late to the meeting.

Councillors’ Declarations of Interest None
Councillor Vacancies; There are currently two vacancies available for co-option.
Notice of the resignation of Cllr Angharad Hammond as of Monday 11th March 2019.

Cllr Hammond was thanked for her work for the Parish Council during her time here.

Chairman’s Comment There has been a discussion regarding reports and the ways in which these are reviewed in the minutes. It is suggested that there should be a roundup of the latest reports and issues to be included in the Parish Council Matters.

Open Forum for Public Participation None
To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14th February 2019 and the minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 6th March 2019.

The minutes of the 14th February 2019 were agreed with the following changes:

Item 235/18/19, Traffic Matters, Haverhill Town Area Forum report and 237b/18/19, The Clapper Stile report to be edited to include the synopsis from reports.

Item 230/18/19, Clerk’s Report, section a, to be adjusted to clarify band D and to correct rouge to rogue when referring to parking issues on section Kiii.

Proposed by Cllr Kell seconded by Cllr Gardner, **Agreed.**
The minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 6th March was proposed by Cllr E Bald and seconded by Cllr Gardner. **Agreed.**

Matters Arising/Clerk’s Report Update on the benches project, including the recent correspondence with the Cambridgeshire County Council Street Inspector, Mr. Ben Ely who advised there are requirements that must be met prior to progressing the project. The 171 licence can be applied for retrospectively for the Horseh-eath Road site but must be in advance of the installation of the other locations. The office is now in touch with the Street Works team who will review the application.

Update on parking restrictions for Market Square and the requirement for a licence prior to progressing the installation of the sign. The installation of the sign also requires a 171 permit and prior to progressing this the elements as discussed under point A must be completed.

Update on the proposed date for the commemorative ceremony for Private J Fincham – The Army Cadets now require 8 weeks advanced notice to allow for parental consent forms to be issued and agreed. It was proposed that May half term may be a viable time to hold the ceremony.

Update on the installation of the fence to be placed either side of the new clapper stile in its location, as per the original specification. Cllr E Bald proposed that LPC progress with the quotation for the works in oak, Cllr J Bald seconded, **Agreed. Motion carried.** Cllr Poulter joined the meeting.

Update on the speed survey on Hadstock Road near the Grip Industrial Estate. This has been done and LPC are awaiting the results.

Update on the Local Highways Initiative application with Cambridgeshire County Council. The bid from LPC to implement traffic calming measures on Hadstock Road, near the Grip Industrial Estate was successful. The total cost of the project is £14,865. LPC will pay the mandatory 34% contribution of £5,000 with Cambridgeshire County Council funding the remaining £9,865. Cllr E Bald proposed that LPC progress with this project, this was seconded by Cllr Kell. Put to a vote and unanimously **Agreed.**

Planning Matters Update on the Bartlow Road planning application. Verbal update from Cllr E Bald. Cllr E Bald advised that there was a meeting held at South Cambridgeshire District Council

(SCDC) with the Planning Officer reviewing the Bartlow Road case, Karen Pell-Coggins. Following the meeting there have been a lot of amendments submitted by the applicant where they have been adjusting the plans as result of the comments from the Parish Council.

Report from the meeting at SCDC with the Planning Officers. Written report included from Cllr E Bald. For information. Noted.

Consideration of LPC’s S106 requests for the Paynes Meadow planning application, S/0670/19/FL.

Cllr E Bald proposed that the funds are requested to be allocated to the roads and footpaths, this was seconded by Cllr Gardner, put to a vote, **Agreed. Motion carried.**

The Council decide that should they be unable to assign the funding to the roads given the spend categories provided, the allocation would be as follows:

The £22,000 for outdoor sports be assigned to the skate park on the recreation ground

The £29,000 for Children’s play be allocated to the new skate park, multi-use and play equipment on the recreation ground.

The £10,000 for indoor meeting space be split equally with £5,000 being put towards the Village Hall and £5,000 being put towards a new building on the recreation ground.

This was proposed by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr Hine and put to a vote. **Agreed with one abstention.**

Update from the Chalklands and Paynes Meadow Residents Association meeting. Verbal update Cllr E Bald advised that she attended and spoke at this meeting on behalf of LPC. Cllr Bald advised that one topic which was raised was the amount of litter and fly tipping that is being left up Rivey Lane which can range from general household waste to building materials and trees and shrubbery.

At this point it was discussed that the Parish Council could accept responsibility of organising the Linton’s Big Litter Pick, which would enable the volunteer group to act under the protection of the Parish Council’s public liability insurance. This event could be combined with the clearing of the Rivey Lane bridle path. Cllr E Bald proposed and Cllr J Bald seconded. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

District & County Councillors’ Reports & Business; Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) previously introduced a charge for the public to use the computers in the CCC owned libraries, however usage dropped off by 20% so the scheme has now been reversed and computer use in the CCC libraries are now free again, this includes the library in Linton.

The Neighbourhood Plan process is being reviewed as this is a very long and drawn out process. South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) will be reviewing the ways in which this is approached and the support that is offered from SCDC.

The Post Office is looking at placing the post box that was removed from outside the old Post Office premises to a new location. This will be on the small grassed area by the bench on the junction of Back Road and Balsham Road.

The resurfacing of Dolphin Close, this is still on the list as CCC are looking at resurfacing the 10 square metres of the junction as these were not done last time this road was resurfaced

The case is being made with CCC for the resurfacing of The Chalklands. Highways may request this as part of the S106 funding, should the Paynes Meadow planning application be successful. The District and County Cllrs left the meeting following this item.

Consideration of the funding request from Cambridgeshire County Council for the Summer Reading Challenge. Cllr E Bald proposed that the Parish Council should make a donation of £250.00, this was seconded by Cllr Hill and put to vote, eight for and one against. **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Final review of the Service Level Agreement for the Beacon Youth Trust. Cllr Cox left the meeting at this point.

Review of the final version and confirmation that LPC is happy to progress and sign the agreement.

Cllr Gardner proposed, and Cllr Campbell seconded, put to a vote with five councillors for and three abstentions, **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Nomination of a new Councillor to represent LPC at BYT

Trustee meetings and liaise with the Youth Workers. Cllrs Gardner and J Bald became youth representatives.

Linton Cemetery Verbal update from Cllr E Bald The Rowans have been removed, lines of rowans have been replanted. Ian Blackman from Local Handyman Services was thanked for his hard work.

Consideration of the request from a resident to rename the Meadow Recreation Ground JR Meadow.

The Council discussed this and decided that whilst they supported the installation of a plaque in memory of John Richardson (JR) they did not feel that it was appropriate to rename. It was proposed that this should not progress by Cllr J Bald, seconded by Cllr E Bald, put to a vote, **Agreed. Motion carried.**

Notice of the vandalism of the benches at the Recreation Ground and consideration of the quotation to repair these.

Cllr E Bald proposed that the Clerk could progress this project up to a total cost of £1,000, Cllr Hine seconded put to a vote, **Agreed.** The bench outside of the Linton Action for Youth Hut was also discussed as this had been recently vandalised and it was agreed that the Clerk could have this repaired in line with the Financial regulations

Consideration of the quotation from Argenta Tree Surveys for the review of trees which require an annual inspection for safety purposes. Cllr Kell proposed that LPC accept the quotation provided of £325.00 for an annual health and safety inspection of the trees in zone 1 submitted by Argenta Tree Surveys, this was seconded by Cllr E Bald, put to a vote. **Agreed. Motion Carried.**

Consideration of the Quotations received for the tender of the Leadwell Meadows paths. The tender prices were reviewed and Cllr J Bald proposed that Chris Markham Home and Garden Services be offered the contract due to their already proven track record of outstanding work with the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Poulter and put to a vote. **Agreed.**

Traffic Matters; Speedwatch Update. The Speedwatch Team have speed equipment which can measure any vehicle that is travelling over 30mph. The speed limit in the High Street is 20mph however the Speedwatch Team decided to test the speed at which the High Street was being travelled at.

For this the team worked out of the layby outside of the Dog and Duck and during the process of one session they managed to record three incidents of speeding over 30mph within a 20mph speed zone. The volunteers also received abuse from several drivers which is a real shame when people are giving up their free time to try and help make the village a safer place.

Report from the Speedwatch meeting held on the 7th March 2019. Written report submitted by Cllr K Kell. Noted.

Speedwatch; Consideration of installing signs around the village advising that this is a community Speedwatch area. The decision was made to defer this item.

Consideration of the specification for the repair of the Churchyard Paths. Supporting documents included in packs. Cllr J Bald proposed that LPC progress with the specification provided, this was seconded by Cllr E Bald and put to a vote, agreed with one abstention. **Agreed, Motion carried.**

The meeting was closed at 10:10pm

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