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Which pharmacy? The choice is yours

Background

IN the July issue of the Linton News we published a letter from Anne Bradley which raised concerns over the leaflets from Pharmacy2U which offered to handle repeat prescriptions from our doctors, including free home delivery or to Linton Health Centre if we signed up to their services. Pharmacy2U is an online service based in Leeds in West Yorkshire.

Since then we have had several letters from readers worried that we might lose our village pharmacy or that the pharmacy was actually closing. These are published in the column to the right.

Some confusion entered the debate as Granta Pharmacy in Sawston also did a leaflet drop at about the same time offering free delivery on repeat prescriptions if you used their Pharmacy. They deliver to Linton Pharmacy or the patient's home address - in either case a signature is required on receipt. They assure me they are not connected to Pharmacy2U.

Finally, our own Linton Village Pharmacy put the case for keeping our custom with them. See the far right column.
Editor

Comment

AS Granta Medical Practices point out it is true that we can take our prescriptions to any pharmacy. Some already take them to pharmacies in other towns and villages. However this may be difficult for patients without their own transport.

On enquiring to the Sawston and Pharmacy2U services, it appears that they only deliver repeat prescriptions. For a one-off prescription I understand that the patient still has to take it, or get someone to take it, to a pharmacy.

There may be difficulties if the prescription from a remote pharmacy is delivered to the home when the patient is out and so it cannot be signed for but has to be collected / delivered later.

Concerns have also been raised (see the letters in the central column) as to confidentiality/ data protection of information if the Pharmacy at Sawston was using the information from the Granta Medical Practices database.
Editor

Flower Festival Fun

At this year's Flower Festival at St Mary's, on the theme of *Characters from the Bible*, there were 23 arrangements on subjects varying from *Jonah and the Whale* arranged by The Chestnut Playgroup to *Moses in the bulrushes* by Symonds House Care Home.

The stalls did a steady trade and many enjoyed the food at the restaurant and the home-made cake and cream teas. Dalehead Foods kindly donated sausages for the barbeque. The duck race was won by Lydia Foote and a number of children sent their teddies flying from the church tower. Overall, the event raised £3,305.64 which will go towards the upkeep of the church. Many thanks to Nanette Blackmore for all her work in overseeing the event, to our ten local sponsors and to all those who came along.
Pam Richardson



Joseph and his coat of many colours by Linton Heights and Moses and the bulrushes by Symonds House Care Home

Picture by Roger Lapwood

Too good for jumble...

A BRAND new three arm rotary clothes drier is on offer this month together with the heavy duty quality polythene Draper patio set cover 90 cm high x 150 cm dia. (opened but unused) and the wood framed cork notice board 24 ins (60 cm) square.

To buy any of the above, or if you have an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

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

Your letters

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Anne Bradley's letter about protecting our High Street pharmacy.

I have raised the subject of the pharmacy with Granta Medical Practices and with the MD of Granta Pharmacy. It seems that Granta Medical Practices will be profiting from the provision of Linton Health Centre resources to Granta Pharmacy.

Unfortunately, the loss of the prescription business from the High Street may put the business under threat. If the High Street pharmacy were to close, it would be a serious loss to the community and it would be unlikely to be replaced by Granta Pharmacy.

I find it very sad that Granta Medical Practices appears to be adopting such a short sighted view in encouraging the cherry picking of services by Granta Pharmacy, which may lead to an overall loss to the community. Surely, this is not what was intended when Granta Medical Practices was formed.

I would encourage Linton residents to continue to make as much use as possible of the local pharmacy. As it says in the song...you don't know what you've got till it's gone.
George Brooke, Back Road

Dear Editor

I have recently received a pamphlet through the post offering to do all my prescriptions from a new pharmacy attached to the surgery at Sawston. I have also been told that some people with regular repeats have been telephoned and urged to accept this service. We have our own village pharmacy in Linton that has served us very well for many years and I see these attempts to take away these services from our village as very aggressive and inappropriate marketing. If many people were to take this service up it would seriously threaten the continuing viability of our Linton Village Pharmacy. If our pharmacy closed we would not only lose the prescription dispensing but also the availability of access to the advice of a trained pharmacist which the government are always urging us to use more often to relieve pressure on GP services. Also our village pharmacy provides us with non prescription medications and a range of toilet products. It would be a big loss to our village if the pharmacy were driven out of business. Therefore I would appeal to people in Linton to think very carefully before they switched their loyalty to an outside competitor.
Dr Derek Lockstone by email

Dear Editor,

I write with great concern about the potential loss of our highly regarded village pharmacy in Linton High Street run by Deepa Sodha to be replaced with some Internet or remote pharmacies (Pharmacies could come from Sawston or from a Central Base in Leeds, West Yorkshire).

I urge all the Linton community and surrounding villages to support the vital services that we have here in Linton and sometimes take for granted. Why? Because it gives great advice from a registered pharmacist and is a local service including delivery of medicines to your door if housebound or otherwise.

The Village Pharmacy has competitive prices and the staff also liaise with the Linton Health Centre who holds the health records. I have read literature about our pharmacy and it says "we are not going anywhere", but with no customers, how can a pharmacy stay open?

Once again I urge you to support the Village Pharmacy before you lose it.
Dorothy Lenton

Dear Editor,

I have been amazed recently to receive not only a phone call but also flyers delivered through the door trying to get me to use the pharmacy service to get free delivery of prescriptions issued.

I am perturbed that a call service gets my details from the Linton Health Centre to then phone me offering their free service for all future prescriptions to be delivered to my home for free.

How do I know that my details are not being passed on anywhere else (especially for money) and if enough people in Linton sign up for such a service, how long would it be before the Linton Pharmacy is closed? If that happened would we suddenly find that as there is then no competition, would it be long before the free service stopped?

I have lived in Linton since the early 90's and am happy to utilise a local service. If it closes it would either need a trip to Cambridge, Haverhill or Sawston to get something that is only a walk away currently.
Graham Elks

Dear Editor,

We have recently received a communication from Granta Pharmacy (Sawston) offering, if signed and returned, to deliver repeat prescriptions to the Linton Health Centre, or to homes where they must be signed for.

We are fortunate enough to have a very good Village Pharmacy in Linton which has for some years delivered repeat prescriptions at convenient times to people who have difficulty getting to the pharmacy and will always if asked send with the medicines an item from the shop which will be paid for on the spot.

The offer from the Granta Pharmacy (Sawston) is not as good as this and takes business away from one of our remaining shops.
Name and address supplied

Statement from Granta Medical Practices

GRANTA Medical Practices have received enquiries regarding the recent leaflet drops by several separate pharmacies in Linton village, these include Granta Pharmacy, Linton Pharmacy and Pharmacy2U.

Please be assured that the doctors and staff of Granta Medical Practices always strongly support patient choice in this matter and we will continue to do so - we believe that every patient should feel that they have absolute free choice regarding the pharmacy that they wish to use. The practice values the contribution that all community pharmacies make by working closely with the practice to provide the best possible care for the patient.
Granta Medical Practices

The Village Pharmacy view

DEAR valued customers

The Village Pharmacy on Linton High Street has been providing friendly pharmaceutical services, specially tailored to the Linton community, for over 43 years.

We would like to thank you for your support over this time and would like to reassure you that we are still going to be here for some time to come - and not, as some of our customers have been led to believe, that we are closing down.

This follows some of you receiving leaflets from other pharmacies in the area or indeed internet pharmacies offering their services.

We would ask you to come in and speak to us before signing your consent to another pharmacy (including internet / remote pharmacies). We feel we can offer all the services that you may require including a free prescription delivery service, repeat prescription ordering and support, NHS Electronic prescription service, medicine use reviews, discharge from hospital service, new medicine service for newly prescribed medicines, flu vaccinations, healthy lifestyle advice and we have a private consultation room for confidential advice.

If you feel we need to provide you with any other support or services, please do give us a call on 892018 or pop in to speak to Deepa, your local pharmacist.

Deepa Sodha, Pharm, GPhC registered, MRPharmS

Dr Arbide to swim Channel

DR MIG ARBIDE, GP at Granta Medical Practices, is raising money for melanoma research in primary care via the local charity *Melanoma Focus* by doing an English Channel swim in August.

This money will go to projects designed to prevent melanoma and pick them up early in General Practice. It will fund Dr Fiona Walters' research at Strangeways laboratories in Cambridge.

Dr Walters has already worked with local surgeries and patients over the last 10 years or so. It is really important research to avoid unnecessary suffering and deaths.

To sponsor Dr Arbide go to his page on :

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MigArbide>

Note: Dr Arbide has written an article on the deleterious effects of too much sun (including cancers such as melanomas) see page 2 *Here comes the sun.*

Dr Arbide/LNT

Storms strike Linton



Hailstones on the doorstep

Picture by Mike Crofts

EARLY on the morning of Wednesday 19th July Linton residents woke up to a massive lightning storm which included large hailstones raining down.

There were reports of dents in bonnets and roofs of cars caused by the hailstones and numerous panes of glass being broken in greenhouses. Two solar tubes on the roof of one house were broken.

Mike Crofts actually went down and took the above photo of hailstones on his doorstep. He says the largest was 25.6mm or just over one inch diameter.

LNT

chestnut playgroup Linton

IT has been a fun year at Chestnut Playgroup with lots of new children and plenty of activities to keep us busy. We have really enjoyed getting out and about in the community, with visits to the Co-op, St Mary's Church, the post office and the Infants school for Sports Day. We have welcomed community members into Playgroup to talk to the children and read stories to them, and have also taken part in events within the community. Our first jumble sale at the village hall was a great success and we very much enjoyed making fantastic fish and a whale for our Jonah and the Whale display at St Mary's Flower Festival.

We have been fortunate to receive funding from the Co-op as well as the Anderson Trust, the Parish Council and Sawston Fun Run. With this money we are planning to revamp our garden, which is used by us and by members of the community.

We have also acquired new resources to use at playgroup, including some fantastic real world picture screens that will really enhance our role-play area.

We wish all our families and friends of Chestnuts a restful summer and will see you in September.

We are booking places for September 2017, offering a range of morning, lunch and afternoon sessions five days a week to children from two years old.

Please contact our Administrator for further details on admin@chestnutplaygroup.org.uk. 07342 900120.

Wendy Hine



Jonah and the whale display

Picture supplied by Wendy Hine

News from St Mary's

MANY thanks to all who took part in St Mary's Flower Festival, and those who visited, creating such a lovely atmosphere and raising over £3,000.

August can seem a very long month to parents, especially if you're not away on holiday. Do bring children to our weekly Art Club on Wednesday mornings from 10 – 11.30am in the Church Pavilion. There will be drinks and snacks, and a chance to make various artworks about *Our Village*.

Here's a reminder that we shall be holding the ancient service of Compline on Sunday evenings at 8pm in St Mary's, Shudy Camps, by candlelight. Each service will begin with the chance to reflect on a poem or a picture in some silence – a real oasis in a busy world. Everyone welcome.

When we resume normal activities in September, we shall experiment with a new idea – *Wild Church* – a service for people of all ages at 2.30pm on the first Sunday afternoon of the month. All services will begin in the Church Pavilion, but then we aim to go out of doors as much as possible and appreciate God through our beautiful environment, ending, if possible with a camp fire.

The first *Wild Church* on 3rd September will visit the Church's new Peace Garden, to put in some of the first planting there and think about biblical gardens. This is to complement our monthly *Messy Church* held on the third Sunday of each month, restarting 18th September.

Maggie Guite (Rector), margaret.guite@icloud.com

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Linton Heights French Day

"THE dancing was awesome" (Erik, Class 3). "It was pretty amazing" (Amelia, Class 1). These were just two of the enthusiastic reactions to French Day at Linton Heights.

Learning a foreign language can open a child's mind to new ways of thinking and living. It reduces the fear of the unknown and aversion to risk-taking. Not only does it increase tolerance and understanding, it reinforces and deepens understanding of English. For all these reasons we take the learning of French seriously at Linton Heights. Fortunately, serious learning can also be good fun.

This year our year 6 pupils have made animations out of Lego with a soundtrack in French. They have written their own French songs and entered them in a Eurovision style contest and they have organised and run a French café for the younger children.

Every year we go to France for the day and visit a market, where we practise our French on the stallholders and spend our euros. Once or twice a term we hold a meeting of the French Film Club, where pupils of all year groups watch a full-length feature film in French with subtitles, excellent for concentration, speed-reading and inference skills, as well as providing an insight into French culture and the musicality of the language. Spontaneous speaking of French is encouraged throughout the week at Linton Heights and is rewarded with certificates and eventually a badge, which can be worn to school.

Vive la langue française et bonnes vacances!

Madame Kelly

Our Post Office has moved

WE are so lucky that we have kept our Post Office in Linton. Along with owner of Sweet Talk News Ajay Joseph, we fought successfully to keep it in the village. It has now completed the move to Sweet Talk News and is settled in.

The services at the new Post Office comprise the counter service including such things as selling stamps and postage, Post Office and banking deposits and withdrawals and payments (including Moneygram for payments to people in far flung places), car tax, travel services and pensions.

Items of mail which cannot be delivered (eg the recipient is out at the time) can be held at the Post Office – meaning we

don't have to traipse to Cambridge or Saffron Walden. The post office also does returns for online ordering for various companies.

All in all it is so handy to have the Post Office in the village, I cannot imagine not having it here.

Please also note that the Post Office has the Linton News letter box (for those who do not use email) and the village diary for you to put your event in thus ensuring your local events are advertised and do not clash with other events.

The diary is kept on top of the cash ATM and please ask staff for the location of the Linton News letter box.

Editor

Here comes the sun and Melanoma skin cancer

WE are having a fantastic summer so far, it is bright and sunny outside today.

Tanning does protect the skin slightly but means there is some skin damage already.

www.bad.org.uk/for-the-public/skin-cancer/sunscreen-fact-sheet
Too much sun, too strong and too often causes genetic changes in the skin cells increasing the risk of cancer.

Melanomas are the really nasty skin cancers. They are usually brown or black, but can be pinkish. Lots of sun exposure, repeated burning, having lots of 'atypical' moles and a family history are risk factors.

Melanoma can appear anywhere in the body, so get a friend to check your back from time to time. If caught early they can be easily cured by removing them, but they do spread to other organs, sometimes quickly, and sometimes they are caught late.

One in five melanomas affect young adults and as a result they have a large impact in terms of years of life lost. Melanoma incidence has increased more than for any other common cancer in the UK. Lifetime risk of 1 in 60.

*The thing to look out for in a mole:
(Change, Change, Change (in size, shape and colour).
ABC rule – Asymmetry, irregular Border and Colour (often several)*

So do seek advice early if you feel something is wrong with a mole and remember the successful Australian health campaign: Slip on a shirt, Slop on the 30+ sunscreen, Slap on a hat,

*Dr Arbide,
Granta Medical Practices*

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WHAT a busy last term we have had. A big thank you to the Granta School for letting us enjoy using their soft play room. We had a successful jumble sale to raise much needed funds to replace equipment, a sponsored ride on, a display at Linton Flower Festival, a busy open morning welcoming many new faces to our setting, a sports day and a tearful graduation and leaver's party.

We wish all the children that have left us to start school the very best of luck in the next step of their learning adventure and would like to thank all the children and families for their support throughout the year. We look forward to seeing some of the children returning in September. We currently have spaces Monday to Friday. Please contact admissions@lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk for more information.

We wish you all a very happy summer.

Linton Granta Playgroup Team.

Adult Education Linton Village College

OUR new and exciting programme starts in the Autumn Term. Why not come along and try something new?

Courses include pottery, cake decorating, photography, mindfulness, fun with textiles, upholstery, silver jewellery, Indian cookery, Tai Chi and flower arranging. We have increased languages, with beginners French, Spanish & Italian and improvers Spanish & Italian.

We also run Saturday workshops. Some examples are hand-made Christmas chocolates, Nuno felt scarves, Indian cookery, and sugar craft. For more details on a course or workshop or if you would like a copy of our brochure or an enrolment form contact adult.education@lvc.org

Please feel free to pop in at the main reception at Linton Village College to collect a brochure.

Margaret Kiddy

Sawston Village College

WE are excited to offer you a completely new range of courses for the next academic year. *Dichroic glass jewellery, Sew with knitted fabrics, Watercolours for beginners, Staying safe on-line, Diabetes and me, Fitness for mature movers* is just a small sample of what we will be offering.

We have some taster sessions from 10 – 11am on Saturday 2nd September for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September). Booking is essential to guarantee your place.

The subjects currently available to try are *French beginners, How to apply make-up, Indian cookery, Indian dance, Introduction to writing fiction (9.30 – 10.30am), Spanish for beginners and Yoga*. All our new and usual courses are on our website at www.sawstonadulted.org. We are sure you will find something of interest.

If you wish to make a booking you will find a booking form on our website for completion and return. Plus we have an enrolment morning from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 2nd September, so you could pop by then to book your place.

The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday from 9am – 1pm from Thursday 24th August. Our contact details are 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org.

We hope you have an enjoyable summer.

Sue King and Amanda Hoskins, Adult Education Dept.

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Dear Editor,
Readers may not be aware that many dwellings in Linton, particularly in the older central area, do not have surface water sewers. As such, occupiers are currently entitled to a £35 per annum rebate on the sewerage rate. This is not given automatically by Anglian/Cambridge Water even though they know where the sewers are located.

Householders have to apply for it and can claim back payments for a number of years. If you wish to claim or are not certain as to whether or not you drain into surface water sewers, you can contact Anglian/Cambridge Water by calling 0800 919155 and, if eligible, your refund should be with you in less than a month. This will continue every year, possibly at a higher rate, for as long as you occupy the property.
William Hind, Green Lane

OUR THANKS

Over £1000 for Alzheimers

Dear Editor
I would like 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, from little Eliza at 15 months to her great grandma at 99 years, contributed to a fantastic final total of £1,021, absolutely amazing. Thank you all, I am just sorry I cannot thank you all personally.
Wendy Foster, Emsons Close

Tea and cake for Breast Cancer Care

OVER fifteen people gathered in a local garden recently to enjoy the sunshine and afternoon tea to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care. The proceeds from the refreshments, quizzes, raffle and pink tombola meant that over £130 will be sent to help provide support for women, men, family and friends affected by breast cancer. Many thanks to all those who contributed in any way, in particular to May, Kate and Hannah. More information about the charity can be found at breastcancer.org.uk
Ann King, 897832

Library offers assistance with applying on-line for bus passes or blue badges

THE Library is pleased to offer assisted digital services for those wishing to gain assistance in applying for or renewing a bus pass or blue badge.

Please call in at the library to make an appointment, which will usually be offered for a Thursday afternoon with our computer buddy.

Please note that we are not able to offer immediate assistance without an appointment due to limited resources.

Did you know that it is possible to complete the application yourself online? However, if you are having difficulties, please make an appointment and the library staff will be happy to help.

Lindsay Healy,
Linton Library

Editor's note: our article on the front page of the July issue did not make it clear that it was only assistance with on-line renewal of bus passes and blue badges. Apologies to all for the confusion.

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The Suffolk Gipsy



THE extraordinary life story of John Heigham Steggall was the subject of Pip Wright's talk to the WI. It was based on a book first published some 160 years ago, which he has republished.

John had been a gipsy, sailor, soldier and a parson. He ran away from his harsh boarding school and was taken in by gipsies. They cut his long hair, dressed him in rags, stained his skin brown and pretended he was deaf and dumb but the local constabulary discovered him after a gamekeeper friend of the gipsies had accidentally shot himself. John had to go to court and spoke up for the gipsies.

The gamekeeper recovered and John was eventually sent to another school with a kinder headmaster. On leaving school, John went to sea as an apprentice ship's surgeon but did not finish training. Afterwards he joined the army and was stationed in India where he was wounded in battle and sent home. While recovering John saw the light and resolved to become a parson like his father.

He went to Cambridge but never finished his degree. There was a shortage of priests, so he was able to get a job as a poorly paid curate travelling around the country and about this time he got married. He was asked to be a village parson and at the same time set up as the village surgeon until other doctors got him struck off. When he became a full time village parson he asked the church to build him a house and remained there for 50 years. He wrote his book and, at the age of 85, got married again to his housekeeper.

Our next meeting on 1st August will be an open meeting at which everybody is welcome including men. John Walters from the English Spirit Distillery will be giving the talk.

Sally Proberts, 891021

Another ACE day

ONCE again, ACE's annual Garden Party was blessed with warm and sunny weather. We served cream teas to around 50 ladies and gentlemen - lovely scones, supplied by Boswell's, and local strawberries. The ladies of the committee worked hard serving teas, running the raffle and stalls and welcoming many familiar faces as well as a good number of new ones. It was worth it to see such a happy gathering. Thank you also to those who brought raffle prizes and items for the stalls: much appreciated.

The money raised goes to support the Community Warden, who in turn supports residents to continue living independently in their own homes. This usually covers the Warden's travel expenses including taking clients to hospital, clinic and medical appointments, as well as to other local services.

Following the success of our trip to Sheringham, our next event will be a coach trip on Tuesday, 5th September, leaving the Dog and Duck at 9:30am, and then picking up at the Cemetery and Fire Station. We are off to St Albans, with its Roman remains, Museum, Cathedral, historic town centre, parks, plenty of shopping and many places to eat good food. Please call me to book a place - and bring a friend if you can.

Enid Bald 891069

Oldest person in Linton dies

GRACE Marjorie Moore passed away peacefully, in her 107th year, on 29th June 2017. She had lived in Linton for 36 years where she moved after her husband, Douglas Moore, died. She courageously built a new life for herself making many friends in Linton. She became a member of St Mary's Church and the Mother's Union and lived independently until her 100th year, before moving into a self-contained flat at Nichols Court. She enjoyed weekly visits to the Day Centre at Symonds House. She leaves behind a daughter, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; her only son having died ten years ago. Margaret Jocelyn, Daughter

Editor's note: We don't usually print obituaries but we featured Grace as our oldest resident in an article in November 2016. Our condolences to her family and friends.

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

AUGUST 2017

1 WI, 7.30pm	VH
2 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
3 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion Horseheath
5 Farmers' Market, 9am - 12 noon	VH
5 Friends of St Mary's Summer tea, 3pm	11 Mill Lane
7 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
8 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
9 Community navigator, 10am to 12noon	HC
14 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
16 Cambs Hearing Help, 9.30am to 12noon	HC
17 Friends of St Mary's Summer tea, 3pm	St Mary's Pavilion
17 Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
18 Daylight readers, 10.30am	Library
20 Walking group, 11am	Church Lane

SEPTEMBER 2017

2 Farmers' Market, 9am - 12noon	VH
2 Pudding evening, 7.30pm	St Mary's Pavilion
3 Wild Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's Pavilion
7 Camera Club, 7pm	VH
5 ACE trip to St Albans, 9.30am	D&D
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
7 Luncheon Club, 12 noon	Old Red Lion Horseheath
9 Ride & Stride, 10am-6pm,	Historic Churches Trust
11 Whist Drive, 7.30pm	VH
12 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
12 Linton garden Club, 7.30pm	VH
17 LVC 80 th Celebration, 2-4pm	LVC

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.
Bin Collection Dates
Linton refuse collection: Monday 14th and Tuesday 29th August
Linton blue and green bin collection: Mondays 7th and 21st August

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WITH the summer holidays in full swing we are warning young people to stay safe in the County's waterways and making you aware of the dangers of swimming in open water.

With the sun shining the public, particularly young people, are inclined to gather around waterways to socialise and enjoy the weather. Some of these are not always the easiest places to access for emergency vehicles and many are actually on private property, and not designed for public swimming with no lifeguard on site.

We want people to keep our *RememberRony* campaign in mind before they get tempted to cool down in rivers and lakes, and instead go to a supervised lido.

This campaign aims to educate young people about the risks associated with open water. It is backed by the family of Huntingdon schoolboy Rony John, who sadly died in 2014 while playing with friends in the River Great Ouse.

It is important for parents and young people to be aware of the many risks posed by open water, such as it being deeper than anticipated, with hazards below the surface to get trapped on. Even though the sun may be shining, the water could still be very cold causing the body to cramp up quickly and posing a risk to you getting out of the water safely.

It is also important that if you see someone in trouble in water you know what to do. Call 999 immediately with clear details of your location and if possible send someone to the nearest road to flag down the emergency services when they arrive. Find the nearest life ring or anything that could help them float, and if someone goes under the water, mark on the water's edge the place they were last seen with something like a piece of clothing.

For more information about water safety visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or to pledge that you will stay safe around open water this summer, use the hashtag *RememberRony* on social media. or call 01480 444500.

Have your say on Children Centre proposals

A CONSULTATION to redesign Children's Centre Services which aims to ensure every child thrives in Cambridgeshire has gone live. You can read more and share their views at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/childrenscentreconsultation

The plans, from Cambridgeshire County Council, propose to create family friendly services in the heart of communities. It builds on the current situation, offering support to families of all ages, from expectant parents to young adults. The new children centre services will be more flexible and tailored for each community being delivered in places they know or already use, and in doing so, the Council will make savings of £1 million.

The proposals will also see Children's Centres work more closely with parents and health professionals to provide a set of integrated services. This service could include health visitors, midwifery and speech therapists. The new approach will support Child and Family Centres, Child and Family zones and an Outreach

Programme.

The consultation ends on 22nd September. Hard copy versions of the consultation can be found at Children Centres and Libraries. Frontline staff will also be at a range of events across the summer.

Decisions relating to the final proposals for Children's Centre Services will be taken when the Children and Young People Committee meets in the autumn.

Tara Hebditch, Linton Children's Centre 893594 / S&Lchildrenscentres@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Dangerous Dads raise over £2,000



Ready for the off

Picture supplied by Ian Webb

ON Saturday 1st July, the somewhat optimistically named *Linton Dangerous Dads* undertook their ninth annual charity off-road bike ride. Over these last nine years, this intrepid bunch of ageing Dads have raised over £15,000 for local charities. This year, the Dads chose to ride for the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge, a very deserving charity which has touched so many lives in such a meaningful way. Starting off from the Dog and Duck, the Dads took in 42 miles off-road riding on a route around the tracks and bridleways of South Cambridgeshire and North Essex.

To date, this year's ride has raised nearly £2,200 for Arthur Rank, which will help towards the approximate £2m annual funding gap the Hospice have to provide their much-needed care. The Dads would like to thank everyone who sponsored them, as well as the legions of friends and families for their support and donations.

Ian Webb, Linton Dangerous Dads

Linton Air Cadets

TIME flies. Once again the annual inspection of 2523 Linton Squadron has come around and I'm delighted to say that we passed with a clean bill of health. The inspection covers not only our back-office paperwork, but is also a check that we are filling enough places across all the activities the ATC offers.

The most prestigious activity is flying and this month we managed to get four cadets airborne from RAF Cranwell, Lincolnshire. "There is a lot of preparation beforehand" says Cadet Orton, one of those lucky enough to get a space. "Whilst the pilots check the aircraft we have a separate safety brief, so we know exactly what to do in all eventualities. After a short wait in the cadet crew room the pilot then walks us out and

helps us into the aircraft." The ATC have a fleet of two seater Grob Tutor aircraft piloted by current and ex RAF pilots.

"Once airborne we are given the choice of activity. I chose aerobatics which included loop the loops and barrel rolls. After a few demonstrations I was able to hold the controls whilst the pilot flew the manoeuvres and was then invited to fly my very own barrel roll. It happened to be my birthday and it was the best day ever."

With another annual camp on the horizon hopefully we will get more cadets airborne. We also have had another Duxford car park and camp over this month. In cadets it's not only time that flies.

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REACH into the community

REACH, a Haverhill based charity, is launching its new outreach community project into Linton and the surrounding villages.

REACH aims to support families through periods of crises via a variety of interventions and benefit advice, emergency food supplies and support for essential needs.

REACH stands for Restore, Encourage, Action, Community and Hope and has helped

over 10,000 people over the last 12 years. Our new community project aims to support individuals and families in the villages who are unable to access our resource centre in Haverhill.

We offer home visits and surgeries in Linton will be available over the coming months. If you or your family need free, confidential advice or support please contact Tina Rice on: 07551 037861 or email: tina@reach-cp.org.

Nominate local community groups for national awards

A COMMUNITY charity is asking the public to nominate community groups to receive a national award at an awards ceremony recognising their work in making their local areas better places to live.

The charity, Groundwork, says it has launched the Groundwork Community Awards as a way of honouring small community groups making a big difference to everyone's quality of life in their local area, and to celebrate and reward groups who often get little recognition and support. Visit the awards website:

www.groundwork.org.uk/communityawards

The deadline for nominations is 25th August and the awards are simple to enter via an online system where community groups can highlight their own achievements – or can be nominated to receive an award in one of 10 categories

- Best community group contribution to health and wellbeing
- Best community group contribution to environmental sustainability
- Best community group contribution to community cohesion
- Best community group contribution to education or employment
- Best community project on a social housing estate
- Best community partnership with business
- Best community garden or green space
- Community leader of the year
- Young community leader of the year and finally
- Community group of the year – all round achievement award

Shortlisted community groups will be invited to attend a national awards ceremony in central London on the evening of 2nd November.

Maddy Iszchak, Groundwork East
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www.groundwork.org.uk/east

Linton Free Church



Beautiful skies over the church

Picture taken by Doug Irish

NEXT time you stroll along Horn Lane on your way to see the ducks, do pause and admire the recently refurbished frontage of Linton Free Church.

Thanks to a significant grant from the government's Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund, the church has been able to carry out major repair work to the guttering and other roofing areas that were causing significant deterioration of this Grade 2 listed Georgian building, which will be 200 years young next year.

The church is home to a growing and lively congregation. Sunday services are at 10.30am for all ages. There are also midweek groups and the buildings are in regular use by various community groups.

For further information on the church, contact the church secretary, Mrs Linda Pearson on 892197.

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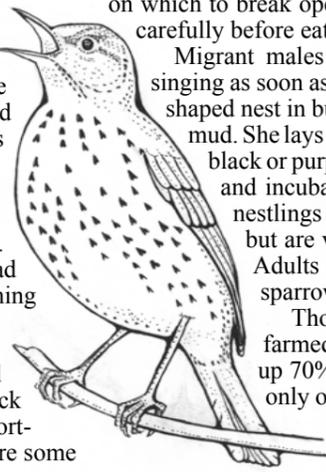
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The song thrush

AT school you might have studied Robert Browning's poem *Home Thoughts from Abroad*. "That's the wise thrush, he sings each song twice over. Lest you should think he never could recapture the first fine careless rapture". We have been entranced by our resident thrush last thing at night and then again in the early morning. There he sits in the treetop, giving it his all, apparently the bird with the loudest call for its weight. The Latin name comes from Philomela in Greek mythology. Her tongue was cut out and she turned into a beautiful song bird. Thrushes have a repertoire of up to 100 phrases, and they repeat them two or three times before moving on to the next one. What a pleasure it is to hear them. If you have had a bad day, and even if you haven't, try going outside and listening to the song around you. The song thrush is slightly smaller than a blackbird, with the same run and stop hunting technique. Male and female are very similar, with brown upperparts and black upward pointing spotted cream and buff underparts, sporting a yellow bill and pink legs and feet. Though there are some

migrants, they are year round in Britain, eating snails, worms and fruit, and living in hedgerows, parks and gardens. They are best known for their habit of using a favourite stone as an anvil on which to break open snail shells. They then wipe the snails carefully before eating them. Migrant males establish a breeding territory and start singing as soon as they return. The female builds a neat cup shaped nest in bushes, trees and creepers, and lines it with mud. She lays four or five bright blue eggs, speckled with black or purple. Two or three broods a year are normal, and incubation takes between 10 and 17 days. The nestlings are fed on worms, slugs and insect larvae, but are vulnerable to magpies, jays and squirrels. Adults can also be killed by cats, little owls and sparrow hawks. Though thrushes have declined in intensively farmed areas such as ours, gardens now make up 70% of their breeding habitat. We are not the only ones to hear more from them in Linton this summer. Please don't squish your snails – thrushes need them.



We remember

Captain the Rev. Herbert Green, MC, CF.

HERBERT GREEN of Catley Park, Linton was the son of Cambridge County Councillor Henry Green. Perhaps because of his father's status, Herbert received more newspaper coverage than other Linton men who served in World War I, leaving us with poignant details of his service and sacrifice. When war was declared Herbert was studying to become a minister at a Wesleyan theological college in Surrey. He quickly enlisted, joining the Royal Navy Division as a private in September 1914. He returned to Linton briefly in August 1915 to marry his sweetheart, Olive Barugh, in a simple ceremony at the Congregational Church on Horn Lane where both had worshipped as children. Herbert rose to lieutenant, but in January 1916 was recommended to the Army Chaplains' Department. Immediately after ordination in September he proceeded to France with the 41st Infantry Brigade. In May 1917 Herbert was the first Linton man to receive the Military Cross, for "conspicuous bravery in directing and assisting the bringing in of wounded soldiers under an exceedingly heavy fire" at the second battle of Arras. Herbert was next due on

leave in August. Olive must have awaited his homecoming with special excitement, for that June she had given birth to their baby son. But on the day she expected Herbert home, Olive instead received heartbreaking news: her husband was dead, killed in action in Flanders. Raymond Green would never know his father. Herbert Green died on August 24th, 1917, aged 28 years. Major the Rev. G. Leonard Robinson, wrote: "...I am more than grieved to say that your brave and gallant husband fell in action yesterday morning. The afternoon before he had gone to one of our advanced dressing stations, and the next morning was on his way to the aid post of one of his battalions, when an enemy shell burst quite near to him, about 100 yards from the dressing station." Herbert Green was one of 179 chaplains who lost their lives. He lies buried in The Huts cemetery at Dickebusch in Belgium. His name is listed on a brass memorial plaque at the Wesleyan Methodist church in Cambridge, on the war memorial in Linton cemetery in St. Mary's church and a memorial tablet in Linton Congregational Church. **Anna McMahon. 892525 or 07931 966952,**

PLODDING ALONG

An update on police matters

Should the commissioner have governance over fire services too?

RECENTLY, the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, launched his fire governance consultation. The Police want your views about changing the governance of the fire and rescue service in Cambridgeshire. This follows a government legislation to promote greater joint working between emergency service organisations. The proposal is that the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and has overall responsibility for the governance of both Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and Cambridgeshire Constabulary. This document summarises the four options and the reasons for recommending the chosen option. All the information regarding the consultation, including a short survey, can be found using the link below; <http://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/> We would like as many people as possible to complete the survey therefore would be most grateful if you could not only complete the survey yourself, but also share this information as widely as possible.

Sarah Morgan, Engagement Officer

Update on local crimes

OVERNIGHT of Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July two cars in Rivey Way, Linton were targeted. In most cases the thieves appear to be looking for bags, wallets etc assuming they will contain cash, bank cards and other small items. Always make sure your car is locked but just as importantly keep valuables out of sight, or better still take them out of your car before you go out. A business premises on The Grip industrial estate was broken into on 19th July. Computer and media equipment was stolen. PCSO Chris Wiseman, Sawston Police Station

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hildersham church autumn programme - some dates for the diary
Hildersham lecture
THE Lectures are now an established part of the Hildersham programme. The next series begins with *An evening with Keith Day: a lifetime with the NHS*. The lecture starts at 7.30pm on Friday 29th September in Hildersham church. Entry £5 including refreshments. U18s free
Kings Taverners concert
This group of a *cappella* singers provide an annual treat. This year's performance will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th October in Hildersham church. Tickets £10 including refreshments, U18s free. More details nearer the time.
Cathy Myer on 892848 or email: catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Slimming World members raise money for Cancer Research
MORE than 20 members of the Linton Slimming World group took part in the *Relay for Life* 24hr team walking event to raise vital funds for Cancer Research UK. This event takes place throughout the night to signify that Cancer never sleeps, and celebrates Cancer survivors whilst raising money to fund research into more cures and treatments for this awful disease. Through various raffles and events as well as sponsorship for the walk over £2000 was raised by the Linton Slimming World members. Emma, 07786542604 slimmingworldlinton@hotmail.com

Are you up for it?
THE Great Balsham Boundary Walk is on Sunday 10th September setting off from 10am at the Church Institute. Dogs are welcome on leads and there will be refreshments and there are short and long routes. Register and get your sponsor form and walk notice on the day or at: www.balshammap.net Fundraising is for the Balsham Map Project and Church Community Room. Dick Paden, 892968

August events at Wandlebury
ADVENTURES with Art - for accompanied children on Tuesday 8th August.
• From 10am to 12noon for five to nine year olds.
• From 1pm to 3pm for three to five year olds
Pond Predators - holiday event for accompanied children age 5 and over on Wednesday 9th August from 10am to 12noon
Vital Spark theatre workshops Wednesday 16th August:
• From 10am to 10.45am – Mini Beast Magic Preschool adventure for accompanied children ages two to five years.
• From 11am to 11.45am – Neverland Adventure. Preschool adventure for accompanied children ages two to five years.
• 12noon to 3pm – Making and performing with puppets. For unaccompanied primary school ages.
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The Marsh mail



A YOUNG person's education consists of all sorts of experiences beyond the regular curriculum at LVC. As well as learning important knowledge and skills that will help them to achieve success in academic study and the next steps in their lives, opportunities at school also help our young people to learn valuable life lessons about themselves and their communities.

Our PSHE (personal, social and health education) and enrichment programmes are ways in which students do this. Through a diverse range of topics and activities, our young people are enabled to mature and develop their understanding of their own personal development and of the world around them.

As with every generation that has come before them, it is a challenging and exciting time to be a young adult. With a degree of uncertainty about what the future has to hold, and the promise of the change that they have the power to enact, we aspire to help our students to play a positive and productive role in their communities and in wider society. A key element of this is to develop their confidence, independence and sense of responsibility.

One way in which we help young adults to broaden their horizons and learn from those that are different as well as similar to themselves is by providing opportunities to travel and benefit from an exposure to new experiences and contexts.

This academic year there has been a great range of local and international excursions. In the last month, students of all ages have participated in the Wind Band Tour to Croatia, playing live music in a number of town squares across the Adriatic coastline.

Currently twenty of our Year 11 students are on a Camps International adventure in Cambodia. Following a great deal of personal fundraising, they are spending four weeks exploring the country and helping to contribute to community infrastructure through charity volunteer work, such as helping to build schools.

These kinds of life experiences are character shaping and help our young people to grow, learn and mature in all kinds of ways that can't be tested or measured through a formal exam.

Helena Marsh
Executive Principal

Memories of LVC in 1937

With thanks to Elsie Nunn, Hetty Pavitt and Hannah Beavis of Abington.

ELSIE and Hetty, born and raised in Abington, never expected to attend Linton Village College. They didn't think it would be built before they turned 14 when they would leave school altogether. In the end Hetty squeaked in for a term, Elsie for two.



Elsie Nunn (née Marsh)

Pictures taken by Anna McMahon

Hannah attended for one year. Her family had recently moved from Durham to Abington's Land Settlement, a government initiative to create opportunities for people from the northeast and Wales. On arrival the first LVC students were lined up, divided into groups and allocated classrooms in the new school building. Hetty's group of rising 14s, only there until Christmas, used the main hall. She doesn't recall many formal lessons but remembers hours picking stones out of the playing field, making it fit for purpose. While some students objected, Hetty found this task more fun than sitting at a desk.

Hannah, who had run for her school in Durham, enjoyed PE and came in on Saturdays for extra handball sessions. She also liked poetry, and can still recite a poem memorized more than eighty years ago.

Elsie remembers cookery lessons, taken in a hut until the cookery room was built. Girls prepared the basics, such as sausages, mash and cabbage. School food was varied and plentiful. Elsie recalls delicious steamed peach pudding and custard. Giggling, Hetty remembers green peas: she and her friends snuck them onto the sports master's chair and: "he'd sit on them in his lovely white flannels!"

At 14, students moved on. Some continued studies in Cambridge, but most wanted to start earning. Elsie and Hetty went into service, but



Hannah Beavis (née Thexton)



Hetty Pavitt (née Cutter)

doing other people's housework wasn't satisfying. Elsie eventually took a factory job, Hetty became a papergirl, and Hannah worked for a paper manufacturer in Sawston.

During the war Elsie and Hetty often returned to LVC for Saturday night ballroom dances. There were plenty of dance partners from the military encampments around Abington. The girls walked or cycled there in the blackout, carrying gas masks. Hetty once entertained some troops by accidentally locking her bike wheel and flying head over heels into a ditch!

Elsie's son and Hetty's children and grandchildren also studied at LVC - the school has served everyone well. The ladies speak highly of the college's well behaved students. They have enjoyed events there down the years, including the annual Christmas teas arranged by students for older community members.

We hope Elsie, Hetty and Hannah will return to LVC to mark its eightieth anniversary, 2-4pm on Sunday 17th September 2017. Former students and staff, and members of the community, are welcome to come and share memories and to celebrate the school's achievements.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2072/17/FL, Steve & Kate Evans, 7 Barley Way. Proposed dormer to roof at rear of property.

S/2236/17/DC, Mr & Mrs Mark Griffiths, 2 Holttums Yard. Discharge of conditions 4a,b,c and d of planning permission S/2577/16/LB.

S/2237/17/FL, Mrs Judy Taylor, 81 Finchams. Apply external cladding to all elevations of the property.

S/2308/17/FL, A. Bishop, Greenditch House, Balsham Road. Proposed first floor rear extension, garage conversion to home office & new garage constructed.

S/2382/17/LD, Mr Hind, 11 Green Lane. Lawful development certificate for proposed blocking up of external door and the replacement of external windows.

S/2390/17/AD, Co-operative Foods, 106 High Street. 1 x Halo illuminated fascia, only the Co-op logo illuminated and 1 x externally illuminated timber Co-op projector.

S/2502/17/LD, Mrs Emily Saunders, 18 Chalklands. Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension and new soakaway.

S/2546/17/LD, Mr & Mrs Ajay Mishra, 10 The Grove. Lawful development certificate for proposed single storey lean-to-side extension.

S/2559/17/TP, Mrs Smart, 2 Stantons. Walnut-crown reduce height down to previous pruning points crown reduce spread to 1.5-2m behind previous pruning points. Remove 2 smallest limbs in lower crown. Reason for Walnut work - to maintain in size appropriate for garden silver birch in adjacent garden - reducing overhanging branches in upper crown by 2-2.5m and shape into crown.

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Planning Applications

IT has been a busy time for the Planning Committee. Linton now has major applications for housing on four sites, plus replacement or infill housing and individual applications. Here is an update.

Bartlow Road: 55 houses were given outline planning permission, although the legal situation has not been finalised. We still have scope to revise this knowing the potential effects on the floodplain, infrastructure and landscape.

Horseheath Road: Up to 50 houses with allotments (actually leased plots). Two applications were submitted and both rejected by South Cambs. The developer has appealed these decisions and there was to be a hearing to cover both applications. The Parish Council had submitted a rather formidable bundle of documents supporting the village case. The planning appeal will now be heard at a public inquiry, so that the evidence can be tested. Dates and details will be circulated. We now hear a third application will be submitted.

Back Road: Plans for 95 houses were refused by SCDC on 5th July - the vote was unanimous. In February, residents packed the Village Hall, adding their comments to those of the PC, to oppose the application. Several amendments and reports then needed responses, all of which took considerable time and research. Thank you to the many residents of Linton and Hildersham who sent such well argued and forceful comments to SCDC and who helped in so many other ways.

Refusal was on grounds of effects on our special chalk landscape and loss of high-quality farmland - major and unchangeable issues, which could be defended should Gladmans appeal the decision. Other reasons for rejection (such as the traffic, flooding and safety) could perhaps be resolved, so might not hold up at appeal.

Omission sites: These are sites omitted from the Local Plan as not needed to fulfil the five-year housing land supply, but which developers want to build upon. These are at Station Road, also covered by a special policy, as was the Rookery, and land behind Paynes Meadow, which we also expected to be for social housing. The disturbing one was for land east of Linton, from Balsham Road to A1307 - this could be up to 650 houses, we await the decision with some trepidation.

1, Horseheath Road: There is outline permission for seven dwellings here (reduced from nine). We should see the plans soon, as we notice the site is currently being cleared

The Van Centre: Plans for flats were rejected on design grounds. Following discussion with the developer, we expect revised plans including more affordable and easy access flats.

Balsham Road: We have now heard of another application, again from Gladmans. This time it is for 65 houses on Balsham Road, on the right as you leave Linton, behind Brinkman Road. As I write we have not received the planning application, but the developer is sending out leaflets as part of their public consultation.

The Parish Council will do its best to keep you informed, and would urge you to look at plans on the SCDC website and send them your comments, with a copy to our Clerk.

As with the other major developments, there will be a meeting when the application is discussed, with plenty of time to hear your views - we look forward to seeing you there.

So, we are threatened by 260 houses from speculative development - possibly many more. I keep hoping that applications will be for the type of homes Linton needs; affordable houses (apparently this is just under £300k.), homes for downsizers, or social housing at reasonable rents, in locations that will not harm the village and in numbers that will not overwhelm the infrastructure, but the Parish Council can only try to do the best for the village with what we are sent...and we would like to remain a village, please.

Enid Bald, Chairman of LPC Planning Committee

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Update on Gladman applications

THE Gladman planning application for 95 houses on Back Road had been considered by the parish council in February, with the village hall packed with residents. We heard the views of the village, who were united in opposing the application. The planning meeting followed: it is only the comments agreed at this meeting that go forward to South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) as parish council objections. The reasons for rejection (by the end of the meeting we had 72 of these ...) included the effects on landscape, neighbours, surface water flooding, archaeology, lack of infrastructure and transport, including safety aspects of Back Road.

The work for councillors starts with reading the whole application, noting the arguments, discrepancies and omissions eg the transport report referred to junctions and streets inaccurately, traffic data from Hillway (a cul-de-sac) were considered significant but not the A1307/Back Road junctions at Abington or Hildersham. However, we should not discuss the application or make statements to the public, as this might be seen as pre-determination.

Once all our comments are drafted, considered and decisions reached in committee, we can follow up on our comments and raise questions with the consultees, and talk openly.

When new reports or amendments come in, they are responded to; these need careful scrutiny, analysis of data and research (even if this is only to actually measure the width of Back Road - it is not 5m wide as stated in the application!). Throughout we are advised by our consultant, Corrie Newell of CN Historic, who

guides and reviews our work.

The application was heard at SCDC planning committee on 5th July. The reasons for rejection were given by Jean Kelly, speaking for Hildersham, Cllrs John and Henry Batchelor and me, for Linton. Gladman, the developer, did not present at the meeting.

The decision? To refuse the application – and the vote was unanimous!

SCDC rejected the application on grounds of landscape (we have a special chalkland character landscape) and the loss of high quality agricultural land. These are major and unchangeable issues which would be defensible should the developer appeal the decision. Other reasons for rejection could perhaps be resolved, so might not hold up at appeal.

So, thanks to the councillors who worked on the original planning application along with all the amendments and responses to reports. Thank you also to the many residents who sent such well argued and forceful comments to SCDC and who helped in so many other ways.

While we were at Cambourne, we heard of another application, again from Gladman. This time it is for 65 houses on Balsham Road. The developer is sending out leaflets as part of their public consultation.

We should raise public awareness and again have a meeting where the public can tell us their views - we must act for the good of Linton and its residents.

Cllr Enid Bald, chairman of LPC planning committee

Dog fouling

AS I walk around the village I have noticed that a small minority of dog owners allow their dogs to foul on pavements and on our green spaces. This is unpleasant and anti-social. Under the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 it is generally an offence for anyone in charge of a dog

to allow it to foul, unless they clear it up.

A few dog owners do clean up after their dogs, but - and this is much worse - they leave the poo bags either at the side of the path or tie them to a tree or hedgerow. These do not decompose and can be hanging there for months. Why do this? It is simple enough to take it home for disposal, or to drop it in the nearest bin. There is no need to leave these causing an ugly and lasting nuisance.

In the countryside, the Forestry Commission recommend a 'stick and flick' policy - so in the wilder areas, flick poo into undergrowth, off paths and to

Two suggestions for signage

Pictures taken by Simon Hill



keep it away from farm animals. Near buildings or pavements, bag and bin is the best way to deal with mess.

The village has plenty of dog bins and litter bins around the village, but does the village need more? If so, where? Please let us know. These can only be put in a place where they can easily be emptied by the local authority.

A villager whose house backs onto Rivey Lane has a put a plastic bottle with poo bags inside for dog owners to use - there is no excuse for leaving mess in the village.

Cllr Simon Hill

Village Hall - what next? Could you contribute?

THE parish council rent the office space and pay a contribution for the use of the upstairs meeting room to the Village Hall, which is a registered charity. People who volunteer to sit on the Village Hall management committee are trustees of the charity, including myself, even though I am there as a representative of the parish council.

Anyone who has been to the Village Hall recently can see the improvements. These have come about partly from the tiny amount of money the hall makes every year but mostly from the two grants from the parish council over the last two years. There is now a proper fire alarm system and other improvements related to reducing risks to anyone in the hall should fire break out, for example, seals that will hold back the smoke on all the fire doors. However, the most visible improvement is the décor and we have to thank Linda Richardson, an interior design

expert, who volunteered her time to choose colours of paint and carpet and the rather striking circular sound baffles. Linda is neither on the Village Hall management committee nor a member of the parish council, but has made a significant contribution. I know I keep banging on about volunteering and being involved but this proves it can be done without committing to all the meetings and other stuff. The parish council itself has working groups that would welcome contributions from a wider set of people without the need to become a full member of the council.

The next projects for the Village Hall are to remove the outside canopy, which is deteriorating rather rapidly. However, to replace it, we will need to raise some money from other sources (such as the Lottery Fund) so if anyone has any experience of writing grant applications they would be most welcome. The Village

Hall management committee will also need a design – so again, let's have some ideas. Other projects on the cards are a proper fully functioning kitchen with oven and hob: to do a make-over of the loos and finish the hall area where the defunct bar area used to be.

The other aspect that is quite interesting: I have found that being on a public committee is not the same as going to a meeting at work. In my years on the council and now as a trustee I have learnt some new skills and seen a different structure for working together; there is more formality perhaps. Maybe it is because I have always worked in the private sector that I notice the difference, but particularly for those of you at the beginning of your careers or if you are between jobs, being part of this could be quite useful on a CV. So please do make contact: either info.lintonvillagehall@yahoo.com or the parish council at lintonpc@btconnect.com
Cllr Merrie Mannassi

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton parish council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 15th June 2017.

Present: Cllr Paul Poulter (chairman); Cllr Merrie Mannassi (vice-chair); Cllr Enid Bald; Cllr Simon Hill, Cllr Graham Potter; Cllr Chris Hine; Cllr Dr Beatrice Ward; Cllr Amy Smith; Cllr David Champion; Cllr Brian Manley; Cllr Dr Brian Cox; Cllr John Bald. Clerk: Ms Kathryn Wiseman. County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor. Members of the public: two.

Apologies for absence: District Cllr John Batchelor.

Councillors' declarations of interest: Cllr Poulter declared a pecuniary interest in the update on the planning appeals for Horseheath Road item.

Councillor vacancies: Mrs Angharad Hammond was requested to leave the meeting, during this time acceptance of her application for co-option was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Champion. All agreed. Mrs Hammond was welcomed back into the room, congratulated and provided with the new councillor literature.

Chairman's comment: Cllr Poulter noted the council's thoughts were with London at this sad time, in light of the recent Grenfell Tower fire.

Matters arising: Cllr Ward advised that there may be a viable solution to the enforcement issues regarding parking on Market Square. To be reviewed by the traffic working group.

District and County Councillors' reports & business: Cllr Henry Batchelor provided the district councillors' report stating that due to the aftermath of the London tower block inferno a lot of councils are checking their owned properties are fit for purpose and fire proofed, these checks will be performed over the coming months.

County councillor's report: Cllr Henry Batchelor advised that the first meeting for the Communities in Partnership was a success and LPC could look to get involved. He also advised that the Local Highways Scheme has surplus funds and may welcome suggestions and projects for this use, prior to it being put back into general funds. Suggestions to be relayed to Cllr Henry Batchelor as he is on the committee.

Planning matters: Update on appeal for original application S/1969/15/OL received for Horseheath Road and appeal for the second application S/2553/16/OL received for Horseheath Road: The full statement of case and appendix document are to be reviewed on 27th June 2017. Cllr E Bald proposed herself to attend the hearing as LPC representation, Cllr Hill seconded. All agreed.

Planning working group update: Cllr E Bald advised that she had visited South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) with Corrie Newell from CN Historic and reviewed the case files which will assist at the appeal.

Update on planning application S/0096/17/OL for up to 95 new residential dwellings on the agricultural land northeast of Back Road: The hearing at SCDC planning committee will be on Wednesday 5th July 2017. Cllr E Bald advised that this has a recommendation of refusal based on landscape issues, ecology and archaeology issues as well as highways. Cllr Ward was thanked for her input as was Jean Kelly from Hildersham parish council. Cllr E Bald was also thanked.

Update on the submission to the Local Government Ombudsman from LPC regarding planning application S/1963/15/OL, Bartlow Road, Linton: Cllr E Bald advised that she will submit a complaint as a resident independently.

County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor left the meeting.

Consideration of implementing a calendar of all council activities: Cllr Hine to review possible means of creating an online communal calendar for council. Proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr Smith. Agreed.

Consideration of implementing the recommended signs by Cllr Hill at Leadwell Meadows in relation to dog fouling: Cllr Smith advised if this is successful it could be rolled out throughout the village. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Ward. Agreed.

Grounds maintenance contracts: Consideration of the recommendation from the review panel regarding the tenders for the grounds maintenance contracts for 2017. Cllr E Bald proposed the review panel's recommendation of Herts and Cambs Grounds Maintenance for lots 1, 3 and 4 and Chris Markham H&G Services for lot 2 should be agreed by council. This was put to a vote with six in favour, two against and three abstaining. Agreed.

Review of the financial contributions paid by Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) for verge cutting for 2017 and 2018: Cllr E Bald proposed that LPC should request CCC match the price of the actual cost for the cutting, and should CCC refuse then LPC will continue the contract under the current amount. Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed. It was noted that the finance committee has stated that the precept budget line does not cover the cost of the proposed contracts, however it was decided that it was a matter of the quality of the work.

Cemetery working group: Written report: There is an outstanding list of jobs to be actioned, clerk to ensure the works are booked in from previous reports. Cemetery regulations to be reviewed.

Review of jobs listed for Local Handyman Services: It was noted that the trees on the recreation ground require cutting back as they are overhanging the path. This to be included on the jobs listing. Cllr Manley proposed and Cllr Champion seconded. Put to a vote with 11 for and one abstention. Agreed.

Update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan: LPC are awaiting the completion of one final map and are currently looking to obtain government grants as additional funding for support of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Skateboard ramp: Consideration of the proposed budget as recommended by the finance committee and responsible financial officer: It was decided that first and foremost a design should be reviewed and following this the council can try to secure grants and additional funding prior to reviewing LPC's contribution.

Next steps review on how to progress: It was proposed that Cllr Hine and Cllr Manley should spearhead and project manage the initial stages until an external project manager could be employed. Proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Poulter. Agreed.

Traffic matters: Continued parking issues in Meadow Lane: Clerk to pick up with Nicola Burden from CCC highways and Cllr Manley to review progress. LPC to ensure it is endorsing the online police reporting system.

Continued parking issues in the High Street: Noted.

Leadwell Meadows and the recent, voluntary, cutting of the paths: Linton parish council would like to extend sincere thanks to Andy Prentice at AJ Prentice for his recent, voluntary, cutting of the paths at Leadwell Meadows. It was also noted that the working group had worked very hard on the project of Leadwell Meadows, and thanks were also extended to the team.

The concern of rat poison in the area near footpaths 7, 8 and 9: It was proposed that it is not necessary to raise this with all of the landowners, although the gamekeepers may need to be made aware. The clerk to establish who to contact.

Consideration of LPC's renewal with Zurich Local Council Advisory Service: Renewal proposed by Cllr Mannassi, seconded by Cllr Smith. Put to a vote with 11 for and one abstention. Agreed.

Consideration of correspondence received: Ms Parry-Smith regarding missing directional sign for the Church on the High Street: CCC highways to be contacted.

Mr & Mrs Norton regarding relocation of lamp post outside 16 Joiners Road: Council has no objections, clerk to write to formally confirm. Agreed.

Resident regarding path from Rhugarve Gardens to Bartlow Road: Resident of property to be written to requesting green overgrowth be cut back. Agreed.

MiJan Ltd regarding internal audit report of the 15th May 2017: Noted.

Linton CofE Infant School regarding the disrepair of the litter bin adjacent to the railings in Church Lane: Many of the litter

bins need replacing so this could be reviewed as a project the PC undertake. Cllr Potter proposed and Cllr E Bald seconded. Agreed.

Resident regarding overgrown hedge on the corner of Flaxfields and Back Road. Resident of property to be written to requesting this is cut.

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

City Deal A1307 forum meeting report of 12th June 2017

FOLLOWING the workshop on 6th April, where suggested options for the A1307 had been proposed, the comments of forum members (Cllrs Ward and Bald for Linton parish council (LPC)) had been collated and circulated. Following review, some proposals had been amended or new ones added.

It was stressed to LPC councillors that the proposals were not a 'done deal', as at a meeting in Linton with City Deal officers and consultant, suggestions by LPC forum members had been listened to and might well form part of future plans.

This meeting was to review and comment upon the proposals, scoring them for practicality, efficacy and priority. Costings had been done, so we could evaluate value as well as need. As not all of the proposals could/should be delivered, choices had to be made.

The proposals include:

Bus priorities, including redesign of High Street near the Co-op, to have one level 'shared space' for bus, car and pedestrian travel ie removing pavements and kerbs.

Bus lanes along the Linton dual carriageway - now revised to be for bus and HGV traffic.

Turning into the High Street only, near the Crown, ie one way, except for buses which can go both ways. The exit from the village caused concern.

Roundabouts at Horseheath and Bartlow Road junctions and at village college.

Changes at Dean Road junction - possible roundabout.

Changes to traffic lights, at B1052 (Hadstock Road), village college, High Street, Hildersham.

Walking, cycling, riding - including proposed new routes and Greenways.

Speed reduction measures along our stretch of the A1307.

We were uneasy about looking at proposals before the data from ANPR traffic movements was available. In effect, we were looking at potential remedies before knowing the cause of the problems. HGV and commuter traffic needs are rather different, and should bus links take precedence over other traffic?

The extra traffic from Haverhill, Horseheath and other villages, Saffron Walden and our own potential new housing, have not been factored in.

The question of cause and effect was heavily debated on my table - with Haverhill traffic being the cause, leading to the effect of bottlenecks and delays through Linton. Suffolk needs to address its own role in creating the problems.

Cllr Enid Bald

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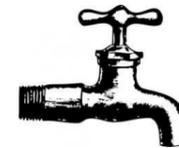
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