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Summer fun at the first Linton Scarecrow Festival



Homer: on the wagon?

Picture by Barbara Davies

THE Festival certainly went with a swing. There were over 50 scarecrows on the trail plus several friends. Scarecrow makers showed great imagination, ingenuity and skill to produce scarecrows of all sizes and from all walks of life.

The beautiful weather brought people out to enjoy the activities on the field, including a dog show and bands as well as the restaurant in the Infants' School and the flowers in the church. The village looked very festive with swathes of handmade bunting which appeared in the High Street.

A total of nearly £5,000 was raised

over the weekend for the upkeep of St Mary's, Linton as well as money raised by local groups from their stalls.

We would like to thank everyone who took part and contributed in so many ways. We will be sending a thank you note to those who helped make the event such a success and will be asking for suggestions to make the event even better next year.

The dates for the next event are Friday 28th to Sunday 30th June.

Anne Parry-Smith, 894715
For the Events Committee,
at St Mary's Church



High flyer: look out for a soft landing teddy

Picture by Michael McLean



Mr Dale Walker – Nice beard

Picture by Barbara Davies



Those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer listening to Linton Jazz

Picture by Fran Armes



Left: Aunt Sally and Worzel Gummidge with Scarey Crow

Picture by Wendy Foster

Dear Editor
Re The Scarecrow Festival
What an incredible weekend we have just had in Linton. I have never seen so many people out and about searching for scarecrows or just looking at them and enjoying themselves – a real plus for the village to be able to get out and join in.

Congratulations to Pam Richardson and her team for the idea and hard work in making the Festival such a success and bringing us all together and of course to everyone whose help enabled us to enjoy ourselves and have fun.
Michael Holden, 891418

Dear Editor
Re The Scarecrow Festival
A big thank you to Pam Richardson for the enormous amount of work involved in organising the Scarecrow Festival, which encompassed the interest and efforts of the whole village. I cannot think of a village event which so successfully included everyone, not since the days of the Linton Carnivals.
Kate France, 891602



Granta Medical Practices continue to grow

WE are very pleased to announce that on 1st July Shelford Medical Practice merged with Granta Medical Practices. Once the computer systems merge (scheduled for the beginning of September), all Granta patients can take advantage of the benefits that come with the addition of another practice, including a wider choice of appointments and another choice of venue. This final merger makes Granta complete and now fit to become a Primary Care Home, with all the benefits we know this will bring to our patients.

A Primary Care Home brings together a range of health and social care professionals to work together to provide enhanced personalised and preventative care for their local community. It is about working together as part of one organisation rather than multiple disjointed ones drawn from GP surgeries, community, mental health and acute trusts, social care and the voluntary sector, to focus on local population needs and provide care closer to patients' homes.

We welcome the Shelford staff and patients and look forward to continually improving health care for all of our patients.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this transitional period.

Flu clinics update

We are currently finalising the details of our flu clinics. The dates will be published in the next Linton News and will be on our website shortly.

Sandra East, Granta Communications
843661/727555

GRANTA Medical Practices

Bartlow Road – your comments count

DETAILED plans for up to 55 dwellings on the Bartlow Road sites have now been received. This is now application S/2487/18/RM. The comments submitted previously for the approved outline application S/1963/15/OL do not carry over; please consider this as a separate application.

Now it is *Reserved Matters*, where you can comment on house designs, the site layout, the size and type of houses, street views, noise mitigation, planting schemes and landscape, handling of surface water run-off, flooding potential, etc.

The site has been sold to a developer, so you might recognise their generic house designs. The plans do include houses for affordable rental or shared equity, the previous S106 agreement indicated eight for those with local connections. The S106 did not include education provision for the incoming residents and other benefits to the village were rather limited.

There are changes from the plans in the outline (OL) application. For example, the green buffer zones parallel to the A1307 are now marked as areas for future development – perhaps including adjacent fields.

LPC had strongly opposed the previous planning application, as did many residents. LPC will soon make their decision on the current application and what further actions will be needed. We would like to understand the views of the village, so look out for notice of public and LPC meetings.

The southern site had been turned down, being part of the flood plain, for over 30 years (some say 50!) but was given OL approval when SCDC was struggling to reach the Local Plan 5-year housing land supply, so had little option but to approve applications based on this need. Now the situation has changed, the land supply has been reached and the LP is progressing. Planning applications can now be judged based on local issues.

Please look at the new planning application, S/2487/18/RM, on-line or at the Parish Office and send comments to SCDC planning department, or to the Parish Office who can forward them.

Enid Bald



On their marks: the ducks are ready to go

Picture by Michael McLean

Here they are they at long last – we thought they were never coming

Picture by Michael McLean



Too good for jumble...



THIS harmonium, made by Ball and Beavon & Co of London, is the only item on offer this month. It is 39in wide x 42in high x 17in deep.

If you have an item to benefit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

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

Courses for everyone

THE new and exciting programme of Adult Education courses and Saturday workshops at Linton Village College will be dropping through your door shortly.

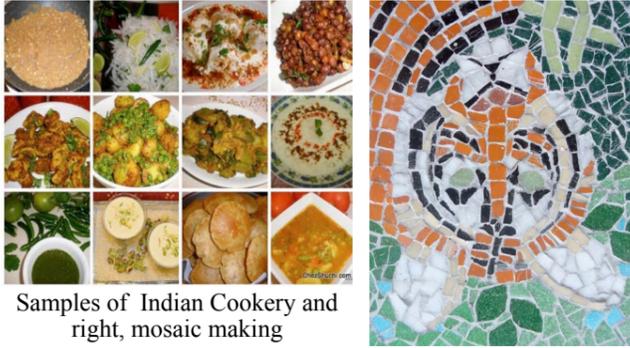
From September this year there will be termly courses running on four days a week as well as Saturday workshops throughout the year. So whether you want to learn a new skill such as Silver Jewellery making, Upholstery, Pottery, Floristry or Cake Decorating or if you wish to enhance your wellbeing through Mindfulness and Tai Chi we have something to offer everyone.

Our popular language courses will be continuing as well as a Watercolours class and a new Art and Drawing (all mediums) class. If you love good food then why not try the Indian Cookery course for authentic, home-cooked fare.

If you prefer a one-day course then choose from one of the many Saturday workshops, ranging from Creative Writing, working with mosaics to learning to play Blues Harmonica. A series of family workshops will allow parents and children to come together and try their hands at cake decorating, flower projects, drawing and pattern design as well as sculpture with a twist. Look out for the Teeth and Tusks : Depicting Danger Workshop.

For a full list of courses and workshops please go to www.lintonvillagecollegeadultlearning.co.uk or call our office on 891233 ext 317 or ext 303. We look forward to welcoming you in September.

Margaret Kiddy



Samples of Indian Cookery and right, mosaic making

Pictures supplied by Margaret Kiddy

chestnut playgroup Linton

A fond farewell

AS the summer term draws to an end we are bidding a fond farewell to our pre-school children. Eleven children leave us for school this year and we wish them all well as they start their school adventures. We look forward to seeing them around the village in their smart school uniform.

Our end of year party took on an Hawaiian theme with lots of fun and games for all the children as well as our traditional graduation ceremony.

We loved seeing current children and some new families at our stall at the Scarecrow Festival. It was a great weekend and we really enjoyed being involved in this fantastic community event.

Over the summer break we will be finalising our garden developments ready for the start of the autumn term and we look forward to welcoming new and returning children back in September.

We would like to thank all the families and friends of Chestnut Playgroup for their support over the last academic year. We also extend a huge thank you to the wonderful staff and committee for their unending support and dedication.

We are booking new children for September. 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. Please contact our administrator to arrange a visit or for further information. admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine

on behalf of Chestnut Playgroup

St Mary's Messy Church

RUNNING out of things to do? You are welcome to join Linton's Messy Church family for a walk and BBQ on Sunday 12th August. Starting on Camping Close at 3pm, we will enjoy a gentle stroll through countryside around our wonderful village, returning to the St Mary's pavilion for a BBQ. We will provide the barbecue, rolls, salad and soft drinks. Just bring your meat/veggie food to cook.

Sarah Thorne, Messy Church team leader



We are the champions

FURTHER to the June edition of Linton News, I thought it important to update readers with regard to the recent success of Linton Heights' netball A team.

On Thursday 5th July, our sports lead, Mr Penfold, and Year 6 teacher, Mrs Cassidy, took our Netball A team to the Cambridgeshire County finals at Cromwell College, Chatteris.

On a very hot day, the team started off with three wins, qualifying them for division one and the chance to become county champions.

In division one the team stepped up their performances starting with a 5-1 win and a 1-1 draw, needing a win from their last game.

The team rose to the challenge and won 8-2 and therefore were crowned Cambridgeshire county champions.

This result was so thoroughly deserved and is the school's the most prestigious sporting achievement to date.

A huge well done to every player and a big thank you to Linton resident and grandparent Alan Noakes for his help and support on the day.

Team member, Henry Hall comments: "The County Finals was an amazing experience and to win the event was the absolute icing on the cake"

The lead goal scorer, Amber Sharpe also mentioned: "Every time I took a shot, I knew that it is one goal nearer to victory. Although I was shocked to win, the whole experience has left a long and lasting impression in my mind."

It was a lovely last memory of my time at Linton Heights Junior School."

James Puxley, Headteacher



Champions proudly wearing their medals

Photo supplied by James Puxley

Sawston village college adult community learning

WE are delighted to be able to offer the local community a new exciting programme for 2018/19. There are many new subjects on offer this year, for example:

- Willow Weaving
- Flamenco
- Drumming
- Car Maintenance
- Astronomy
- Bollywood Dancing
- Mandarin for beginners
- Handmade chocolates

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You will find details of all our courses on our website www.sawstonadulted.org. We are sure you will find something of interest. Please remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 8th September between 10 and 11am for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September).

Booking is essential to guarantee your place. Tasters can be booked online using our website. The subjects currently available to try are Creative Art, Mandarin Beginners (10.30 – 11.30am), Spanish Beginners and Tai Chi.

If you wish to make a booking, you can book online using Wisepay via our website. Alternatively there is a booking form on the back of our brochure for completion and return, for either cheque or cash payments. Should you have any difficulties with our online booking system please contact this office on our return.

From Tuesday 28th August, the Adult Learning team will be available from 9am to 1pm from Monday to Friday. Our contact details are 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

We hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Sue King and Amanda Hoskins
The Adult Education Department



Step out and try Flamenco

Pictures supplied by Amanda Hoskins



Feel the beat: drums at Sawston

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Sessions will also run from 10am – 12.30pm on 1st and 22nd August at Rings End Nature Reserve in March.

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Article 4 Directive and Linton

IN the PC matters page of the July 2018 Parish Council Matters Cllr Enid Bald wrote an article about Local Planning matters, the future and how you can help. In this article Cllr Bald mentioned that the PC would like to have an Article 4 Directive – a way to protect buildings and control external changes to buildings that are significant, historic or valued, but are not listed.

I think it is very important for residents to know what an Article 4 directive is and its possible consequences before decisions are made.

Normally, unless a building is listed, there are many small changes which can be made without planning permission needing to be sought (these are known as permitted development rights). For example changing a door or window needs no planning permission. If an article 4 directive applies to a building or area then the number of changes not needing planning permission is reduced. Putting in a planning application incurs no cost but drawing up the necessary plans does cost money and the allowed changes may be made more expensive.

Government has issued guidance on when and how to make an article 4 direction. It says that local authorities should consider making article 4 directions only in those exceptional circumstances where the exercise of permitted development rights would harm local amenity, the historic environment or the proper planning of the area.

It is not clear what buildings or areas that the PC are thinking of including in the Article 4 yet. It usually applies to unlisted buildings in a conservation area and there is a conservation area in Linton. I have spoken to a Senior Planning Officer at SCDC and she says they have never issued an Article 4 over a whole area and she doesn't see the need for this in Linton at all.

I hope this explains what an Article 4 Directive for the village would actually mean. More information can be found at the historic England website :-

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/historic-environment/article4directions/>
Tracy Coston 894462 / Tracy@Coston.me.uk

Our thanks

Bartlow Walk

WONDERFUL news just in with the final total for the 2018 Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk. An impressive total of £18,363.93 was raised this year. Thank you to all who participated, and brought your dogs, children and smiles. It was a great fun day for all involved.

Thank you also for those who volunteered on the day, including Linton Jazz Band, the stall holders, and the Marshalls. You all made it run very smoothly. The money raised will be divided equally between our three chosen charities; Addenbrookes Charitable Trust, Linton Health Centre Community Fund and Bartlow Church restoration Fund.

We had a new record of 977 walkers this year, so well done everyone. Please put next years date in your diary 5th May 2019
Duncan Ogilvy, walk co ordinator 893644
(written by Hetty Findlay 890353)

Fundraiser for Arthur Rank Hospice

THIS was held at Emson's Close, and due to the amazing generosity of everyone who attended, those who couldn't but donated, and our wonderful service shops and Dog n Duck we achieved our aims.

Special thanks to Clare and Dave West and the Free Church. We enjoyed food and wine were entertained by Ellie Woolmark and Aliyah Haynes were very very merry and raised £960!
Trisha Bear and Jane Whitmore 894160,

Arthur Rank Hospice summer fête

OVER 400 visitors enjoyed all the fun of a traditional summer fête in Arthur Rank Hospice's grounds and gardens on Saturday 7th July. The Charity has now revealed that £4,275 was raised

The Hospice's Bistro hosted all kinds of stalls from a children's toy store to bric-a-brac, jewellery, homemade cards, puzzles and plants. There were games and face painting, beefburgers and ice creams.

Thanks to local community groups and organisations who shared and helped publicise the event, and local businesses who donated many items.

Donna Talbot,

Director of Fundraising and Marketing at Arthur Rank Hospice

News from St Mary's

Activity club

DURING August, members of the different churches in Linton will be working together to offer a Children's Activity Club for children up to 11 years old, each Wednesday of the month. It will include arts, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, followed by lunch, free for all children. (Adults' lunch for a donation).

The club will take place from 10.30am - 1 pm on the 1st August in the Football Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, and then on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August in Linton Infants' School.

All children need to come accompanied by a responsible adult. We look forward to seeing you there.

The eagle lectern

THE church council of St Mary's received several responses to the article Andrew Gore submitted last month about the future of the eagle lectern in the church. All responses (which took various views) were considered carefully.

We have decided not to apply for permission to replace it with another smaller lectern for the time being, although we may consider moving it slightly, to improve lines of sight for people (including our choir) sitting in the north aisle of the church.

However, we are aware that the eagle is not looking its best because we lack volunteers to polish it regularly. If you are fond of the eagle, and would like to see it gleam, please consider going on a polishing rota. To get on a rota ring Judy Nightingale on 891806, or email me.

Maggie Guite (Rector of St Mary's),
margaret.guite@icloud.com

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Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.

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

WEEKLY

Little stars SEN group, alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm CC
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)
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH
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 Toddler grp, Tuesdays term time 9.30-11.30, LVC
Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
Storytime, Tuesdays, term-time, 2-2.30pm 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
Belleplate ringing, Tuesdays, 7.45-9pm (971057) URC
Tots in tow, Wednesdays term time only, 9.30-11am VH
Beacon Girls group, Wednesdays, 3.05-4.30pm REC
Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
Doodle Dots under 5s, Thursdays 10-11.30am, CC
New Beginnings (with Baby Sensory), Thursdays, 1.15-2.45pm CC
Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
Beacon drop-in club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm REC
Cricket club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
Beacon youth group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
Parents, carers and tots, Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
Stay and Play, Fridays 10am-11.30am CC
St Mary's church choir, Fridays, 7-8.30pm CC
Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

AUGUST

1 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
1 Children's Activity club, 10.30am -1pm Pavilion
2 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
2 ACE garden party, 2-5pm 40 Symonds Lane
4 Farmer's Market, 9am - 12noon VH
6 Camera club, 7pm VH
7 WI, 7.30pm VH
8 Children's Activity club, 10.30am -1pm LIS
12 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
13 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
14 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
15 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon LintonHC
15 Children's Activity Club, 10.30am -1pm LIS
16 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, CC
17 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
19 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
19 Messy Church, 2.30pm StMary's Church
22 Children's Activity Club, 10.30am -1pm LIS
25 Summer Fayre, from 1pm – 4pm, Symonds House
29 Children's Activity Club, 10.30am -1pm LIS

SEPTEMBER

1 Farmers' market, 9am- 12 noon VH
1 St Mary's BBQ, 4pm, Richmonds 65 High Street
4 WI, 7.30pm VH
5 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
11 Garden club, 7.30pm 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 day out on the Norfolk Broads

AT the end of June thirty members of ACE and their friends set out for the Broads at Wroxham. The sun came out as we arrived and after a meal at one of the numerous cafes near the harbour we queued up to board our boat, The Belle of the Broads; a very comfortable boat with glass cabins on both the upper and the lower decks and a lift so that the less able among us could easily reach the upper deck.

We were fortunate in having an excellent skipper who also acted as our guide and told us first how the Broads were formed: the banks of the river becoming forested because uncut reeds formed peat and gradually became a perfect environment for tree seedlings, now mature trees. The large areas of open water, used for sailing by large yachts, dinghies and the modern replicas of the old wherries, are the remains of peat extraction early in the last century. We saw one or two of the old wherries, the remainder of a former fleet which were used for all transportation up and down the Broads carrying everything from coal to food supplies.

The Broads have become a valuable environment for many forms of wildlife. Our skipper pointed out water birds such as moorhen, coots, great crested grebes and their young as well as greylag geese and mallards which we saw in great numbers wherever we went. Some sharp-eyed members of our party managed to see heron fishing in the shallows, dragonflies and swallows above the water and admired the water lilies.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable and informative day out.

Our next meeting is our garden party on Thursday 2nd August which this year will be at number 40 Symonds Lane not number 7 as previously stated.

Colleen Lockstone, 891931

2523 Linton Air Cadets

THE Wing Field Weekend results are in and Linton ranked 14th in the wing. This is the highest position the squadron has ranked for many years and is a massive achievement, given that the competition includes every squadron in Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire, some of which are considerably larger than Linton.

We continue to have a packed programme; another four cadets received flying allocations and took to the air in this fantastic weather we have had recently. To cool off we have eight cadets looking forward to a white-water kayaking day.

The summer is crammed full of additional activities and we will be participating in simulator glider training, silver level leadership awards and bronze communications awards too. These courses are fantastic for gaining further knowledge and confidence in the subject areas.

Duke of Edinburgh season is upon us and we have had another six cadets complete their bronze practise expedition. With the assessed expedition booked in we hope to have a good number of cadets complete this year. We can then look to achieving the silver standard.

As always, we organised the north side car park at the Duxford airshow and will be back again in September for the last show of the year. Camping over is always good fun and please do come and say hello if you see us there.

Over the summer months we will be holding recruitment open evenings – if you are aged 12 or above and in year 8, please get in touch to find out more about joining.

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Our churchyard cat



Just chilling – Susie relaxing in the veg patch

Picture by Bill

SUSIE, the little white cat who lived around St. Mary's Church, has passed away. She was 17 and was found asleep in the churchyard that she loved. Many people in the village enjoyed seeing her in and around Church Lane, wandering about in the sun and snow and saying hello to passers-by. Susie was born in South London in 2001.

She was chosen from a small litter of two kittens and named by our daughter, Anya.

Despite appearances, Susie always had a spiky personality and could be a handful. Our neighbour, David, who would feed Susie if we were away, said that she was a Tasmanian Devil dressed up as a little white cat. Anyone that saw her calmly stand her ground whilst dog walkers held back their barking dogs will testify to her courage. She was a little lion.

She moved to Linton in 2008 and found a Cat-Eden here at the end of the lane – long days lounging on a bench or under a hedge, people who would fuss and feed her and little traffic to speak of.

She lived with Pedro the cat and Lola the dog, and would often doze in Lola's bed, much to Lola's exasperation.

Infamously, she was kidnapped a few times by people who thought that she was a young stray. She was even rescued once from outside her house. Thankfully, the vets knew where she lived and we would collect her. An unpopular collar applied using oven gloves seemed to solve that.

Thank you to all the people who helped to make Susie's life down at the end of Church Lane so special. We will all miss her.

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Linton Army Cadets

AS we head towards this years ACF summer annual camp, five cadets from Linton will be heading off for nine days of ACF focussed training, testing, team building and fun.

L/Cpl Miles recently received his well-earned promotion, this took place on our pre-annual camp and OC 3 Coy Major Morris presented him with his rank slide.

Since the last news article, Linton ACF Detachment cadets have attended several training weekends held at Cambridge ACF Cadet Training Centre Waterbeach, completed their basic training and are well advanced on their 1 Star subjects, plus they have supported many regional community events run throughout the county.

A successful recruitment event took place at LVC on the 12th July and I look forward to seeing those that attended start parading in September. On the 13th September, Linton ACF Detachment will be holding an open evening at Linton Heights School. The aim is to help both parents and potential cadets gain a better understanding of the ACF aims and objectives, which are to inspire young people and help them to develop citizenship, leadership and develop life skills. Cadets can start from age 12 and must be in Year 8.

For more information search online for Cambs ACF. Parade nights are Thursday evenings from 7pm – 9pm at Linton Heights Junior School.

For further information, please visit the detachment on a parade night and speak to Detachment Commander, Lt Kell or one of his staff, alternatively visit the Cambs ACF Website or contact County HQ with your enquiries on 862949.

The motto of the ACF is "To Inspire to Achieve".

John Kell



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Stay Safe

CAMBRIDGESHIRE residents have been urged to stay fire safe when outdoors this summer.

With temperatures hitting significant highs, fires in open areas of land can easily spread and become out of control. Events north of the country, with significant moorland fires at Saddleworth Moor and Winter Hill, have shown how these fires quickly spread and take hold of open areas of land.

Group Commander Kevin Napier, head of community fire safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We want to help ensure that people enjoy the sunny weather safely while it's here. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can develop quickly."

There are seven simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

- Ensure cigarettes are completely out.
- Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation.
- Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass.
- Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire.
- When camping, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure they are completely out before you leave them.
- Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

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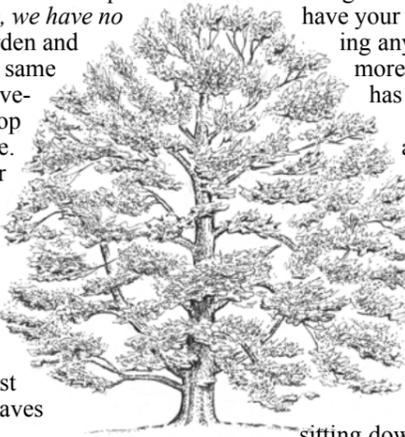
COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams

I WAS inspired to write this following an unusual note from Joan, who has been coming to our house for 49 years. After my mother, I had thought she would be the last person in the world to quote the famous line 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'. She went into the garden and counted 13 different species of birds. In the same week, I spotted Ben staring at a thrush one evening, filling the garden with his song from the top of next door's cherry tree. Anything is possible.

Wildlife and our wellbeing

We keep being lectured about our need for exercise to remain physically healthy but almost as many articles appear about our mental health. Statistics for depression and anxiety keep growing, particularly for younger people and the elderly. Those that have the least access to nature have the worst levels of physical and mental wellbeing. More and more people live indoors. We are all so busy just getting through each day we barely see the leaves on the trees.



It seems very clear from research that if we increase the role of nature in our lives, we feel happier, healthier and more connected to nature and other people. The various wildlife trusts run large scale projects involving people visiting and working in reserves around the country. Results have surpassed all expectations. In the broader picture, those responsible for public health, planning, transports, parks and leisure need to work together to make nature more accessible to all.

If you feel removed from the world about you and you have a garden, the first step might be to stop listening to the news and instead go into the garden and sit and listen while you have your coffee. Baby birds are everywhere, devouring anything put out for them and clamouring for more. Suddenly it doesn't matter if your printer has run out of ink.

Linton has lovely places to visit in the parks and by the river. Rivey Hill and the Pocket Park have endless flora and fauna to look at and listen to. Wandlebury, with its spectacular trees, is just up the road. RSPB Fowlmere is close by and the Botanical Gardens are world class. Even the A1307 is improved by those amazing beech trees coming over the hill. They can lift your spirits in the same way as music can.

We just have to take a few minutes to make time for nature in all its glory. Try sitting down in a field or on the verge and count how many different wildflowers and types of grasses are around you. Take a picnic to the Botanicals and stare at the redwoods.

Perhaps you can help your older and less mobile friends and neighbours to get into the garden or the park.

Giving children their first contact with nature can spark a lifelong interest. The younger they are, the more fascinated they can be.

Watch the dragonflies and butterflies even for a few minutes. Look at our local buzzards soar. I'm getting carried away now....

Bygone Cambridge

JOHN FLOOD, our speaker, is a director and trustee of The Museum of Cambridge (formerly The Folk Museum). The museum stands in Castle Street on the site of a Celtic village from approximately 100BC and it is said Queen Boudicca visited there.

It opened in 1936 when a lady called Catherine Parsons, from Abington, was looking for a home for artefacts collected from villages around Cambridgeshire. The lady in question was the then president of the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes.

The museum has recently celebrated its 82nd birthday. Enid Porter, the curator from 1947 - 1976, was the author of fenland folklore books and John showed some of the cures used in the fens. John spoke of the museum's royal connection, namely Queen Mary (wife of George V). A regular visitor, she donated a magnificent tea caddy to the museum.

The last eel catcher in the fens, Peter Carter, has donated his traps to the museum.

Members had to guess what various artefacts from the 1800s were. An ancient bee smoker, a cow horn used for greasing knives for ease of sharpening, a wooden bird scarer, a copper jelly mould. One mystery object, which nobody guessed, turned out to be a Victorian travelling inkwell.

At our next meeting on the 7th August, the talk will be called *Introduction to Aromatherapy*, the speakers being Jaqui Calvin and Victoria Leese-Wood. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Sally Proberts, 891021

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Fun at Wandlebury

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Wild flowers in autumn

From 10.30am to 12.30pm on 11th September
Want to learn more about wild flowers? Enjoy a gentle walk around the woods and meadows of Wandlebury with one of the Wardens who will help you to identify autumn wild flowers.

Wear footwear and clothing for being outdoors.
Meet at the notice board next to the car park at Wandlebury Country Park.

Free event - donations welcome. No need to book.

Wandlebury Adventurers Woodland Crafts

Join the Wandlebury Adventurers club for unaccompanied children aged eight to 12 years, and have fun designing and making things with natural materials.

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Mary Nealon, 243830 www.cambridgeppf.org

PLODDING ALONG

An update on police matters

BETWEEN 10am on 7th July and 8pm on 9th July a red Ford fiesta was stolen from Balsham Road.

Between 8.30pm and 9.30pm on 18th July the farmer at Little Linton Farm was informed that a group of local youths had gained entry to a field and set fire to a bundle of hay in front of a barn. This crime was recorded as arson not endangering life.
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Hint: Not as straightforward as it looks.

Pot Pourri 159 - Another Triangle Area.

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Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Do you enjoy painting/drawing?

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Liz Mundy and Jane Whitmore, 894160

Come join us at the Fayre

SYMONDS HOUSE is holding a Summer Fayre from 1-4pm. on Saturday 25th August There will be stalls, musical entertainment and refreshments including a BBQ. All welcome.

Julie Cleland, Home Manager, 891237
Symonds House Nursing Home

Summer with the Friends

FOLLOWING the teddy bear's parachuting from the church tower, the Friends of St Mary's have arranged a BBQ at 4pm on Saturday 1st September at Richmonds, 65 High Street. Tickets price £8 for adults and £5 for children can be obtained from Judy Nightingale on 891806 and Hugh Paton on 890362.

Margaret Cox, Secretary, Friends of St Mary's

Camsight VIPs

A DELIGHTFUL summer lunch was enjoyed by our members and volunteers on Tuesday 10th July at the Chalklands Centre. This was prepared by our volunteer helpers, and marked the end of our year, as we have a break in August and start again in September.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 11th September at the Chalklands Centre.

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The Marsh mail



AT Linton Village College we have been busy preparing for the launch of a new House structure that comes into place at the start of the next academic year. The naming process has been led through students' suggestions with the most popular being linked to space exploration. The winning names are space shuttle craft and also relate to our Linton Learner values: Endeavour, Discovery, Pioneer and Voyager.

The group of Year 11 students currently trekking in Peru and completing volunteer work as part of a Camps International trip are an embodiment of these attributes. Successfully fundraising £4k each and preparing for this extensive month-long voyage away from home has certainly exemplified their independence and responsibility.

At LVC we also witnessed a great deal of student-led initiative at our first Live Lounge event. Musicians performed a range of contemporary pieces in the Year 11 garden and showed a huge amount of skill in this venture. We have also ended the term by acknowledging the large number of students that have exhibited exemplary learning behaviours across the academic year through awarding Linton Blue badges and certificates: over a quarter of students across Years 7-10 were recognised.

It was also great to celebrate the achievements of members of the LVC school community at the Cambridge News Education Awards. Two members of staff and two students were short-listed: Miss Hill, Mrs Cooper, Will Humphrey and Charlotte White. Mrs Cooper was awarded Support Staff Member of the Year in recognition of her fabulous work in supporting vulnerable students and Will Humphrey Young Sports Personality of the Year for his commitment and successes in horse racing.

The end of the summer term also marks a sad time when we say goodbye to valued and respected colleagues who have contributed a significant amount to the school community. Five particular members of staff deserve special mention for their commitment to the College: Mrs Jebb, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Omand-Lewis, Mr Charlesworth and Ms Stamper. We wish them well for the future and thank them for the significant contribution that they have made to the College over almost eighty years between them.

Helena Marsh

Home is coming to Linton

YOU may have been wondering what is soon going to replace the *Village Barber* on the High Street? Well, wonder no more. *Home*, a new lifestyle shop for South Cambridgeshire, will open its doors to the public for the first time on the 11th August.

Proprietor, Lucy Cooper, has 26 years of retail experience, having been one of the youngest people to ever manage a Laura Ashley retail outlet in London's retailing Mecca, the West End, aged just 19.

After raising a family Lucy returned to work as the manageress of a leading lifestyle shop in the trendy Oxfordshire backwater that is Chipping Norton. She worked there for three years and then more recently gained additional retail experience by working at John Lewis, Cambridge, while she began to write her business

plan.

Lucy says the shop will be home to an eclectic mix of products: the left side of the store will focus on the men, and the right will have a more female feel.

The stock will be gift orientated, with items catering for all budgets, ranging from t-lights to men's shirts. There will be *Home* branded products, jewellery, clothing, gifts, cards and wrapping paper.

So, what's in a name?

When thinking of what to call the business, not only did she like the word, *Home*, it also had so much meaning for her and what it represented to family and friends.

Lucy, said: "I want not only to earn a living but also to be part of the community. I would like people to feel they can come in for a chat and/or browse; I want everyone to feel welcome."

Lucy Cooper



The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Street and road names of Linton, part 1

LOCAL residents may be puzzled by some of our street and road names and have speculated as to their origins. Most names are linked to important local personalities or ancient field and place names.

The earliest reference to Linton itself is in 725 AD when it was part of the Anglo Saxon kingdom of Mercia. There are two further Saxon references in 970 when Edgar was king of Britain. In a Charter of that year he gave ten cassati of land in a place commonly known as Lintone, to Ely monastery.

Ramsey Abbey chronicles recorded that a Mercian nobleman called Ethelred granted land at Lintone to Ramsey Abbey in that same year. The Domesday Book in 1086 also

refers to Lintone but by 17th century the spelling is usually Lynton. It was always called a town until the late 19th century when parish council status relegated it to a mere village.

The name of the village is generally agreed to be derived from the wild blue flax flower, *linum perenne*, which grew abundantly in this area and was used for making linen.

Linton street names were first officially recorded in 1929 but an organised house numbering system was not approved by the Rural District Council until 1959. Numerous houses had numbers before that date but many others did not.

To begin, I will deal with names from the Cambridge Road to the river bridge:

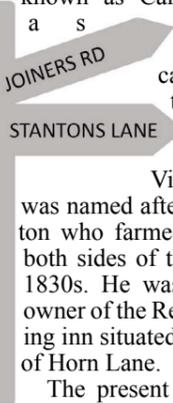
The Cambridge Road was known as Cambridge Lane as early as 1628 and was still called that until the 1890s.

Stantons Lane, by the Village College was named after Josiah Stanton who farmed the land on both sides of the lane in the 1830s. He was the wealthy owner of the Red Lion coaching inn situated on the corner of Horn Lane.

The present Joiners Road was adopted as an official road in 1929 after the council houses were built. The whole area

had been sold off as building plots in 1914 but the road was unadopted. The name probably comes from the occupation of Robert Bitten the owner of all the land between Market Lane, the recreation ground and the Village College. He was a wealthy joiner who owned the Old Crown Inn in the Market Place.

Essex Gardens, at the bottom of Joiners Road, was completed in 1976 and named after Essex House which had been built by Reginald Titmarsh, the chief Shepherd of the Essex branch of the Shepherds Friendly Society. He was a prominent figure in Linton affairs and responsible for the new Shepherds Hall in Market Lane in 1921-22.



Report for Parish Councils – July 2018

A1307

AT the recent meeting of the A1307 Local Forum we were presented with the results of the recent public consultation on the three different schemes being put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership.

The majority favoured Scheme 1, which included a designated public transport route through/around Sawston.

In the first tranche of funding, the improvements to our stretch of the road will be actioned with all of the proposals being put forward to the next stage, with considerations being given to the no right-turn out of Linton High street, closing Dean Road junction and speed restrictions between Linton and Horseheath.

The next stage is the proposals being put to the Assembly and then to the Executive Board. All being well we should get some action before the end of this year.

Business Advice

South Cambs is offering free advice and business support sessions for residents and businesses that are thinking about starting up or need advice. The sessions are being run by Nwes, (Workspace, funding and free business support). They are held at South Cambs offices in Cambourne to book go to <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/latest-news-workshops-events-support-awards-funding-and-grants-0> and choose a workshop and contact details will be given

Shire Hall

At a recent County Council meeting it was agreed to relocate from Shire Hall in Cambridge to a new location, probably Alconbury. This

is a cost saving exercise that should save £50(ish)million.

The downsides are that Alconbury is a long way from Cambridge and not easily accessible by public transport. We believe the negatives of this move outweigh the positives.

Cabinet and parish liaison meetings

The new cabinet at South Cambs is offering advice to Parish Councils. All PCs are invited to sit down with the cabinet, receive and update on their work, future plans and then ask questions. It's an ideal opportunity to speak directly with the decision makers at the Council. Do attend if you can.

Planning update

We are expecting the final report from the Local Plan Inspector later this month.

Once we have that, together with SCDC having met its Five-Year Land Supply threshold, it will mean that our planning policies will be back in place and protecting our villages from unwanted housing developments. Disgracefully, this process has taken well over four years, the longest inspection ever in the UK.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2684/18/DC, Mr Alex Hannam, 6 High Street, Discharge of conditions 3 (Fenestration), 4 (Sample Wall Panel) & 5 (Materials) of Planning Permission S/1147/17/LB.

S/2676/18/FL, St Marys Church, Church Lane, Erection of Church Parish notice board.

S/2584/18/FL, Mr Colin Sneezum, 32 Horseheath Road, Timber double domestic garage.

S/2563/18/NM, Bowie Property Management Ltd, 20 Joiners Road, Non Material Amendment of Planning Permission S/0943/16/OL.

S/2487/RM, Abbey Developments Ltd, Land to North and South of Bartlow Road, Approval of the matters reserved of the layout of the site, the scale and appearance of buildings, the means of access and landscaping following outline planning permission S/1963/15/OL for up to 55 dwellings with landscape buffer and new vehicular access.

S/2440/18/FL, Mr Tucker, 5 Balsham Road, Change of use from shop to beauty salon and one bedroom flat.

S/2131/18/NM, Mr Head, 2 The Ridgeway, Non material amendment of planning permission S/1770/17/FL.

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City Deal/Greater Cambridge Partnership consultation and results - what next?

THE City Deal/Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) A1307 project had the stated aim of supporting growth south of the City with sustainable travel and reliable public transport. The Liaison Forum met regularly to discuss ideas and priorities, from which three strategies were developed, all having the same proposals from A11 to Horseheath but different bus routes towards Cambridge.

Cllr Ward and I have been part of a wide range of forums and groups related to these proposals, reports written following are available on the revamped parish council website or to view at the parish council office. These meetings should have been fully discussed in parish council meetings as we went along; there were updates in Linton News.

The meetings with the consultants and officers, specific to Linton, resulted in suggestions such as for "shared space", a one way system except for buses, being seen to be impractical. A small P+R at Bartlow Road to relieve parking pressure in the village, changes to traffic lights, etc are now part of the strategies.

Earlier this year residents were consulted on the proposals; leaflets were sent to every house, links for online comments were published, there were meetings and the proposals and reports of the Liaison Forum meetings were displayed in the Village Hall. There were nearly 2,000 responses; now we have the results.

All the suggestions, bar three, had a positive response in the consultation. Strategy 1, with bus routes from a P+R on the A11 to Cambridge via Sawston and the Biomedical Campus is the preferred route. Three proposals will be reconsidered, all at the

Linton/Horseheath end of the road:

- No right turn out of Linton High Street except for buses, due to the effect on other routes through the village (see our analyses of traffic data and the reports written to oppose planning applications)

- Closing Dene Road crossroads, as that might lead to HGVs diverting through local villages

- Speed limits between Linton and Horseheath. Why were speed limits not continued to Horseheath and Cardinals Green? Apparently there were not enough accidents to warrant any action ...

Other aspects, including some Greenways (one is proposed for Linton) will be re-evaluated.

Go to the GCP site for more documentation and the results <https://www.gretercambridge.org.uk>

Since the publication of the results, the Mayor has intervened to pause the implementation of the proposals. These are seen as quick fix that might have to be undone, wasting public money, whilst he is looking to more innovative long-term solutions, based on rail and an underground system for the city. The Secretary of State has become involved, with a warning to the GCP and the Mayor to work together.

So we perhaps have time to find a solution for Linton. There will be more meetings with officers and City Deal consultants to find solutions to what is seen as the problem of Linton, and ways to speed buses through the village. We have several suggestions - have you any new ideas?

Cllr Enid Bald

What next for our recreation ground?

RECREATION grounds were established "for use of regulated recreation for adults and as playgrounds for children," in 1859. The aim, as now, was to provide for a growing population with new needs. Then, the growth was in large towns and cities like Manchester and Birmingham. Linton's recreation ground was established in the twenties, when the village was around a quarter of its current size. Our population has grown to the extent that we have less public space than we should, making it important to make the best of what we have.

Our needs are changing. No one, it seems, wants to play bowls any more, and the artificial surface, which was difficult to play on as bowls were susceptible to the slightest wind, is beyond repair. Our playground equipment is well-used, and meets stringent safety requirements - eg on the ground covering. The football and cricket pitches are key village resources, and clearly meet the criterion of "regulated recreation". A feature that is not always appreciated is the perimeter path, which has been used for exercise by people recovering from operations. Our excellent collection of trees adds peace and character.

There is, nevertheless, room for improvement. Attempts to develop the area behind the pavilion have never been entirely successful. An area of tarmac has had some use, but it has been sporadic, and basketball has never really taken off. The portacabin erected for youth groups has been under-used and is unsightly. Skateboard facilities have been popular, but wooden structures, whether intended to be permanent or temporary, have suffered from vandalism. The parish council spent several thousand pounds on the current temporary unit, and it has been well-used. Interest in skateboarding has lasted long enough to make it more than a fad, and people

need something more permanent. But what, how much should it cost, and who should pay for it?

The local success story is the very popular skatepark at Saffron Walden, built 11 years ago at a cost of £300k, raised locally. It has three bowls, street skating and a beginners' area, caters for bmx biking and scooter riding as well as skating, and is open from 8am to 10pm, with floodlighting available. It is tempting to see this as a model, but not entirely realistic. Saffron Walden is four times the size of Linton, and draws from a wide catchment area, helped by its location in the Lord Butler leisure centre, with its large car park. A park this size would also take up nearly all of our remaining space, which is not, I think, what most residents would want.

So, can we squeeze more into less, and give skaters a good facility, protected from vandalism, at a price we can afford? As the previous paragraph indicates, this will be one of the major challenges we need to face. What else do we need? Some kind of all-weather surface is invaluable in the winter months, but can we do better than tarmac as a surface, and can we set it up for multiple uses? Should we add some of the growing range of exercise apparatus for adults, so that parents can do more than watch the children exercise, and older people could do more than walk? I've seen some of this apparatus in Newcastle, and if it can survive there, it should be fine in Linton.

A public meeting to discuss the development of the recreation ground will be held at the start of the autumn term, when council should have viable plans to present. Council is looking forward to hosting this meeting and receiving valuable feedback on the designs. The meeting date will be publicised when confirmed.

Cllr John Bald

Stop press - Article 4 directive

THERE has been some recent discussion and concerns raised since Linton parish council (LPC) advised residents that it is considering looking into an Article 4 directive within Linton.

As a result LPC would like to clarify where the parish council is at the moment with regards to Article 4.

LPC is aware that Linton has the only Outstanding Conservation Area within South Cambridgeshire and as a result is very keen to ensure that this area is protected and preserved, along with other houses of special importance that are not listed and have no other protection. With this in mind LPC discussed with planning officers how this could be done. The representative that LPC spoke to in an official capacity recommended that Article 4 may be a viable option especially as the Neighbourhood Plan is not currently in place and the Outstanding Conservation Area designation is not actually ratified.

It is for this reason that LPC has been researching and considering the options as to what this may entail, the impact it could have upon the village and residents and the benefits this might bring.

To be clear, this is just one possibility that LPC has been considering and it is still in the process of gathering the initial information and considering if this is actually something that would be of benefit to Linton as a whole. This would not affect the majority of houses in Linton.

Once all the information has been gathered and a working group is confident that this has been understood and all information is correct, LPC will then take this to a public consultation to properly gauge residents views. The result of the public consultation will then be taken to a full council meeting (which, of course,



is open to the public) in order to be discussed and a decision taken.

It is important to LPC that residents are aware that, at this point, nothing has been actioned or decided and will not be until a proper consultation has taken place.

This being said the working group is gathering information on this topic and should you wish to get involved as a resident, you are invited, and would be most welcome, to participate in this work.

If you would like to get involved in the research and assist with the understanding of what Article 4 would mean for the village, please contact the Linton parish council office on 891001 or lintonpc@btconnect.com

LPC would ask that residents bear with it whilst it ensures this is properly researched so that all of the relevant and accurate information can be delivered at the public consultation to allow for a fair and open review.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held on 21st June 2018 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Present: Cllr Merrie Mannassi - chairman; Cllr John Bald - vice chairman; Cllr Simon Hill; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr Kate Kell. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor and District Cllr John Batchelor. Members of the public: 1.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Paul Poulter, Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward and Cllr Angharad Hammond.

Councillor vacancies: Currently 3 available for co-option.

Chairman's comment: The chairman noted there had been a recent Alzheimer's charity event held in Emsons Close which was well attended, as was the ACEs trip to Wroxham, and commented that it was great to see these types of events in the village.

LPC has now had the internal audit and was pleased with a very good result.

The website is in the process of being redesigned and updated and will soon be ready for a formal relaunch, making it more accessible and acting as a village hub for information.

There have been some noted issues with the grounds maintenance, however these have now been addressed and will be closely monitored by the office.

There has been lots of discussion on social media recently relating to the recreation ground and its need for improvement which will be considered later in the meeting.

Open forum for public participation: A resident present raised the issues of parking on Market Square, and that there was concern that this has not progressed since it was brought to council originally. Cllr E Bald advised that the traffic working group had met and discussed this and a private company has been found that may be a viable option to assist with enforcement and that LPC is considering the legalities. There are planters which will be placed on Market Square which will protect the buildings and mean that the handrail can be removed to enable further room for manoeuvring. Council advised that it would try to expedite this project and thanked the residents for their patience regarding this matter.

The resident in attendance left the meeting at the close of this item.

Approval of the minutes of the annual parish council meeting held on the 17th May 2018: The minutes were approved with the following amendments:

Under the village maintenance item regarding planters, the four for the Market Square area should read "to protect the corners of the walls and the gas pipe"

Written reports on: the meeting with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; the meeting with the SCDC tree officer; the meeting with Justin Willmott of Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance, all to be included.

Cllr J Bald proposed, Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed.

Planning matters: 1 Horseheath Road was taken to the planning committee at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) but LPC has written a letter of objection regarding this as it was felt that due process was not followed, incorrect and inaccurate plans were reviewed and committee members were not provided with enough time to review the information.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Written report submitted: Noted. SCDC now has the five year land supply, it is only just over the threshold but as of three weeks ago it will be able to argue the fact that it does not have to grant permission on the basis of not having the five year land supply. SCDC is currently refusing any applications based solely on the five year land supply.

Traffic matters: A1307 Local Liaison Forum update: District & County Cllr H Batchelor advised that the consultation on the A1307 has produced some results. The results came back slightly in favour of scheme 1, which was the more costly and longest plan. Everything in the Linton stretch is the same, no right turn out of the top of the high street is being revisited. The speed reduction is not to be reduced but average speed cameras are being reviewed. The Bartlow and West Wickham junctions are being

re-reviewed again. The next steps are that these schemes are being put forward to the assembly which met the previous week and then up to the board which will be looked at around September/October time. There will be peak hour bus lane priority outside Dalehead Foods reviewed as well. A roundabout at Bartlow Road is still on the cards but would not be looked at until 2021. District Cllr J Batchelor to email the information to the clerk. Andrew Munro from SCDC will be having a meeting with LPC shortly to discuss this in more depth.

The District and County Councillors left the meeting at the close of this item.

Consideration of the letter from a resident regarding traffic issues in Linton: Clerk to contact the Co-op and request they assist with clearing the access.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) regarding the Local Highway Improvement funding (application deadline of 31st July 2018): For information. Noted.

Financial matters: Review of the internal audit results for the period 2017-2018: Noted.

To review the end of year accounts and sign the Annual Governance Statement to be sent to the external auditor for the period of 2017-2018: Council reviewed the information and agreed that the chairman sign the Annual Governance and Accountability statement in the below specified order.

Section 1, the chairman signed section 1 in front of council Section 2, the chairman signed section 2 in front of council.

Consideration of the quotation received for the purchase of a new Apple Mac for the office to assist with the Linton News Parish Council Matters pages formatting: Cllr E Bald proposed that the software was subscribed to and applied to a pc, if this did not work then the Mac will be revisited. This was seconded by Cllr Smith and put to a vote, six in favour, one abstention and one against. Agreed.

Grounds maintenance: Update on the current grounds maintenance contracts following meetings with the contractors, Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance and Chris Markham Home and Garden Services: Noted.

Consideration of the best way to manage the grounds maintenance contracts going forward - this could either be an additional five cuts added to the contract as per the recommendation or this could be via a price for each independent cut, to be cut as and when and authorised by the clerk: Cllr J Bald proposed that the clerk authorise additional cuts when required in conjunction with the chairman, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed.

Cllr J Bald proposed that LPC accepts the terms advised that the monies for Leadwell Meadows would not be repaid by Herts & Cambs however they would continue to cut the paths for the annum for free, seconded by Cllr Cox. Agreed.

Review of the quoted price for additional strimming of the Stantons Lane verges by Chris Markham Home and Garden Services at a quoted price of £150.00. Cllr E Bald proposed as a one off Chris is to cut this at this price, seconded by Cllr Mannassi. Agreed.

Recreation ground: The clerk to ask Chris Markham to quote for cut and removal of the bowls green hedge, anything under £200.00 the clerk can authorise. Cllr Hine proposed, Cllr Potter seconded. Agreed.

Council reviewed a letter from a resident and provided an answer for each item for the clerk to relay.

Notice of a proposed date and venue of the public consultation for the recreation ground: This item was deferred but it was noted that the pavilion would be the best location for the meeting.

Verbal update from the recreation ground working group catch up held on the 13th June: Noted.

Consideration of the adoption of the new 2018 Model Standing Orders, as released by the National Association of Local Councils: Cllr J Bald proposed that LPC adopts the standing orders with the transfer of the optional information currently included in the standing orders, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed with one abstention.

The Beacon Youth Trust: Written report for May 2018: Noted.

Consideration of correspondence received: Mr Gore regarding Cathodeon Centre trustees: Noted. Going forward it was suggested that when a councillor is nominated to be a trustee they are made aware that if they resign as a parish councillor then they are required to resign as a trustee also.

The Open Spaces Society donation request to assist in achieving the 50 year vision: Council decided not to offer funding.

Campaign to Protect Rural England invitation to renew annual membership: Cllr Mannassi proposed, Cllr Hine seconded. Agreed.

PC Rebecca Parkin regarding the graffiti tagging removal in Linton: Cllr J Bald proposed, Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed. Clerk to organise removal of tags.

Linton Village College regarding the Red Zone and leasing agreement: Clerk to speak to Stuart Tinsley and the treasurer of the ATC as this is not to do with LPC as it was a community facility to be hired out.

A resident regarding village maintenance and High Street safety concerns: Clerk to review, action as necessary and respond.

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