

Macmillan coffee morning from 10am to 12 midday on Friday 21st Sept. at Symonds House see page 5

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Gardening Club show is a blooming success

THE Gardening Club held its 76th Annual Village Show at the end of July. It was great to see the shelves filled with a large and delightful range of plants, fruit and vegetables, flower arrangements, baking, arts and crafts, photos and children's entries.

It was lovely to welcome both new entrants and returning exhibitors and the visitors who came along in the afternoon to view the wonderful talents of local people.

Congratulations to all the prize winners. Long-time club members Alex and Carol Todd presented the trophies.

Susan Anderson won the Edwin Swannell Trophy for most firsts, the Village College Cup for vegetables and fruit,



the Challenge Cup for her cactus and Connie Wright Cup for her miniature parterre garden.

Jim Forrest received Dr Brown's Challenge Cup for flowers and the Harold Gawthorpe Cup for pot plants.

Lou Symes-Thompson won the Challenge Shield for vegetables and fruit for her redcurrants and also the Banksian medal.

Jan Sheppard won the flower arranging Rose Bowl Challenge Trophy and Wendy Foster received the Challenge Shield for flowers, the Endeavour Cup for flowers and the Handicraft Cup.

The Endeavour Cup for vegetable and fruit was presented to Caroline Connell. Helen Townsend received the Pho-



tography Cup and Jill Morley retained the Domestic Cup.

The children's trophies were awarded to Amber Thornton (age seven and under), Daisy Houghton-Perry (eight to 14 years) and Julie and Jo's Childcare who won the Green Fingers Cup.

A big thank you to everyone, including all the exhibitors, helpers, stewards, judges and visitors who helped make the Show so successful and enjoyable again this year.

The next Gardening Club meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th September in the village hall where Lucy Hollis will talk about *Designing Small Gardens*. Do come along.

Helen Townsend (Show Secretary) email lgcshowsec@yahoo.co.uk



Winners or not: all great entries



Pictures taken by Helen Townsend and Roger Lapwood



Re: Granta Medical Practices continue to grow

THE front page of the August edition of the Linton News contained an article by Sandra East, stating that Granta Medical Practices were *very pleased* to announce a merger with Shelford Medical Practice. I wonder how many News readers are similarly very pleased at this news? Certainly, none of the people I've spoken to see the move as offering further benefits, as claimed by Ms East: on the contrary, we have greeted the announcement with dismay.

When I first came to Linton over forty years ago I was allocated a GP and when he retired I was allocated another one. Except for the occasional emer-

gency, these were the doctors I always saw; they got to know me and I knew them; there was a reassuring continuity of care. For most of that time I could get an appointment to see my GP with little difficulty and without undue delay.

Of course, times have changed, pressures are much greater and I do see some of the benefits from economies of scale mentioned by Ms East.

What I am hugely sceptical about is the idea that the addition of yet another practice will bring with it a *wider choice of appointments*.

Ever since Linton Health Centre began merging with other GP practices, patient

choice has lessened. Writing on 4th August I see that there are only **two** GP appointments available online between now and 31st August – both in Barley. Such a situation has become the norm whenever one logs on to try and book an appointment.

Not everyone has a car, however, and there is no public transport from Linton to Barley, Royston, Sawston or Shelford. Even if you can get yourself to one of these places, in all probability you won't have met the doctor before and he or she won't know your medical history and so will have to spend extra time asking questions or reading up about you online.

Continuity of care seems to be becoming a thing of the past, such that the statement on the website, that every patient is allocated a named doctor, seems meaningless.

I can't help but wonder, too, how those who work at the Linton Practice actually feel: are they *really* very pleased at this latest move?

The general public is made aware almost daily of the problems facing GP practices. Perhaps if there was more openness about the pressures and strains under which our own Health Centre is working, rather than being fed rhetoric about how it's all getting better, we, the patients, could be more

understanding of the changes.

I am sorry to write in such a negative tone, because I know that we in Linton are so fortunate to have a high-quality primary healthcare facility, open to all and free at the point of use.

I know, too, that the doctors, nurses and many others at Linton Health Centre work immensely hard and when one gets to see them, they provide an excellent level of care. I also know, on the other hand, that I'm not the only one who greets news of a further merger with a large sigh, rather than a cheer.

Molly Warrington,
Dolphin Close,
07759 838767

Too good for jumble...

THE picture of the harmonium aroused some interest and its sale raised £70 for the MS Society.

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

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

Linton and District Historical Society

THE next meeting of the Historical Society is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th September in Linton Village Hall in Coles Lane when John Caldicott will give a lecture entitled *Unwed mothers – Searching for Daisies*.

This will be a return visit from John Caldicott as last year he gave us a fascinating introduction to the work of the Coram Foundation, set up in the 18th century, to try to tackle the problem of babies being abandoned on the squalid streets of London by unmarried mothers.

Every child was given a new name and education, and John’s talk will be about his own journey to uncover any information about how his life started.

Future talks

October 16 th	The Suffragettes	Mary Dicken
November 20 th	Heraldry with a local twist	Chloe Cockerill
December 18 th	Solving the housing problem (Railway carriage cottages)	Janet Morris
January 15 th	More tales from the Tower (Bury St Edmunds)	Horry Parsons
February 19 th	Four centuries of Balsham maps	Seppe Cassetari
March 19 th	The Essex Field Club	Fiona Hutchings
April 16 th	Cambridge Museum of Technology	Pam Halls
May 21 st	The Heffers story 1876 – 2017	Julie Blounford

Guests and new members are always welcome. The annual subscription for 2018/9 will be £12 and the visitor charge £3 per meeting. Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Pat Faircloth 893928

Running to save the rhinos

THIS year, I will be tackling the Bournemouth Marathon on October 7th to raise awareness and money for the Ol Pejeta Conservancy (OPC). If you wish to donate please go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/amber-thacker-running-for-rhinos>.



ing northern white rhinos. For more information please go to www.olpejetaconservancy.org

I’ve set myself a target of £800. This will be my second (and last) marathon. In 2015 I ran the London Marathon for Reach, a charity for children with upper limb disabilities as I



Pictures by Amber

OPC is situated near Nanyuki Town, north of Nairobi and aims to conserve wildlife and support the surrounding communities. OPC has a wide range of projects, including protecting endangered species, conservation research, community projects aimed at improving education, health, water and energy, preventing human-wildlife conflict and rhino conservation.

OPC is the largest black rhino sanctuary in East Africa and is home to the last two remain-

have a small right hand. It was an incredible experience and I raised almost £2000.

Squeezing runs in after a hectic day at work can be a struggle. However, I have made a lot of progress with my training and ran a half marathon recently. I plan to run 19 miles before the big day.

I would be grateful if anyone would donate, share some running/fundraising advice or even join me on a run.

Amber Thacker,
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Heights say goodbye to 2017-18

AS a successful year draws to a close a new one begins... It is fabulous to see how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year. The achievements extend from the academic, to the sporting and the creative arts.

From all of this year’s highlights my favourite was getting to know the Year 6. They started in September as children but by the time they left in July were young adults. Year 6 sums up all that Linton Heights is about. The children have worked incredibly hard over the last year but also had a fantastic time. In addition to doing very well in their SATs examinations, the children have enjoyed the French trip; Aylmerton residential, the summer production

Oh What a Knight and so many events and activities. I hope they look back at their time at Linton Heights with fondness and perhaps return and regale us with their achievements.

Whilst it is onwards and upwards for the Class of 2018, we also welcome a new Year 3 intake. We never stand still and we are always looking at how we can improve - 2018-19 will be no different.

My thanks go to Siobhan Judge who has led the fundraising committee this year and a warm welcome to the new team, who, filled with enthusiasm and great plans, will begin in September. We look forward with eager anticipation to the new academic year.

James Puxley, Head Teacher

Calling all singers

COME and Sing Brahms Requiem, (to be sung in English), on Saturday 15th September at St Mary’s Church Linton. This is a rare opportunity to get to know this sublime work in workshop rehearsals.

Registration for singers in all voice parts from 1pm. Rehearsals start at 1.30pm with tea at 5pm and sing through performance at 6pm. Cost for singers is £10, which includes tea with cakes, sandwiches etc.

If you would like to take part, please contact David Parry-Smith who will be directing the workshop. Call 894715 or email David@parry-smith.co.uk to register. We need to know numbers before the day. Music copies available for loan on the day. Please let us know when you register if you will require a copy.

All welcome to attend the informal performance at 6.00pm. There will be a retiring collection. Funds raised (after expenses) to benefit St Mary the Virgin, Linton. This event is being organised in association with the Royal School of Church Music, Diocese of Ely. See @LintonComeAndSing Facebook page for more information.

David and Anne Parry-Smith 894715

New Linton WEA programme

THE Autumn course – *Decoding History through Myth and Fairy Tales* – begins on Tuesday 9th October in Linton Village Hall. *The tutor is* Lionel Sims and he will cover the hidden meanings of Greek myth, also European fairy tales, Indo-European myth and those which underpin the sun dance ritual of the north American plains. The course will be eight sessions of two hours (10am – midday) and the fee is £59. You can enrol online or by telephone or just come to the first session to try it out.

The Great Bradley group meet on Wednesdays and their course begins on 3rd October. Ian McLachlan is back again with War Wings 1914-1918. He will cover the development of air power from 1914 to 1918 over the Western Front and East Anglia, and discover how airmen and *munitionettes* fought their airborne adversaries. The course is over seven weeks, each session lasts from 10am – midday and the course costs £56.

More information at www.wea.org.uk or ring me on 892737.

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

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Jane Morris;
office@lintonheights.cambs.sch.uk
where she can offer you a fantastic hourly hire rate.

Exciting changes to Linton Music

LINTON Music Society is undergoing an exciting development and is changing its name to Linton Music Series. After many years of dedication to music making in Linton, Juliet Abrahamson is moving on to pastures new. We wholeheartedly thank Juliet for her huge contribution to music in and around Linton and wish her the best of luck in the future.

Linton Music Series is under new directorship with Siu Chui Li and Alex Redington at the helm. Siu and Alex are professional musicians who live in Saffron Walden with their two children aged five and seven. Alex is the first violinist in the acclaimed Doric String Quartet and Siu is a freelance collaborative pianist and also teaches at The Perse Upper School in Cambridge. Both are very excited to be involved in the local music scene and are looking forward to seeing many of you at the concerts.

The opening concert of the season is a wonderful piano recital by the prize-winning Ukrainian pianist Vitaly Pisarenko on 13th October at 7.45pm, with a programme which highlights the rise of the virtuoso pianist from Liszt to Prokofiev. Franz Liszt was the father of the piano recital having been the first to do a concert completely on his own and in fact he coined the term *recital* for concerts. There will be a pre-concert talk on Liszt at 6.30pm.

The Lucy Cavendish Singers return for the Christmas Concert on 1st December. This will be followed by mulled wine and a candlelit post-concert treat of a solo Bach piece played by the artistic director, Alex Redington.

Siu Chui Li, li.siu-chui@gmail.com



Ukrainian pianist Vitaly Pisarenko
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Our thanks

Kind thoughts of Peter Lloyd

Thank you to everyone that attended the funeral of Peter Lloyd on the 31st July at Linton Parish Church and to everyone for their words of support. I am truly touched by the number of cards and kind words people have said about Peter. Jackie Lloyd

Susie remembered

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages about the passing of Susie the Churchyard Cat. We have had lovely cards and letters through the door, or stuck to the barn in the lane. It seems that she had a real effect on those who knew her, and has been a friend to many people. We would love to hear from anyone who has any photos or stories about Susie. Please do pop a note through the door or email bill@opx.co.uk if you do. Bill and Frances Bickerstaff

Scarecrow festival

Dear Editor
Can I take this belated opportunity to say “Well Done Linton”. The weekend of the Scarecrow Festival, I went round Linton with a huge grin on my face (which doesn’t happen very often). The imagination and the skill that went into making the 50plus scarecrows was incredible and I, as a 60 plus Linton resident, felt like a six-year-old in anticipation of finding the next scarecrow whether it be Swag Bag Granny, Mr McGregor, the Serenaders in Horn Lane or Matt in Jigsaw Bakery.
On my meanderings I spoke to other residents and we were all having a great time whatever age we were.
A big thank you to all who made it possible.
Jane Copeland, Lonsdale

More money raised for Alzheimer’s research

Dear Editor
Once again I have to thank the many people who helped to raise so much money for Alzheimer’s research at our coffee morning in June. The helpers, who are too numerous to name and all the visitors who contributed led to a fantastic final total of £1,080, even more than last year, which is absolutely amazing. Thank you all, I am just sorry I cannot thank you all personally. Wendy Foster, Emsons Close

Changes to the number 13 bus service

THE following changes are to be made to the Stagecoach 13/13A/X13 bus service.

- There is a new service at 6.48am for the X13 journey between Clare and Haverhill bus station. This will operate Monday to Friday when schools are open.
- The 4.10pm X13 journey between Cambridge and Haverhill, operating Monday to Friday when schools are open, now extends to Clare.
- There will be minor amendments to some departure times during morning peak (Monday to Friday).
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Aromatherapy

 A MOST convivial evening was spent with our speakers, Victoria Leese-Wood and Jacqui Calvin, both being trained at The International School for Traditional Herbal Medicine.
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Plants use essential oils to repel predators, attract pollinators and defend against pathogens. Oils are extracted either by cold pressing or steam distillation. Plants may be farmed, e.g. lavender, or *wild crafted* (collected from the wild).
Aromatherapy usually involves a massage including a blend of essential oils. Victoria showed us several massage techniques and passed round several oils.
When buying essential oils, always look for a bottle with the botanical name from a reputable supplier, otherwise synthetic chemicals may have been added. Rose oil takes about 5,000 Kg of petals for 1,000 Kg of oil. A safety warning from Jacqui – some oils can be an irritant when used neat and never take internally.
At our next meeting on 4th September, the speaker will be Terry Holloway from Marshalls in Cambridge, talking about a pilot’s life. New members and visitors always welcome. We are a friendly crowd.
Sally Proberts, 891021

News from St Mary’s

WITH the coming of September, St Mary’s resumes its normal programme, with one change; the fourth Sunday of each month (September 23rd, this month) will now feature *Together with God* a fresh, shorter service for all ages at 10 am on a Sunday without Communion, but with plenty to think about for everyone. This month the service will celebrate Harvest, and we look forward to having children and adults rejoicing together, and bringing donations of dry and packaged goods for the Haverhill Food Bank.
We shall continue to have an *All Age Eucharist* on the second Sunday of each month, with young people playing important roles in the service. Other Sundays continue with our usual Parish Eucharist at 10 am.
Wild Church resumes at 2.30 pm on Sunday 2nd September, and *Messy Church* at 2.30 pm on 16th September. Both of these are occasions when we experience what it is to be in church in ways different from traditional services, including discovery, creativity, food, and worship together.
Our new-look website should be coming live very soon, with a wealth of information about St Mary’s and extending a warm welcome to you to join us at any or all of our events.
I shall be on study leave during September and October, and although around the village, not working in my role as Rector. Please contact our curate, the Revd Nicola Bown, on 977164 or at nicolabown@icloud.com for any help you might need from the clergy during that period.
Maggie Guite (Rector) Margaret.guite@icloud.com

Lots of fun to be had

LINTON St. Mary’s has its very own Messy Church with creative arts, activities, play, songs, food. It includes cardboard den building, painting, stickers, homemade playdough, games and much more.
Meeting once a month, Messy Churches, found in 36 countries across the world, are for all ages to be creative, celebrate, share a meal and have fun which you can see from the pictures on our Facebook page [LintonMessyChurch](https://www.facebook.com/LintonMessyChurch)
We would like to invite you to join us on the third Sunday of the month. We meet at 2.30pm and finish about 4pm. Come along to St Mary’s Church, Church Lane, Linton on Sunday 16th September. You will be very welcome.
Sarah Thorne (Messy Church Team leader)

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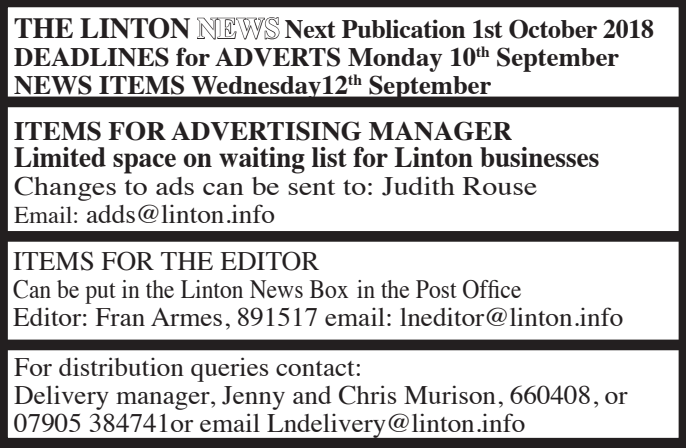


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Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

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 (07717801056) 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

SEPTEMBER

1 Farmers’ market, 9am- 12 noon VH
2 **Wild Church, 2.30pm** StMary’s
3 Camera Club, 7pm CC
4 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
5 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
6 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
8 Hadstock Jumble sale, 2-4pm Hadstock VH
9 Lighthouse, 10.15am URC
10 **Engage Beyond Banksy, 2pm** Library
10 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
11 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
11 **Gardening Club, 7.30pm** VH
13 **ACE trip to Southwold, 9.30am** D&D
15 **Come & Sing rehearsals, 1pm** StMary’s
15 **Come & Sing performance, 6pm** StMary’s
16 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
16 **Messy Church, 2.30pm** StMary’s Church
18 **Historical Society, 7.30pm** VH
19 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30-12 noon LintonHC
20 Linton Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, CC
21 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
21 **Macmillan coffee morning, 10am-12noon** Symonds House
29 **Reading challenge awards ceremony, 11am** Library

OCTOBER

1 Camera Club, 7pm VH
2 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
3 Reading group, 8pm VH Upstairs
4 Luncheon Club, 12 noon Old Red Lion Horseheath
6 **Farmer’s Market, 9am - 12noon** VH
6 **Fun palace,** Library
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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2523 Linton Air Cadets

IT has been a quiet few weeks on the squadron. We’ve had over 20 camp places filled with cadets spending weeks away at RAF stations all over the country. A good amount of flying has taken place on the camps alongside the usual adventurous activities, sports and BTEC’s too.

The white-water kayaking was a huge success, Linton cadets joined others from over the wing with almost 100 cadets getting a good day of kayaking. I’m not sure who had more fun - the cadets or the staff.

We’ve been very lucky with our flying allocation with yet another two spaces for later in the year. As we are receiving so many placements and with a good amount of flying happening on camps the cadets that are keen to fly have had three or four separate air experience flights each this year which is fantastic.

For those that have stayed on the squadron there have been a series of orienteering exercises to complete along with code breaking and a series of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) nights too. These nights are working towards badges on our new progressive training syllabus.

This month RAF Wyton played host to a cyber course attended by Sgt Ring and our Cadet Warrant Officer Godfrey. They spent an afternoon at Swanton Morley trying out their new glider simulator too. We have more places on the simulator coming up soon, a great chance for cadets to earn their blue wings whilst learning principles of flight.

The most recent Duxford air show was a success despite the extreme heat. The cadets always do themselves proud at this event whilst carrying out car parking duties with real professionalism. There is one show left in the calendar this year where we will hopefully have cooler temperatures.

Cl Bradley Wright, Training Officer 2523,
07943 873272, training.2523@aircadets.org

ACE Garden Party

ON August 2nd we had our yearly Cream Tea in the shady garden of 40 Symonds Lane, thanks to the hospitality of Jan and Mike Sheppard. Despite the heat 38 people came and enjoyed the tea and the chance to buy books and possibly to win a prize on the raffle.

Next month on September 13th we have our trip to Southwold. All tickets for places on the coach have now been sold. The coach can be joined at 9.30am at the Dog and Duck and slightly later at the cemetery and Fire station.

Colleen Lockstone, 891931

Library goings on

LINTON LIBRARY will host another Engage in the Afternoon session at 2pm on Monday 10th September. In *Beyond Banksy* Phil McMahon will give an entertaining illustrated talk on London’s vibrant street art. All welcome, however places are limited so tickets should be booked in advance at the library counter. The event is free but donations towards refreshments are appreciated.

Well done to all the children who have completed this year’s Summer Reading Challenge by reading at least six library books over the holidays. Please come along for your awards ceremony at 11am on Saturday 29th September.

On Saturday 6th October Linton library will be transformed into a *Fun Palace*. This is a Cambridgeshire-wide library project by and for local communities. We are looking for volunteers willing to share an interesting skill – it might be crafting, computing, music or something completely different – through demonstrations and tiny tutorials (taking 10-15 minutes) with other members of the community of any age. Please let us know if you can help create this fun event with us.

At 2pm on Monday 8th October we are excited to welcome author Mandy Morton to the library to talk about her intriguing feline-themed detective novels - perfect for cat-lovers with a taste for crime. Please look out for more details of this special event.

Anna McMahon , Linton Community Library Assistant

Councillors’ Report for Parish Councils August 2018

A1307

THERE is a new spanner in the works with this. The Mayor of the Combined Authority has paused some of the work that the Greater Cambridge Partnership has been doing, not only with the A1307 but with other schemes around the county. This is to see if the individual projects are working in line with his long-term vision of Cambridgeshire infrastructure.

The silver lining is that the smaller quick wins on our stretch of the A1307 are still going ahead, it’s the longer-term scheme from the A11 into Cambridge element that has been temporarily paused. Watch this space. Also, the next section of the A1307 is to be resurfaced in September, this will be from Haverhill past Horseheath, with a reduced speed limit, so journey times will be slower during the works.

Planning

At the time of writing, South Cambs Local Plan hasn’t been adopted. We were promised this at the end of July. The Plan has to be sent to SCDC first of all for checking. If all is good it goes back to the local plan inspector who then sends a final version back for adoption. So we may well be on the brink. We shall update you as soon as we hear anything.

Innovate and Cultivate Fund

The County Council has reopened this fund, which is offered annually. Details can be found here - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-&-localism/innovate-and-cultivate-fund/>

Peter Gaskin

Most Parishes in our area have, since April, had need for the Rights of Way officer at the County Council, Peter Gaskin. He was on long-term leave from then until now, so not much has happened in this department, but I can report he is back at work. So, do start to email him about footpaths and other rights of way again. peter.gaskin@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Bikeability

The County Council has a grant from central government to help school children learn to ride bikes safely. The pot is circa £61,000 for schools to bid into, and once it’s gone, it’s gone. We’re encouraging all schools in the area to apply if they would like to.

Social Isolation

There is a two-year pilot scheme being jointly funded by SCDC and the County Council to fund a Social Navigator who is based at the Granta Medical Practices (Linton and Sawston) with the main aim being to tackle health issues relating to loneliness. If you know anyone that may benefit, do encourage them to see their GP, who can refer them to the Navigator.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

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CHARITY WALK

Results for 2018



L-R: Dr Elizabeth Cox, Duncan Ogilvy, Glynis Brookman, and Rev Lesley Gore at the presentation evening.

Photo supplied by Hetty Findlay

A WONDERFUL presentation evening took place on Tuesday 7th August at the Three Hills Pub in Bartlow.

After a record turn out this year of 977 walkers at the walk, a grand total of £18,363.93 was raised for three local charities. Each charity received a cheque for just over £6,100.

Dr Elizabeth Cox, a specialist oncologist and breast physician from the Breast Oncology unit, sent a huge thank you to all those involved. She gave details of the mobile phone app that the money will help develop. This will be of great support, especially to the younger patients during their treatment. It will give instant access to all the information they may need during a very difficult time.

Glynis Brookman, practice nurse from the Linton Health Centre was delighted with their cheque. An impressive amount of equipment has been purchased over the last 10-15 years of the Walk donations. Including; otoscopes, a bladder scanner, spirometry equipment, four dressing trolleys, two ECG machines, four cardiac event monitors, operation and examination lights, wheel chairs, scales, and much more. They have a wish list for this years donation and will let us know soon what they have bought.

The Reverend Leslie Gore also wished to thank everyone who donated, and volunteered at the walk. She stressed the importance of a regular income to the church, especially when renovation grants were applied for. This year’s donation will help towards restoring a crumbling buttress that is becoming unsafe.

So, a huge thank you to all those who volunteered, including the brilliant Linton Jazz Band. Also to the walkers who came and walked in the wonderful sunshine.

Please note that the 2019 walk will be on 5th May 2019, so please add that date to your diary.

Duncan Ogilvy (walk co ordinator 893644)
(Written by Hetty Findlay 890353)

More women find cycling a breeze

CYCLING is a really sociable and fun way to exercise—why not come along and give it a go?

Breeze is all about remembering how good it is to ride a bike with friends. Organised by British Cycling trained Breeze Champions, these free rides explore local, accessible routes in small friendly groups. Rides take place all year round and are ideal for women looking to get back on a bike and make new friends—we always finish with coffee, sometimes cake, and a chat.

Several ladies who have been riding with Breeze locally over the past year have now completed their Breeze Champion training and we can now offer a greater variety of rides from starting points in Duxford, Fowlmere, Great Chishill, Linton, Barton, Dry Drayton and, occasionally, Saffron Walden. During September and October we are offering a series of introductory rides suitable

for beginners—we will gradually increase the distance and eventually add in a few small hills. However, and most importantly, we always ensure that no-one gets left behind.

For more information and to register, visit www.letsride.co.uk/breeze. Our local rides are called Sassy Lassies Cycling! Please do contact any of us below:

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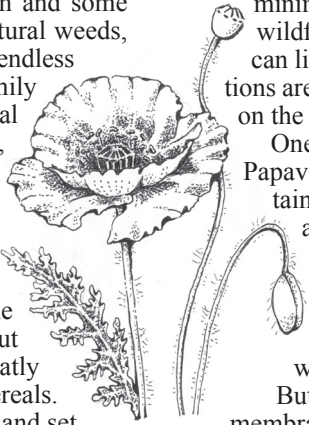
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



The outstanding benefits of poppies

HAVEN'T the poppies been extraordinary this year? And they have kept on coming, when the rest of the garden and some hedgerows look so dire. You can call them agricultural weeds, wildflowers, or flowering plants, and they appear in endless shapes and sizes and colours. They are of the family Papaveraceae and can be herbaceous, annual, biennial or short lived perennial. They have showy petals, crumpled in the bud, just waiting for their big moment. When their glorious bloom finishes, the petals lie flat before falling away, and we are left bereft.

There are red, purple, orange, white, yellow and blue poppies, but the most common one for us is the red flowered corn poppy. Most people know the poppy grows in disturbed ground and roadsides, but it has another clever trick. Its ecological needs fit neatly within the life cycle of key crops and especially cereals. They grow at the same time as cereals, then flower and set their seeds back into the ground before the combine arrives. In



other areas, especially heathlands, wildlife trusts and others are minimising use of fertilizers, meaning poppies and other wildflowers are once again able to flower. Their seeds can lie dormant for up to 80 years, and suddenly conditions are right and they burst forth. Check the mirror, slam on the brakes and take a closer look.

One type of poppy is well known in the opiate world. Papaver somniferum is the source of crude opium containing morphine, and used since ancient times as an analgesic and recreational drug. It is also rich in oil, carbohydrates, calcium and protein. Any moment now it will be competing with chia seeds and goji berries as the new super food. It is also used in paints, varnishes and cosmetics. There is so much we don't know.


But what we all do know is its association with remembrance. What better way to illustrate this than the poem 'Remembrance' written by Canadian Lt.Col John McCrae.

*In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Field.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Field.*

A history of local villages



The front cover of the book

Photo supplied by Ken

THE The Hundred Parish Society is really pleased to confirm the publication of its first book - The Hundred Parishes: An Introduction. It was printed by Lavenham Press of Suffolk.

The book introduces the reader to the rich history of each village and town within the area and paints a picture of life in the Hundred Parishes up to the start of the 21st century.

The book is A4 size with more than 400 pages. It includes almost 1,000 photos and an extensive index. It is priced at £25 per copy.

The publication marks a significant step in the Society's mission to raise awareness and appreciation of the Hundred Parishes, an area of 450 square miles of northwest Essex, northeast Hertfordshire and southern Cambridgeshire that is characterised by its rich and diverse heritage. It expands on the parish information already available on the Society's website, where visitors can also download walk routes and find sources of further information and activities associated with the area's culture, history, heritage, countryside, wildlife and conservation.

The book is on sale at the Tourist Information Centres in Saffron Walden, Thaxted and Bishop's Stortford, as well as Great Bardfield's independent bookshop, *Between the Lines*.

It is also available in Stansted Mountfitchet from me, Ken McDonald. I can be contacted on 01279 813226 or via the website, www.hundredparishes.org.uk.

Ken McDonald, Secretary The Hundred Parishes Society

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The challenge is aligned with the National Curriculum and is designed to help children recognise the impact of diet and exercise on their bodies. The participants will have fun working scientifically; recording measurements, observing data and drawing conclusions.

The challenge is free to enter and participating schools will be assigned STEM* mentors from AstraZeneca and MedImmune to support pupils, as well as receiving necessary materials including a scientific mechanical balance, which can be used both for The Energy Challenge and in their own STEM teaching into the future.

Join the competition now. Over 50 Cambridgeshire primary schools have already signed up. To sign up please visit <http://www.theenergychallenge.co.uk/> or for further information. email EnergyChallenge@astrazeneca.com

Anna Dally, Science Outreach Events co-ordinator

*STEM subjects are science, technology, engineering and maths.

Plodding along an update on police matters

BETWEEN 8am and 5pm on 25th July a new rose bush was taken from a front garden in Chalklands.

Between 7th August and 8th August an unknown person has gained entry to a detached property in Granta Leys via the rear of the premises. An untidy search has been made and cash stolen.

If you have any information relating to the crimes reported, please contact the police on 101.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hadstock Jumble Sale

THERE will be a jumble sale from 2pm to 4pm. on Saturday 8th September in Hadstock Village Hall. The sale is on behalf of The Friends of St Botolph's (a Registered Charity) raising funds for the Hadstock church ceiling fund.

Karen Delamain , 07803052918,
info@ruralmaggpie.co.uk

Macmillan Coffee morning

WE at Symonds House Nursing Home are holding a Macmillan coffee morning from 10am to 12 midday on Friday 21st September. All welcome

Julie Cleland, Home Manager, 891237

Hildersham Notes

Jam stall and EACH

THIS year's summer donation to East Anglia's Children's Hospices from the sale of jam is £220.

We are most grateful for continued support, provision of jars and for the generous gift of a big preserving pan. We welcome donations of produce or jars of your own home-made preserves. If anyone feels inspired to make a bigger batch, we'll provide sugar and jars.

Jill Heale 893596, edheale@btinternet.com

Lecture on Peru

THIS is on Friday 28th September at Holy Trinity Church

We will be taken on a Peruvian adventure by Sam Logan, a former pupil of Linton Village College. He is currently in Peru combining a social enterprise with some adventuring. On his return he is keen to share his experiences with us.

Entry is £5 which includes refreshments.

Amanda Palmer amjpalmer@gmail.com

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The Marsh mail



WE ended the summer term with glorious weather and, as per tradition, sports day. This was the final inter-house competition with existing houses and Mandela was victorious. It was a poignant result for Mr Clarke, Head of House, on his last day at LVC.

There are two schools of thought in regards to competitive events such as this: it is the taking part rather than the winning that counts and that winning is the only thing that counts. Like many things in life, it is arguably a combination of both.

Whilst the fulfilment of achieving first place is the ultimate goal of any competitive process, as England's performance in the World Cup demonstrated there are many other values and virtues that are tested and demonstrated through team pursuit. Observing tutees support each other, persevere and commit to activities that stretched them beyond their comfort zones showed great community spirit.

As I write this, Year 11s await the outcomes of their GCSE examinations, a culmination of their learning and study during five years of secondary education. While they will reflect the achievements of individuals, the way in which the grades (9-1 across all subjects this year) are awarded depends on the relative performance of all candidates nationally entered for the qualifications. Students' positioning on the bell curve of results will determine whether they obtain a pass (grade 4), a strong pass (grade 5) or somewhere above or below these nationally prescribed benchmarks.

The release of Scottish exam results earlier in August sparked a flurry of social media activity, with celebrities and past students sharing the successes that they achieved despite failing at school and consoling school leavers that exam results do not define you. While the sentiment of such messages is reassuring and sound, there is a risk that they serve to demean the efforts of our students and school staff who work hard to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

Ultimately both credentials and character create opportunities and open doors in the future. I wish our outgoing students all the best for their next steps and future happiness.

Helena Marsh

Wandlebury in September

Wandlebury Adventurers Club

THIS is for unaccompanied children aged eight to 12 years and takes place from 6-8pm on 5 consecutive Monday evenings each term. You can sign up for a year, a term or a session. There is a charge.

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10th September Woodland Crafts –
17th September Constructions and Building
24th September Apple and Blackberry Feast
1st October Orienteering

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September Wild flower walk

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Our village road names part 2



The bridge in 1866

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UNTIL the late 19th century the main ford across the river frequently flooded. For pedestrians there was an old, rickety, wooden footbridge. In the Middle Ages this was called the great bridge and it frequently caused floods on the main street because river debris was trapped, forming a dam.

Road users became exasperated because the ford was ineffective. They canvassed most users and demanded

that a proper bridge be constructed. Villagers refused to contribute because they said the road users should pay.

In 1867 bridge plans were drawn up and subscriptions invited to meet the £717 cost. Despite all the difficulties a bridge was built. It was first known as Bartons Bridge because it bounded the Great Linton Memorial Close. Rear gates from manorial demesnes were known as Bartons, hence the bridge name. On the church side of the bridge was the large Swan Hotel and very soon the bridge was known as the Swan Bridge, but by 1900 it was named Linton Bridge.

Beyond this bridge on the left was Symonds' Lane named after Tudor landowners, the Symons family, sometimes recorded as Semans. When the workhouse, now Symonds House care home, was built in 1836 the lane was renamed Workhouse Lane. Twenty-two local parishes formed a Poor Law Union

to build the workhouse and often the term Union Lane was used. Opposite the workhouse is the small Palmers Close named after a well-known Linton doctor and antiquarian, William Palmer who died in 1939.

Moving on is Coles Lane. Robert Cole was a wealthy corn merchant who lived in a large house next to Sweet Talk News cornering Coles Lane. Prior to this the lane was called Ballydon Lane since it led to a hill called Ballydon Hill. After the water tower was built in 1935/36 this hill was renamed Rivey Hill since the wood on the summit was called Rivey Wood when it was planted in the 1780's.

After Coles Lane on the right is Church Lane named for obvious reasons. Until the early 19th century it was called Horn Lane linking the present day Horn Lane to the bridge where children feed the ducks. The site where the road forded the river is still

visible.

The origin of the name Horn Lane supposedly comes from the medieval custom of the Lord of the Manor summoning the local population to his manor house in times of danger. A horn was sounded as a signal, which could be heard in all the houses in the immediate vicinity. The Great Linton Manor house, located in the garden of what is now Linton House, was in ruins by 1600.

Further up the main street is Mill Lane leading to Linton Mill, once known as Hadstock Mill. Beyond Mill Lane next to the Co-op is Green Lane. The name derived from the old village green on the right hand side, now the garden of the so-called Old Manor House, a name given to the large red brick house on the river side of the green.

In the early 19th century the owner, Mrs Nockolds incorrectly named her resi-

dence the Old Manor House. It was the residence of a wealthy Linton tanner, perhaps this sounded far better than The Tannery.

Back to the main street - to Balsham Road, the name given to the road in 1840 after enclosure. Prior to that it was called Wood Lane. Opposite Smith's scrap yard the lane veers right to Borley Wood. The present section of the main road from the

scrap yard to Chilford Hall was built after 1840.

Beyond the fire station the main street divides in two, on the left the Horseheath Road, and Bartlow Road on the right. Leading off Bartlow Road is Emson's Close named after an early 19th century tenant farmer, William Emson. The Fincham's estate was named after John Fincham who died in 1841. His small farmhouse was demolished in 1931.

The following two lanes branching off Bartlow Road do not have sign posts: Bakers Lane was created in 1840 and named after the bakery which until recently was the hairdressers on the corner of Bartlow Road, and Martins Lane was created in 1838 named after Philip Martin an 18th century Linton surgeon.

Many locals use the name Barham Road and not Bartlow Road. Barham Road led to Great Barham Hall, just beyond the present by-pass towards Bartlow.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/3055/18/TC, Mr Duncan Ogivly, Land Adjacent to The Wil-
lows, Dean Road, Bartlow. Tree Works Conservation Area.
S/3020/18/FL, Mr Russell Taylor, 28 The Grove, Proposed lean-
to front entrance porch and two-storey side extension.
S/2749/18/FL, Mrs Katie Wright, 32 Lonsdale, The proposal is
to add a single storey side and front extension.
S/2511/18/OL, Executors of R Harrison Dec'd, 41 Back Road,
Outline application for the erection of five dwellings with all
matters reserved except for access and scale on land to the south
of Back Road and east of Coles Lane.
S/2783/18/LD, Mr and Mrs Harmer, 10 Barley Way, Certificate
of lawful development for proposed rear dormer and roof lights.

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Parish Council Matters

Pachyderm consumption or priorities for the parish council

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WITH all my life spent in the business environment with the aims being to stay in business and make a profit, I personally find a parish council, in service to its parishioners, a completely different kettle of fish and it has taken me a number of years to understand the ways that things are done.

I believe I have completed my apprenticeship as I now find myself as chairman of a diverse group of elected councillors, each with their own fields of expertise, interests (even obsessions - just in case no one knows, mine is dogs) and knowledge of the village itself and the residents with whom they cohabit - just as it should be. They all have their own lives to run on top of the time they commit to council activities, be that participating in representing residents' views and opinions in meetings, scrutinising and commenting on planning applications, keeping facilities safe (like the children's play areas), monitoring plans for the A1307 and 101 other events, communications and responsibilities.

We have a parish council office, with four members of staff who are the paid employees (none of whom are full time), the clerk's "boss" being the council itself. They are the permanent backbone of all we are able to do.

And this is the nub of the matter - there is only so much time that people can devote to this so there is only so much we can do, much as this is frustrating. This applies to both the councillors and the council office.

Therefore, to try and get a handle on this, I canvassed all the councillors and asked them what they thought the top three priorities that you, the residents, would like to see us do over the next 12 months. These turned out to be:

Table 1 - residents priorities (we believe):

1. Improve/develop recreation area (BMX/Skate park/bowls/loos etc).
2. Maintain general appearance of village including grass cutting, bins, flowers, railings, benches, state of the pavements & paths, bushes growing over paths etc.
3. Address traffic issues - parking, speeding etc.

However, there are duties that the council must also fulfil:

Table 2 - parish council priorities:

1. Review and comment on planning applications - in all manifestations from permitted developments to speculative planning applications by rapacious developers - as this is deadline driven.
2. Be legally compliant with: VAT & PAYE (also deadline driven, with penalties if missed); account for all parish council spend including paying wages, suppliers etc; employment, H&S, GDPR and any other UK legislation.
3. Prepare for and record all the formal meetings of council and

its committees (as prescribed) plus public consultations. Then action items proposed, voted on and agreed in council meetings which includes organising more meetings, giving advice etc.

Table 2 is a given beyond the control of the council or the office.

Table 1 - that is a lot of work, even just these three items, but it is commonly observed: "the only way to eat an elephant is one bite at a time".

So - Table 1 item 1 - the recreation area is a considerable size and over the years there have been lots of ideas to make it something really special but this leads to lots of debate but not a lot of perceived action, therefore we are firstly going to concentrate on sorting out a Skate park - nothing more complicated. A group of three have "volunteered" to look at:

1. Marking out the area to be given over to this (done and agreed in the July council meeting).
2. Sending this to three companies specialising in this sort of work (as there has already been lots of background work done) and asking what they can do in this area and for how much.
3. Looking into how much money is already set aside and what other routes there are for funding.

The three councillors, Hine, Ward and Poulter will then bring this back to council and then we shall take this out to public consultation, hopefully in September. It might be after we hear directly from parishioners that the next step means someone swaps in/out of the group of three to make the next couple of steps happen, eg someone who knows how to write grant applications. We shall also have to be realistic about what we can afford, even with additional funding.

The overall objective, at this moment, is to be in a position to get a spade in the ground to start building within 12 months.

Same with Table 1 item 2 - grass cutting is a lot about specifying and managing contracts with various suppliers, of which we are constantly striving to find the balance between what we are willing to pay and what we expect, so that is a given and mostly in hand with the council office.

However, take benches - there are ambitions to put in lots of benches in different locations but a "quick win" is to provide just three more benches in strategic and easily deliverable positions to make traversing the village a more enjoyable and less onerous experience for the those with less stamina. Again a group of three councillors, E Bald, J Bald and Hill are going to: Identify locations we own so we don't have to get permission, identify a design, explore costings and bring their recommendations back to council to consider and approve or reject.

Table 1 item 3 - with this there is already considerable work underway on Speedwatch on the Hadstock Road, thanks to

councillor Ward, with residents already engaged plus council had already approved to spend money on hire equipment from Cambridgeshire County Council to monitor speed to prove to highways that speeding and traffic volumes are an issue. Note: there are a lot of traffic issues that the parish council cannot sort out but it can badger and chase the highways authority.

Also, sorting out the issue of parking on Market Square - lots of really useful work has been done by the traffic working group, letters sent out to residents that about the area advising what we are thinking of doing but enforcement has always been the issue - however, we may even have an answer to this. Planters are in hand to protect the gas pipe so that sub-sub-project may be nearing completion thanks to the councillors E Bald and Ward and the office.

It would be a waste of all the time already spent to not concentrate on going forward with these two items. However, the problem of safe egress from Green Lane has arisen again. A particularly powerful representation by residents in the 19th July parish council meeting has indicated that we should address this as the next "bite", especially since a good suggestion by councillor Ward that we ask the experts ie highways and with the really useful response from our district councillor Henry Batchelor that he would organise a meeting to look at the problem. As this has been discussed for a long time and council has looked at ways of trying to address this issue, but with limited success, having experts engaged will both save Linton parish councillors and Linton parish council office time (although it may cost - but that is the trade-off).

If you have got this far, well done and I hope you can see what we are trying to do. There are some other items which are very near to fruition, the Neighbourhood Plan being one, and it is important to finish this as it gives additional protection to the assault by developers, but it does mean that some items are going to have to go on a back-burner eg restoring and reinstating the Clapper Stile, giving telephone boxes a new role, planting more community orchards, solving the perennial issue of providing allotments and so on.

However, we shall endeavour to prioritise projects that deliver visible benefits to the village.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

ps - why would anyone even consider eating an elephant!

pps - we still have vacancies for three additional councillors to be co-opted! The more we have the more diverse the opinions we consider, the more projects we can tackle and the better the outcome.

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Parking - it's a problem

ONE of the things that is regularly reported to Linton parish council is that there is illegal parking, on double yellow lines, corners, pavements and obstructing bus routes. There are also issues with vehicles using particular streets as free parking whilst effectively using the village as a park and ride stop.

Whilst the parish council agrees this is all completely unacceptable, it is to a degree limited on the action it is able to take as these are not civil issues, but legal.

In an attempt to try and reduce this activity Linton parish council would like to urge all residents to assist in tackling this issue by reporting these types of behaviour to Cambridgeshire Constabulary directly to ensure that this situation is being recognised as a real problem here in the village.

If you see bad parking or an area which is regularly an issue please report this on the following link <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-anti-social-driving>

If enough incidents are reported, the police will be forced to acknowledge and act on this.

Having spoken to Cambridgeshire Constabulary the advice is that if there are any issues with vehicles and you are unable to report it online then please call the 101 non-emergency number.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has advised that if, from the number of complaints, it becomes visible that there is a real problem in the area then they can offer the village additional support.

Your support will make a difference and hopefully help find a resolution to this ongoing issue within the village.

Parking - we know it's a problem, so let's work towards a solution together.

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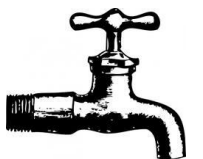
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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th July 2018.

Present: Cllr Merrie Mannassi - chairman, Cllr John Bald - vice chairman, Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward, Cllr Kate Kell, Cllr Amy Smith, Cllr Simon Hill, Cllr Chris Hine, Cllr Paul Poulter, Cllr Enid Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor. Members of the public present: 16.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Dr Brian Cox, Cllr Angharad Hammond and Cllr Graham Potter. District Cllr John Batchelor.

Councillor vacancies: There are currently three vacancies available for co-option.

Chairman’s comment: The Scarecrow festival raised a lot of money for the church and many other smaller companies that attended and Cllr Mannassi thanked the organisers and the church. Congratulations went to the Linton Heights Junior School for their recent award.

Open forum for public participation: A resident raised concerns regarding the entrance and exit onto Green Lane, requesting a mirror to be reinstalled on the sign post. County and District Cllr H Batchelor advised that the Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) highways department will not endorse mirrors due to glare etc. The previous mirror was installed by residents and not CCC and council does not have permission to erect a mirror on CCC street property. The parish council was asked to approach the yellow house and see if they would erect one on their property. This would need to be looked into from a liability perspective. Could highways address the fact that the line of sight is blocked from this bend by preventing people from parking directly outside the Co-op?

Clerk to contact highways to see what it could advise and what could be done from the CCC aspect, via a meeting. Clerk to discuss and pick up with Cllr H Batchelor to speak directly with an engineer and not the officer. The engineers were very busy at the moment with the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) but following on from this it should be able to be arranged.

Regarding speeding in Hadstock Road, the LHI application has been completed and is due to be submitted, however there was concern that there is no coordinator for the Speedwatch programme currently. A coordinator role was discussed as a concern. The clerk updated and advised that the official advice from PCSO Leanne Fisher was that this should be community led and not led by the PC. The clerk advised that she will set up a meeting and help get the wheels in motion to a point whereby this can be internally managed.

Matters arising/clerk’s report: Strimming down Stantons Lane: This has now been resolved.

Review of jobs sheet and update on the matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of the 21st June 2018.

Updates from the clerk on the Cemetery tap, handrails in Market Square, grounds maintenance, social media, information point and the public meeting for the recreation ground: Noted.

County and District Councillors’ reports & business: The Local Plan should be received imminently and will be implemented as soon as it is received.

Street lights in Linton: There are still outstanding adjustments following the work from Balfour Beatty, which the PC would like to request the County Councillor looks into. Cllr H Batchelor advised that if LPC provides the relevant information then he will investigate this, Cllr E Bald, Cllr Mannassi and Cllr Ward to coordinate the information. The County and District Councillor left the meeting at the close of this item.

Priorities for 2018/2019 and priority project review - Open discussion led by the chairman:

Recreation ground should be a top priority going forward.

The skate ramp is key to this and should be the starting point. Although the PC agrees that this area needs to be updated and considered as a whole, the PC will need to break this down into manageable projects to ensure its quick progression.

Three councillors will work on the skate ramp as part of a team who will use the mapping of the area as a starting point,

contact contractors and see if a design can be presented in line with the basis specification that LPC received from the original consultation with the youths of the village. Cllr Hine was proposed to lead with assistance from Cllr Ward and Cllr Poulter. It was proposed that this should be well underway and at a point of installation within a six month timeline as a goal.

The marked area presented was agreed to be rounded off around the tarmac area on the condition that it is moved away from trees and up from the river.

Companies will be approached to come and look at the agreed space and put forward a design. These can then be taken to the public consultation.

Cllr Poulter is to look into a public works loan and funding.

General Appearance:

There are numerous points under this area, however it was decided that the first and foremost focus as a project should be to begin to implement the benches project. Cllr J Bald to lead the project with assistance from Cllr Hill and Cllr E Bald. The aim is to have three in the ground within six months.

Traffic issues:

The chairman thanked Cllr Ward for her efforts and hard work thus far to set up the Speedwatch and the traffic survey at Hadstock Road and The Grip.

The key priority focuses going forward within the immediate future are: Speedwatch, Market Square, Green Lane (with assistance from County and District Cllr H Batchelor). These will be worked on by three key members as project managers, led by Cllr J Bald with the assistance of Cllr E Bald and Cllr Ward.

Consideration of providing the clerk with delegated power to action village maintenance and repairs up to a budget of £200.00 per project, in conjunction with agreement from the chairman: Proposed by Cllr Poulter, seconded by Cllr Hine. Agreed.

Cllr E Bald proposed that two days work be pencilled in for Local Handyman Services per month, seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed.

Structure review of the written reports submitted by councillors: Agreed that bullet points will be at the end of each report listing actions and decisions for council.

Planning matters: Notification that the reserved matters planning application has been received for Bartlow Road and verbal update from the planning committee: LPC has objected to this application and is submitting a holding objection as well as requesting an extension of time be granted for comments.

It was felt that as the decision for outline was made purely on the basis of the housing supply this should be requested to be reviewed. This was not a plan of houses wanted or that was deliverable and there has been no pre planning application communication or consultation.

Public consultation and consideration of hiring external consultants: Corrie Newell of CN Historic will be required to send a holding objection to this application. This was agreed. A drainage consultant may be required to review this as the consequences for the village could be quite high as this is abutting the river. Cllr E Bald proposed that LPC seeks consultants on drainage landscape and transport should they be required, up to a spend value of £3,000 with the planning committee writing the specification for the work. Should the holding objection be accepted this would be brought back to full council. Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed.

Article 4 for the conservation area: The clerk and Cllr Mannassi to write a response that this is still an idea in the early stages and this needs to be reviewed, following this a formal public consultation will be held. This is to include an update on what this does and confirmation of the process and intended timeline for a public consultation. Article 4 will offer protection by limiting permitted development as Linton currently does not have a Neighbourhood Plan and the conservation area is not currently listed as a special conservation area. To be reviewed and voted on by council that should the public be proven to support this through the public consultation LPC will look to

introduce this. Cllr Ward proposed that this was an area that should be explored further but no commitment would be made until after the public consultation and council has reviewed the information fully. Cllr Hill seconded, this was put to a vote with seven for and two abstentions.

Traffic matters: A1307 Parish Forum meeting report of the 6th July at West Wickham: Cllr E Bald proposed that LPC continues to oppose the dual carriageway and bypasses proposed by Haverhill, to support long term solutions for commuters and that a meeting be held with Andrew Munro regarding the Greenways Project. Cllr Ward seconded all of the above. Agreed.

Update on Market Square: Verbal update from the traffic working group. Consideration of the quotations for the signage and enforcement for Market Square: Cllr J Bald proposed that LPC accepts the quotation to rent the equipment on a trial basis for three months, Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed.

Letter from a resident regarding Market Square: Cllr J Bald to correspond with the resident to provide updates. Residents permits still needs a solution. The traffic (Market Square) working group to review the remits of permits and bring back to council.

Consideration of the letter from a resident regarding safety issues at Green Lane junction to the High Street: This item was dealt with under public participation.

Social media post regarding parking issues at Parsonage Way: Once the priority tasks on traffic such as Market Square are resolved this will become a key focus area for LPC with regards to traffic issues. Clerk to publish the reporting line notice and website so that residents can report these.

Consideration of the Local Highways Improvement application from LPC prior to submission to CCC. Cllr Ward proposed, Cllr Kell seconded. Agreed with one abstention. Cllr E Bald to submit application

CCC highways regarding confirmation of a temporary traffic order, south division: No comments.

Leadwell Meadows: Consideration of the payment to Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance for June 2018. Cllr Ward proposed that the final payment for Leadwell Meadows was withheld, Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed.

Consideration of the retendering of Leadwell Meadows: It was decided that this would be formally retendered. The Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework was recommended to be reviewed for the grounds contract suppliers. This would assist with the retender. Cllr E Bald proposed this is retendered through ESPO, Cllr Ward seconded. Agreed.

Trees: Written report from the tree warden. The Football Club tree is resolved. Cllr Ward represented the tree council at a recent meeting and is now regional tree warden. The tree officers at the district council want to use the Linton model as a training for new tree wardens. They will be provided resource and use of the office.

Tree protection plan: This is looking to be reviewed. Some resource may be required from the office. An email box is to be set up for trees at Linton to manage communications and the junior assistant clerk is to be the lead contact. Cllr Ward to manage the technical element.

Consideration of the quotations for the tree survey from Argenta Tree Surveys, Mercer Tree Services, Oakfield Tree Services and James Blake Associates: The tree warden recommended the quotation from Ian Lorman (Argenta), who was the previous tree officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council. Cllr J Bald proposed that this suggestion be accepted, Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed. OS survey maps to be raised.

Review of tree guards from an alternative supplier: Cllr E Bald proposed LPC gets 21 as this reduces the price, however clerk to look on ESPO to see if this is cheaper, work with Cllr E Bald and Cllr Ward to review, and if cheaper buy from ESPO. Cllr Hine seconded. Agreed.

Report from the allotment working group: Noted.

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