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## Reaching the Heights

TEAMS of Year 3 and 4 gymnasts from eighteen South Cambridgeshire (South Cambs) primary schools took part in the annual School Games Gymnastics Competition on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at Comberton Village College.

The gymnasium was silent, and the atmosphere concentrated whilst the children demonstrated their skills on the vault and floor in front of the judges and onlooking spectators.

At stake was the chance to represent South Cambs School Sports Partnership (South Cambs SSP) at the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough School Games Spring Festival, with the top two schools qualifying to take on the best schools from across the County.

After a welcome and warm up led by the partnerships sports leaders the competition started. The mixed teams of six children from Great Abington, Castle Camps, Bassingbourn, Coton, Linton Heights, Harston



The happy winners of this stage of the contest

and Newton, Haslingfield, Cottenham, Monkfield Park, Willingham, Burrough Green and Dry Drayton schools all had to perform a vault and then either a floor or body management routine with each performance judged and given a score out of 10.

Each child's individual score in both disciplines was then

Picture supplied by the school combined to give an overall team score out of a maximum of 120.

The competition was fiercely contested and after all of the scores were added up less than seven points separated the top 10 teams! With consistently strong performances throughout their whole team, Harston and Newton A team finished as

runners up, improving on their fifth place finish from the previous year.

Linton Heights Junior School were the clear winners on the day though, as they put in some excellent performances in all three disciplines, and retained the title of South Cambs champions for the third year running.

Both Harston and Newton, and Linton Heights now go forward to represent South Cambs SSP at the County School Games Spring Finals on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Huntingdon Gymnastics Club.

The top three scoring individuals in the competition were also awarded with medals with some extremely close scores. First was Isla (Linton Heights) 18.6 and third was Olivia (Linton Heights) 18.4.

A huge well done to Jakob and Olivia Wingate, Mila Greathead, Isla Westlake, Katie Gilbert and Josie-Rae French.

James Puxley,  
Headteacher

## Editor's notes

FIRST of all a big thank you to all those who responded to last month's plea for help replacing our treasurer. There is still time to apply if you feel you could take on this voluntary role.

We had a wonderful offer of historical articles from Gilly Cunningham of Bartlow see page 6, but we still need more stories.

If you know of interesting tales of historical people and/or history of buildings in our area - please get in touch.

Finally Kate France, who has edited *Too good for jumble* for many years wishes to retire from the job. It involves taking calls from people who have items to sell in aid of charity, advertising them in the paper and then taking calls from people who would like to buy the articles.

If you can help with any of these roles, please contact me on 891517 or the Chair of the Linton News, Jenny Murison on 660408.

Editor

## We care if you need a repair

ABINGTON'S third Repair Café, which is open to Linton residents, will run from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at Abington Village Institute (66 High St, Great Abington CB21 6AE).

Don't bin it if it can be fixed is the principle of Repair Cafés. These events aim to bring together experienced repairers with people who need faulty or damaged appliances, devices and other possessions repaired. They are your opportunity to take along something you own that is not functioning or usable, to see whether a knowledgeable expert can bring it back into use by a simple repair instead of it being binned. If you bring an item to be fixed, you will sit alongside the repairer attempting the repair, to maybe lend a hand and to be consulted if some critical point is reached.

### What can I bring?

You can bring to be repaired: portable household appliances and electrical items (excluding microwave ovens and TVs), computers, mobile phones, jewellery, bicycles, garden tools, pumps, and fabric items and clothes needing sewing repair.

### Do I need to book?

It's best to book your slot, which you can do by sending an email to [repaircafe@theabingtons.org.uk](mailto:repaircafe@theabingtons.org.uk), with as many relevant details of your repair as you can find (what is it? manufacturer, purchase date, model number, nature of fault, etc). The organisers will then get back to you with an appointment time. Or you can just drop in on the day, when you may have to join a queue, but why not have a coffee in Jeremiah's café in the Institute while you wait.

### Is there a charge?

Repairs by volunteer repairers, whether successful or not, are free, but donations will be invited to cover the costs of the Repair Café.

The Abington Repair Café team look forward to seeing you on the day.

Richard Smith 892759

## BARTLOW 3 counties CHARITY WALK

THE annual walk is getting closer, so put Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in your diaries. This is the weekend before the bank holiday this year, as it has had to be moved because of VE Day celebrations. This is not just a walk, but a whole day of fun.

Tickets will be on sale in April. The price of tickets is reduced when booked on-line. For more information see the web site [www.bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk](http://www.bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk)

This will be the 17<sup>th</sup> year and to date the walk has raised over £165,000 for local charities. The three charities for this year will be: Linton Health Centre (Granta Medical Practices), Bartlow St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and Addenbrooke's Cancer Campaign

There are three walks to choose from - six, nine, or 13 miles. There will also be a history trail with a VE Day theme and children's activities with food and drink in the farm yard where Linton Jazz will be playing.

Dogs on leads are very welcome.

Duncan Ogilvy Walk Co-ordinator 893644

Written by Hetty Findlay 890353

## Parkinsons Tulip Fun Run

MOST of us know of someone who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and is now living with knowledge of what that implies for themselves, their family and friends in the future.

The Cambridge Branch of Parkinson's UK exists so that People with Parkinson's (PwPs) do not have to face the future alone. Meetings, therapies and a bi-monthly newsletter offer advice, information, and companionship.

In the next year, the Cambridge Branch aims to offer transport assistance to PwPs who would not otherwise be able to benefit from its meetings and therapies - many live in Cambridgeshire villages with limited bus services. Offering this support to everyone who will benefit from it inevitably costs money.

The Branch's major fundraiser the Annual Spring Tulip Fun Run will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> April. It is a 7k (4 mile) level route leaving and returning to Scotsdales Garden Centre in Shelford. In 2020 we are inviting all the villages in the area to enter a team. In so doing a village might be the first to win the David Johnston Memorial Trophy which was created in memory of a member who was an enthusiastic participant in the past.

It will be awarded annually to the person or group (family, village or business) making the greatest contribution to the Fun Run, whether it be in enrolling runners and walkers, raising money, or taking part. For details call me on 314279 or go to <https://www.parkinsonscambridge.org.uk>.

Caroline Bent Branch Secretary

## Your smalls made it big

THE collection of underwear for the charity, *Smalls for All*, ended on 31<sup>st</sup> January. It was a huge success, and the number of donations received exceeded all my expectations.

We raised a total of 482 bras



Julia and Geoff with the boxes of bras and pants

Photo supplied by Julia

and 117 pairs of pants. It took three large boxes to pack all the donations which, altogether, weighed just under 40kg.

I would like to thank the whole community for showing their support. This collection has really evidenced the kindness and generosity of Linton and the surrounding villages.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to

Geoff Morland and his team at APC who helped with the transport of these donations to the charity, and Robert Boswell for allowing me to put the donation box in our local Boswell's bakery.

Julia Cieslak

## Too good for jumble...

NEW items this month are two identical blue wheeled rigid cases made by IT from their Everest range, with external dimensions of 78 x 54 x 32cm, packing capacity 117L with six years left of a 10 year warranty.

The new Cosy Comfort single electric underblanket and a brand new (sealed) white polyester 13.5tog quilt and child's bed approximately 2ft 6in x 4ft 8in are still available.

If you are interested in any of the above or have an item to sell to benefit a charity, please phone Kate France on 891602 or email [kfrance@profsoundconsult.com](mailto:kfrance@profsoundconsult.com).

**NB: The donor chooses the charity to benefit.**

## Let's Support Linton Jazz



Linton Jazz return to the College

Photo supplied by Karen

WE are having our annual concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Linton Village College. There will be a bar provided by *The Portable Pint* and there will be a raffle. Ticket prices are: adults £10, concessions £5 and under 16s free.

Tickets can be reserved by calling me on 07748 917513 and are also on sale at the door.

We do many concerts for charity events for which we don't charge. For example, this year we have already done concerts for charity for the following organisations, the LVC Music Department, Reach, the Joshua

Tarrant Trust and the Ketton Players. In addition, we have a number of other concerts booked this year for other charities.

However, there is a charge for this concert in March as the money collected will help us to buy some new music and some vital equipment. So please support us this time and we can then support others.

If you are interested in joining Linton Jazz we rehearse from 7pm until 9pm on Sunday evenings at the Strictly Dance Studio, The Grip. Please check our rehearsal dates on [www.lintonjazz64.co.uk](http://www.lintonjazz64.co.uk).

Karen Sanderson



## Infant School News

I AM writing this after a very successful parent event of a Bridge Building Challenge. Using recycled materials, the children and parents were challenged to use their design skills to build a bridge strong enough to hold various weights. There was a lot of healthy competition in the classrooms!

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children also had a visit to The Museum of Technology and a trip along the River Cam, looking at the different bridge constructions and materials used. Our Foundation children had a walk around the village and found the baby troll who was hiding under a bridge! Our School Council asked how they could support the wildlife in Australia, following the devastating bushfires. A cookie sale was held where we raised enough funds for each class to become WWF Koala Protectors. Thanks as always to our fantastic kitchen team who made the cookies for us to sell.

The governors are spending a day at school in March, to really get an idea of how the school functions on a day-to-day basis, along with getting to meet the children and staff. They will be concentrating on various areas of the school development plan and a whole day will allow them to really focus. There really is no substitute for being in school during a normal working day to see the highs and lows of school life.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

## Family Centre events

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres have outreach venues around South Cambridgeshire, one of them being in Linton based in the Cathodeon centre beside the library. We are a service for families for 0-19 year olds.

On Tuesdays we hold Stay and Play sessions from 10-11.30am, this is aimed at children aged 0-5 years. In the afternoon we hold a lovely baby group for babies aged up to one year, this is a great opportunity to meet new parents. These sessions cost £2 per family and you do not need to book. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

At 9 to 11am on 14<sup>th</sup> March we are holding a parents/carers First Aid course, the cost is £10 per person and is bookable. Please call 01954 284672 if you would like a space. This course covers CPR, recovery positions, choking, minor injuries and ailments for children.

Sadly, the Messy Play session we introduced has been cancelled due to very low numbers. We do not take these decisions lightly, but we have to consider a wide range of aspects for this e.g. staffing and resources.

We are currently looking at other ideas to meet the needs of the community. We welcome your input and are currently looking at setting up a parent partnership board for Linton where parents/carers can give offer ideas, please get in touch if this is something that interests you.

Emma Chipps, Business Officer

## Sawston Village College Adult Learning

LOOKING ahead to Easter and beyond...our summer term will start week commencing 20 April. We have a wide range of courses to choose from this term, including:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Exploring drawing and painting | Flowers for fun            |
| Fused glass jewellery          | Politics – an introduction |
| Creative curries – made simple | Cooking with unusual cuts  |
| Spanish                        | of meat                    |
| Fitness yoga                   | Pilates                    |
| Flamenco                       | Tai Chi                    |
| French                         | Italian                    |

As always, if there is a subject you would like us to offer, or something you could teach, we would love to hear from you. For information on all our courses and details on how to book, please visit our website

www.sawstonadulted.org or contact us on 712424, community@sawstonvc.org Claire Walpole

## Granta Medical says farewell to doctors

WITH regret we inform our patients that Dr Mig Arbide and Dr Chris Schramm will be leaving us in March. Both doctors have dedicated over 20 years to the Linton and Shelford practices respectively and will be greatly missed. Dr Arbide and Dr Schramm's patients have been assigned new registered GPs, and we would like to take this opportunity to reassure our patients that they can access care from any of our clinical team within Granta, irrespective of their registered GP.

Dr Schramm and Dr Arbide have asked us to share these announcements with you. Dr Chris Schramm (Shelford site) who is leaving on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020:

"After 20 intense and often satisfying years I have decided to move on to a new challenge. During 2020 I will be working at the national winner of the "RCGP Research Practice of the Year 2019" award, which is out of Cambridge. I am also taking on a role with the regional NHS Research network. I am deeply indebted to my Shelford colleagues, staff and numerous patients, all of whom have taught me many things which generally are not in books and who have, thereby, enriched my life."

Dr Mig Arbide (Linton site) who is leaving on 23<sup>rd</sup> March: "I am immensely grateful to have had the opportunity to serve my patients for the best part of twenty years. I have enjoyed the privilege of their trust, built through respect, dedication, and stability.

I am fortunate to continue offering my time, experience and knowledge to patients in the prison service. I will also continue to practice in my areas of clinical specialist skill and interest: enhanced minor surgery, vasectomy services, sports medicals and dermatology."

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

## Linton Guides jumble sale

OUR annual jumble sale will be held at 2pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Linton Infant School.

All donations will be gratefully appreciated and can be left at the hall on the day from 10am. Collections can be made in the morning by calling 891925 or 891602.

Kate France

## Linton library news

THERE will be a community café at the Cathodeon Centre, entry via the library, 10am-noon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Hosted by Linton Camera Club, it will feature a display of members' work, a pop-up portrait studio, a photography help-desk, a discount on new club memberships and of course refreshments.

At 2pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we have an Engage talk entitled *A Tourist in the Antarctic*, by Dave Horan (he gave us a fascinating talk on Chernobyl last November). Free tickets available from the library. A £1 donation for refreshments is appreciated.

We have a new collection now available called *Reading well for children*. The aim is to support the mental health and wellbeing of Key Stage 2 children (aged 7-11), and titles cover topics such as grief, anxiety, bullying and staying safe online, amongst others. There are also picture books, stories and non-fiction books.

We also still have our selection of *Reading well* books on prescription for adults, including *Reading well for mental health*, for long term conditions, Books on *Prescription for Dementia* and *Shelf Help* for young people's mental health. Just ask next time you are in if you need any help finding what you are looking for.

We're very happy that Lindsay is now back with Cambridgeshire Libraries and behind the desk again in Linton.

Anna McMahon and Lindsay Healy  
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lindsay.healy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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WITH the weather picking up we have been able to enjoy our garden a lot more and the children are noticing the products of their labour, as the bulbs they planted back in October are now sprouting through.

The garden renovations are well under way using the money the Co-op donated. We are awaiting delivery of our new literacy den to help to develop the children's early literacy skills. Again, this has been purchased with the money kindly donated by the Co-op.

We have had a lovely visit from Messy Sarah who came in and shared a story and joined us for lunch. We have our open morning coming up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12noon. Watch this space for our next Bingo night happening in May.

We still have spaces available on most sessions this academic year and we are also able to take the 30 hours extended funding. To find out more, or to book a visit, please ring 07806744864.

The Linton Granta Playgroup team



## Granta School Hello Spring!

FEBRUARY, the shortest month, has certainly flown by and half term is already a distant memory. The staff and children enjoyed a restful break and have returned raring to embrace the spring term ahead.

We start March with our creativity week and this year's theme is Explorers inspired by the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of Darwin's ship, *The Beagle*. The week is to be packed with lots of fantastic activities for our students.

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will celebrate World Book Day and take part in Big Booky Breakfast, a great fundraising initiative to provide books to children all around the world. The day will be an opportunity for our staff and pupils to get creative and embrace dressing up as characters from their favourite books, alongside linking into our theme.

We will have an array of interesting costumes parading our corridors including mermaids and pirates.

Pictures of all the above can be found on our website [www.granta.cambs.sch.uk/website](http://www.granta.cambs.sch.uk/website).

Dates for the diary: Easter Holiday is from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Emma Jennings, Communication Officer

## Spring creativity at Linton Village College

HAVE fun, learn a new skill and meet new people at one of our exciting workshops on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10am - 4pm.

- Make unique felt flowers and a vase for Mother's Day.
- Learn basic upholstery skills or develop an existing upholstery project.
- Brush up on your maths skills and learn basic Excel.
- Bake tasty seasonal breads and sweet foods.
- Put pen to paper in a creative writing workshop and begin to tell your life story.

Each hands-on workshop costs £45, payable in advance. To book onto a workshop please visit our website at:

[www.lintonvillagecollegeadulthoodlearning.co.uk](http://www.lintonvillagecollegeadulthoodlearning.co.uk)  
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Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News. Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.

## OUR THANKS

ON behalf of the Friends of Linton Village College I wanted to thank everyone in the community who supported our recent fundraising events .

Our Christmas raffle raised £1029 and I wanted to say a huge thank you to Little Linton Farm, The Dog&Duck, Wylde Sky Brewery, Linton Sports Centre, Jigsaw Bakery, Farm Shop at the Old Granary, Home of Linton, Comar Optics, Boyz2Men, Case Solved wine, Dion Gallichan Photography and the Co-op who all very generously donated raffle prizes.

We followed this up with our Annual Quiz night on 7<sup>th</sup> February, which as usual was a sell out and raised an amazing £1594. A massive thank you to Linton Complementary Health Centre and You Beauty in Linton for the amazing raffle prizes, and Wylde Sky Brewery for the lovely local beer.

It's so lovely to see the community coming together to raise money to enrich our students learning experience.

Nicola Tudge Chair  
The Friends of LVC friends@lvc.org

## News from St Mary's

LENT began on 26<sup>th</sup> February with our Ash Wednesday service of reflection, penitence and communion. Many people in the churches, and in the wider community, mark this season as a time of self-denial, but also of spiritual growth.

What we choose to do by way of self-denial, and why, is personal to each of us. But spiritual growth should be communal: true life is about relationship.

In St Mary's we're offering a varied menu of ways to grow this Lent, and we warmly welcome people who don't normally worship with us to come along.

### Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent at 7.30pm

Book discussion groups reading *Journey to the Empty Tomb* by Paula Gooder

### Friday mornings in Lent, 10.20 am at Nichols Court (open to all)

Discussions of the same book as above, based on recorded extracts

### Craftermornings in St Mary's Pavilion, from 2-4pm

These will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

They give you a chance to bring a craft you're working on, or share in making a patchwork altar frontal for Easter, in company with others. Refreshments provided. Entry is free but donations are welcome.

### Every Sunday in Lent at 10am

Our service will begin with someone briefly talking about what Lent means to them, and bring something symbolic to a Lenten Tree.

### Passiontide Promise

There will be 20 minutes of shared morning prayer in church each weekday from March 30<sup>th</sup> to Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April), and also on Holy Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> April).

More information about resources, times and places, is available on our website, or on a flyer in church.

Maggie Guite (Rector)  
www.stmaryslinton.org.uk

# Calling all singers

**THIS is a reminder about the *Come and Sing* on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's Church, Linton. When we sing the *Fauré Requiem* and the *Cantique de Jean Racine*.**

Registration for singers in all voice parts is from 1pm. Rehearsals start at 1.30pm. Tea is at 5pm and the sing through performance is at 6pm.

If you would like to take part and have not already registered, please contact me as Director of the workshop. For more details email me on David@parry-smith.co.uk or call 894715. We need to know numbers before the day. Music copies are available for loan on the day. Please let us know, when you register, if you will require a copy. The cost for singers is £13 which includes tea with cakes, sandwiches etc.

All are welcome to attend the informal performance at 6pm. There will be a retiring collection. Funds raised (after expenses) benefit St Mary the Virgin, Linton.

See @LintonComeAndSing Facebook page for more information.

David Parry-Smith

## Lent Lunches aids Motor Neurone Disease charity

FOR many years, on Wednesdays during Lent, members of the congregation of St Mary's, Linton have organised a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. Each year a different charity is chosen to which donations are given.

As the organiser of this year's Lent Lunches, I have no hesitation in choosing this year's charity. My nephew, now in his mid-40s, started to show symptoms of MND at the start of 2019. He was diagnosed by March 2019. By January 2020, he had no movement, his only means of communication was by using a wonderful machine which translates his eye movements into the spoken word.

A healthy, fit young man with a three-year-old son and a baby of seven months, his happy, successful life has been turned upside down in a matter of months with no chance of improvement. This destructive illness doesn't have a high profile.

Greater research and money for the charity is essential for progress to be made. The charity gives practical help to the individual living with motor neurone disease and support to their family. Hence MND is the charity of my choice this year.

Please come along to one or all the lunches listed below where there will be soup, bread and cheese. You will be very welcome. There is no charge for lunch but donations please to this year's chosen charity: Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) <https://www.mndassociation.org/>

The lunches take place on a Wednesday from 12 noon to 2pm see the list below. There will be a speaker from MNDA charity at 2-2.30pm on the final day, which is on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

- 4<sup>th</sup> March, Judy and Keith Nightingale, 11 Mill Lane
  - 11<sup>th</sup> March, Jo and Alan George, 89 High Street,
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March, Margaret and Brian Cox, 65 High Street
  - 25<sup>th</sup> March, Charlotte and Mark Hayes, 9 Mill Lane
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April, Pam Richardson and friends, St Mary's Pavilion
- followed by a speaker from MND.

Celia Fisher.

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## LINTON DIARY

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

- WEEKLY
- Kurling, Mondays, 2-3pm VH
  - Beacon Astro football, Mondays, 3.05-4.30pm LVC
  - Netball, Monday evenings, 6pm junior, 7.30pm adult LVC
  - Linton Granta football bingo, Mondays, 7pm Pavilion
  - Men's keep fit, Mondays, 8-9.30pm LVC sports centre
  - Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
  - Linton Air Cadets, Mon and Thurs, 7-9.30pm (07717 801056) LVC
  - Scrabble club, alternate Tuesdays, 10am-12noon CP
  - Chestnut Playgroup, Monday-Friday, 9am-2.30pm CC
  - Linton Granta Playgroup, Mon-Fri, 8.30am-2.30pm LVC
  - Linton Granta Toddler grp, Tuesdays term-time 9.30-11.30 LVC
  - Stay and Play, Tuesdays, 10am-11.30am CC
  - LALA, Tuesdays, 10-11.45am, term-time. VH
  - Bumps to babies, Tuesdays, 1- 2.30pm CC
  - Storytime, Tuesdays, 2-2.30pm, term-time Library
  - Granta duplicate bridge club, Tuesdays, 2-4pm VH
  - Beacon Red Zone youth club, Tuesdays, 7-8.30pm LVC
  - IT club-computer help, Tuesdays, 7pm CC
  - Linton chess club, Tuesdays, 7.30pm CC
  - Tots in tow, Wednesdays, 9.30-11am, term-time only VH
  - Walking netball, Wednesdays, 6-7pm, LVC sports centre
  - Jelly Beans playgroup, Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am URC
  - Computer buddies, Thursdays, 2-4pm Library
  - Beacon drop-in club, Thursdays, 5.30-7pm RG
  - Crickets club, Thursdays, 6-8pm LVC
  - Art Factory, Thursdays 1-3pm from 9<sup>th</sup> Jan URC
  - Linton Army Cadets, Thursdays, 7-9pm LH
  - Beacon Youth Group, Fridays, 7-8.30pm, URC
  - Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, Fridays, 9.15-10am CP
  - St Mary's choir, Some Fridays, 7.30-9pm ring 894715 St Mary's
  - Linton Bridge club, Fridays, 7pm, CC
- For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248**

### MARCH 2020

- 2 Camera club, 7pm, VH
- 3 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm VH
- 5 Luncheon club, 12 noon, Red Lion, Horsheath
- 6 Rooted, 12.30-2.30, Child and family centre, CC
- 7 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon, VH
- 7 Come and Sing, 1pm to 7pm St Mary's
- 7 Guides' jumble sale, 2pm LIS
- 8 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
- 9 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
- 10 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands
- 10 Gardening club, 7.30pm VH
- 14 Parent/carer first aid course CC
- 15 Walking group, 11am, Church Lane
- 15 Messy Church, 4pm, St Mary's church
- 17 Historical Society, 7.30pm VH
- 18 Cambridgeshire hearing help, 9.30am-12 noon HC
- 19 Parish council meeting, 7.30pm CC
- 20 Daylight readers, 10.30am Library
- 20 Rooted, 12.30-2.30, Child and family centre, CC
- 23 Engage talk, *A Tourist in the Antarctic*, Library

### APRIL 2020

- 2 Luncheon club, 12 noon, Red Lion, Horsheath
  - 4 Farmers' Market, 9am-12noon VH
  - 6 Camera club, 7pm, VH
  - 7 Womens' Institute, 7.30pm VH
  - 12 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon URC
  - 13 Whist Drive, 7.30pm VH
- KEY:** CC Cathedral 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: Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March  
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# Thanks for the history Garth!

AFTER much delay, the Linton News team had a post-Christmas get-together on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February at which we marked Garth Collard's retirement from writing *The way we were* historical articles for the Linton News.

Garth wrote these articles for around 15 years. If you look at the archive of the Linton News on our new website which is the-lintonnews.co.uk you will see that many of the houses in Linton, particularly those on and next to the High street, have the history of their buildings and occupants over the years detailed by Garth.

Garth is Linton's resident historian, having taught history at Linton Village College for many years and founding the Linton and District Historical Society in 1984. Garth's book *Linton in Pictures* (edited by Norman Dann) was published in 2006. So it is not surprising that in 2008 he received an MBE for his services to local history.

Well, we chose the wrong weekend to drag Garth away from hearth and home (it was literally blowing a gale) and so we presented him with his Amazon token at his hearth and home. We are reliably informed that the token will be spent on books, probably of an historical nature.

Meanwhile the team celebrated another year's hard work with tea and home-made cakes (and a little bubbly).

Fran Armes, Editor

PS We would welcome tales of past times in Linton if any readers or their family or acquaintance have them.



Linton News Editor presents Garth with his retirement gift

Photo taken by Ron Pitkin

# Camera Club Community Cafe

THE Linton Camera Club is hosting the Community Cafe from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Cathodeon Centre.

If you have a camera and are interested in taking photographs, why not come and meet some members of the club and see them in action.

There will be a small exhibition of club members' photographs, a pop-up portrait studio, a photography help desk (where visitors can ask for advice on how their cameras work or get help with problems with their photography) and, of course, refreshments.

We will also be offering a discounted one-year membership of the Linton Camera Club.

Looking forward to meeting you on the 14<sup>th</sup> March at the Cathodeon Centre, entry via the library.

Tony Smith, Chair, 892657, lintoncameraclub@gmail.com

# Growing carrots and growing people



OUR speaker for the Garden Club February meeting was Tim Freathy. Both he and his partner originally lived in Cambridge but they wanted a larger garden, and found an old farmhouse with six acres at Depden in Suffolk.

There, they set about creating the beautiful garden we can see today. Much of the planting was to shield the property from the busy road at the front. There is a pink theme through most of the garden with a purple bed, a gravel and alpine garden near the pond and many roses which flower over a long period.

An orchard was planted, a vegetable garden with raised beds was made and a poly tunnel built. The Depden Care Farm was looking for a new home which Tim and his partner were able to offer. This is run by the Millenium Farm Trust which offers people with mental health issues and learning difficulties a chance to learn skills in Horticulture, agriculture and animal husbandry.

A timber framed, thatched retreat was built for people working in the garden to get for quiet and shade. There are groups of 12 people a day working and looking after the animals. A lot of the produce is sold outside the farm which helps to raise money. Much kindness and care has gone into creating a beautiful place to be and to learn new skills which could change lives.

Don't forget, now is the time to plant up and sow for this year's Plant Sale on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May and the Annual Show on 25<sup>th</sup> July. The photography classes for the Annual Show are: *Food Glorious Food, Cobweb(s), Something Blue and A Hanging Basket of Flowers and Foliage*.

Our next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> March when the speaker will be Karen Kenny talking on *The Answer Lies In The Soil*. The meeting is in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to seeing both members and visitors.

Anita Daws, 892113, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

# The kitchen cat

theWI OUR speaker, Marion Leeper, tells stories for a living. These she learned from her mother, Ann, a costume designer, so Marion grew up in the green room surrounded by actors. Marion skillfully interwove three stories – a fairy story, a true story about her mother's life, and a Portuguese Cinderella-type folk tale.

A fairy appeared to a rich, bored, discontented lady who asked her to change the colour of her room which she did by stamping her foot. This happened again and again, each time a different colour, until the lady asked for a black room. Whereupon the fairy stamped everything in the room away.

Marion's mother travelled through Europe to Poland just after the war to work for a relief agency, was adopted by a Polish family, fell in love and married. She remembered seeing the Russian tanks rolling into Warsaw. Her husband died after being attacked by an intruder in their room. Ann returned to England and later married again to a consul and travelled all over the world.

The title *The kitchen cat* refers to the daughter of a widowed Portuguese aristocrat who married his daughter's governess, but it was an unhappy marriage and the lord went away. His daughter was cruelly treated by her stepmother. One day a prince was visiting from another country and gave a ball, to which the kitchen cat (gatina), dressed only in rags, could not go. A fairy godmother appeared, waved a wand and conjured up a fabulous dress. Gatina went to the ball, captured the heart of the prince, left behind a silk shoe, but was eventually found by the prince, and they married.

At our next meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, our speaker will be Dr W Block of the Cambridgeshire Bee Keepers Association, his talk entitled *Fun With Bees*. Why not come along and join us. Or come as a visitor for a small fee. You will be welcome. Sally Proberts, 891021

# Events to help us stay healthy

## Self-care and well-being event

DOING more to look after our own health and care helps us stay well and independent.

But lots of people want better information on what to do and where to find support, as well encouragement and inspiration.

To help fill that gap, a free event for people across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is being held at St Neots on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March.

It offers over 20 information stalls, free health checks, gentle exercise taster sessions, plus a crafting session.

*What, Where, How?* is a free drop-in event running from 10am to 3pm at the Priory Centre, Priory Lane, St Neots PE19 2BH.

## Come along and discover

- Technology gadgets and mobile apps to help you track your health, diet, well-being or find advice.
- Care providers and support organisations.
- Benefits help for disabled people and their carers.
- Sports and fitness ideas for all ages and abilities.
- Expert information and independence ideas for people with sensory loss.
- How to get on the road to a healthier, fitter lifestyle.

## Have fun learning something new

- Try Zumba Gold, a fun, chair-based workout to music.
- Have a go at Boccia, the Paralympic sport that's a bit like seated bowls.
- Enjoy making a card or two, and maybe new friends, in our relaxing crafting session.

The event is being run by Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough's five adult social care Partnership Boards. These involve carers, older people and people with physical disabilities, sensory issues and learning disabilities in improving local social care services.

For more information Contact Debbie or Graham at Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285 (local rate) or by email on enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk

Kari Payne  
Communications Officer  
Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

# Linton VIP's The Cambridgeshire charity for local people with low vision and blindness

AT our February meeting we had a very interesting speaker, Karen Reid, who gave lots of information about how scammers work and about how, if possible, to avoid them.

Many scams are by telephone, about your bank account, but also by casual callers at the door.

The main tips she gave included (as well as just putting the phone down if you suspect a scam) - to check with your bank from another phone (as scammers stay on the line and appear to answer from your bank's number) and by never answering your front door without ensuring your back door is locked.

The talk was followed by our usual afternoon tea and raffle. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Chalklands Centre, when we shall have a speaker from Anglia Water.

We always welcome new members, and if you would like any further information, please contact us on the number below.

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## COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin and illustrated by Maureen Williams



### Magpies and the Big Garden Watch

SOME of you may have participated in the RSPB Garden Watch at the end of January. I was looking at the results of the 2019 survey, and was interested to see magpies slipping in at Number 10. For the statisticians, here is the pecking order. The first number is how many were seen in the garden, and the second is the percentage of gardens in which the birds were seen.

- House sparrow: 4.4 / 63%
  - Starling: 3.1 / 41%
  - Blue tit: 2.6 / 77%
  - Blackbird: 2.3 / 87%
  - Woodpigeon: 2.3 / 77%
  - Goldfinch: 1.8 / 34%
  - Great tit: 1.5 / 58%
  - Robin: 1.3 / 82%
  - Chaffinch: 1.3 / 38%
  - Magpie: 1.2 / 54%
- Few in Linton can have failed to see or hear magpies - in our house it's "there's that wretched magpie again". Why do they have such a bad reputation?

Magpies, Latin name Pica Pica, are corvids, along with crows, rooks, jays and jackdaws, and one of the most intelligent species in the world.

They are one of the very few creatures to recognise themselves in a mirror, and they are exquisitely beautiful, unmistakable

with their glossy blue wings, long tail and iridescent markings.

They are widespread in woods, bushes, farms, parks and gardens, and their numbers grow faster in urban areas due to lack of obvious threats. They are known for picking up shiny objects simply out of curiosity, and are persistent, noisy and conspicuous predators. They cackle relentlessly, and gather in tree tops. If there is any disturbance in the garden, the magpie is usually at the root of it. Poor Ben was traumatised by a magpie flying straight in front of him, baby blackbird in its strong bill, hotly pursued by 2 desperate parents.

In summer they eat spiders, worms, leatherjackets, beetles, flies, caterpillars and worms, and in winter wild fruits, berries, grains and household scraps. They can also store excess food in gutters and roof eaves.

Groups are called parliaments, and they sound the alarm against cats, patrolling lawns and flower beds in a proprietorial manner. Gamekeepers used to control their numbers, but since the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, they have been protected.

In folklore they are said to be in league with the Devil and many stories abound about them. My favourite is that the magpie refused to enter Noah's Ark, preferring to stay on the roof and swear loudly throughout the Flood.



### What's on at Wandlebury

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 11am -3.30pm

JOIN us as we explore the habitats of Wandlebury Country Park. Learn from interactive displays and talks from our conservation partners, and meet the team that works to safeguard Wandlebury's Wildlife. This is a free drop in event for all ages in conjunction with Cambridge Science Festival. Donations welcome.

This event is based at the Stables Education Centre and Pad-dock in Wandlebury Country Park.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30am to 4pm

Holiday Bushcraft at Wandlebury is designed for children aged five to 12 and is run by experienced qualified teachers from Wild Thyme and Embers, who will inspire children and share their knowledge and skills of surviving in the wild. There is a cost. Per child per day.

All basic bushcraft techniques suitable for this age range will be taught.

Children need to bring a packed lunch and large water bottle (which can be refilled throughout the day) and dress for the weather. Wild Thyme will take care of everything else including providing all specialist equipment. Please book via the Wild Thyme and Embers http://www.wildthymeandembers.co.uk/holiday-bushcraft-club/

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm - 11pm

Star and Mouse Outdoor Cinema showing *Rocketman*

Travelling boutique cinema, Star and Mouse shall be returning to Wandlebury Country Park for another blockbuster biopic this Good Friday.

Rocketman is a film starring Taron Egerton, Jamie Bell and Richard Madden. It has a film Rating of R

Gates open from 7pm, giving movie-goers plenty of time to get parked up, find a seat, grab a drink from the bar and take a pre-film walk around the grounds, with added extras such as live music and giant garden games before snuggling underneath the stars. It's a good idea to wrap up warm so take a blanket to snuggle underneath.

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Pot Pourri 180 - How many Money Bags to the Bank?

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Pot Pourri 179 - An Average test

There were eight tests.

Urania

### Test your smoke alarm!

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### Your Councillors' March report

**A1307:UPGRADES** to the road are moving forward. The east-bound bus lane and speed limit changes outside Linton are now implemented, along with the upgraded foot/cycle path next to the road. Work has begun on the traffic lights at the top of Linton High Street and will continue for up to six weeks.

**Local Plan Consultation:** The next phase of public consultation on South Cambs' forthcoming Local Plan ran until 24<sup>th</sup> February. This document will mould how South Cambridgeshire will look for the next few decades. See:

[www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan/](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan/)

**Council Tax Bill:** South Cambs is trying to encourage people to receive their council tax bill digitally, rather than a paper copy. As an incentive there is an iPad up for grabs to those who do sign up at: [www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/sign-up-for-council-tax-e-billing-to-win-an-apple-ipad/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/sign-up-for-council-tax-e-billing-to-win-an-apple-ipad/)

**East-West Rail:** The new rail line between Oxford and Cambridge will be named East-West rail. It will follow what is known as the Northern Route and will enter Cambridgeshire via Cambridge, and then south down the side of the city to link up with the new Cambridge South Station at Addenbrookes.

**Cambridge South Station Consultation:** The consultation by Network Rail on the details of the new station ran until 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Full details at:

[www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station](http://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station)

**Three free trees:** In its bid to achieve its carbon neutral target, the District Council is offering each parish in South Cambridgeshire three free trees to plant in their village. It's a small step but one in the right direction as well as an indication that it is taking this seriously.

Councillors Henry and John Batchelor

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# The Marsh mail



THIS year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last year of World War 2. Some dates, such as VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, will be celebrations; other dates have been, and will be, commemorated in a very different spirit.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January was Holocaust Memorial Day and marks the date of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet Army. Throughout the week the College held assemblies, and Year 7 Religious Studies lessons focussed on the *Shoah* or calamity of the Nazi's attempted genocide. The Holocaust is a grim reminder of what humans are capable of doing to each other and that is exactly the reason why we are required to teach it. Understanding the Holocaust is essential in helping students realise why we must treat others as equals and protect the vulnerable. Students never forget learning about the Holocaust and I hope that continues to be the case. If we succeed in that, perhaps the Jewish prayer of *Never Again* will be fulfilled.

February was also LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month. In the 25 years I have been teaching, the shift in attitudes around LGBT issues has been nothing less than monumental. Legislation and new media attitudes have been significant in influencing change. Students who identify themselves as LGBT do so in an environment that is unrecognisable to the one that existed a quarter of a century ago. In fact, the shift has been so great, that part of the point of LGBT History Month is to remind and educate students that some of our great historical figures, such as Alan Turing, had to contend with levels of prejudice that meant their contributions and identities were hidden.

LVC places huge value on enriching the students' curriculum and we are fortunate to have staff that supports that ethos. During the February half term over 120 students went on the LVC ski trip. It is a major organisational feat led by Mr Kerley, the Head of PE, and 15 other staff who gave up their break. To see the students' faces when they return is wonderful and the trip is always amongst the students' top memories.

By the time you are reading this, 40 of our Year 10 students will be on their GCSE Chateau trip in France for a week. There is, quite simply, no substitute for being immersed in another culture to accelerate students' language acquisition. Having said that, as with the ski trip, it doesn't just happen. Once again the support staff at LVC have been putting in the hours with Mrs Fenn in the Finance Team bearing the brunt of the work. Schools at their best are genuinely extraordinary places, where dedicated staff make special things happen for our young people – we are fortunate to have such staff working at LVC.

Mr Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal

# Bartlow scandals – The libellous rector

THE Reverend Joseph Hall was the incumbent and Patron of the Living of St Mary's from 1782 until his death in 1828. A lovely man by all accounts. When his brother-in-law died, he took his sister and her children to live with him at Bartlow Rectory. He supported charities from the relief of the poor in Ireland to roof repairs at Addenbrooke's hospital. He was a magistrate and most unlikely criminal – a saintly Rector presiding over his happy flock.

But trouble was brewing. In 1802, a Cambridge Professor moved into Bartlow House and became Rev Hall's neighbour. When the Rector welcomed the new arrival, he found he was also a Christ's College man. He and the Professor, Doctor Busick Harwood, became friends and Dr Harwood, who was both scientist and art collector, even gave the Rector one of his pictures.

Originally apprenticed to an apothecary, Harwood had subsequently qualified as a surgeon and made his fortune in the Indian Medical Service treating local princes. He returned to England for health reasons and could then afford to go to University. After graduating in the 1780s he became a Fellow of the Royal Society based on his thesis on blood transfusions. He stayed on at Cambridge, eventually



Bartlow rectory No longer standing

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becoming both Professor of Anatomy and Downing Professor of Medicine.

He was renowned at the University for his public experiments. The most famous took place in the lecture theatre in the Old Botanic Gardens involving a blood transfusion between a sheep and a dog. He bled out the dog and then infused into it the blood of a conveniently adjacent sheep – the climax being when the recipient dog, having completely recovered, leapt off the table and trotted home.

Described as a popular bon viveur – witty but very licentious in conversation,

eccentric and quarrelsome, it is difficult to imagine a less likely companion for Rev Hall and the friendship didn't last.

In 1806 Harwood, now Sir Busick Harwood, decided to move the Churchway footpath further away from his house and much nearer to Rectory garden. Rev Hall objected but Sir Busick moved it anyway. The new fence was visible from Rev Hall's study window. Relations deteriorated further when Sir Busick hung a human skeleton on it (something he had no trouble acquiring in his line of work). Poor old Rev Hall was beside himself. He returned the

picture he had been given and wrote a very stiff letter.

In it he told Sir Busick he was an embarrassment to the village, an ingrate, mean and unchristian in his behaviour. Sir Busick responded by issuing a Writ in the Court of Kings Bench for criminal libel. Rev Hall pleaded guilty at the first hearing and offered profuse apologies which Sir Busick rejected. The Reverend listed the mitigating circumstances – his mortification at Sir Busick's hands and, particularly, the skeleton. Affidavits were filed by a vast number of gentlemen both clergy and laity of the first distinction as to his excellent character as a Christian, a divine, a magistrate and a man. A fine was imposed and Rev Hall had a criminal record.

Sir Busick left the village almost immediately and became Vice Master of Downing College where he lived and eventually died seven years later in 1814.

Rev Hall outlived him by 14 years and on his death left a detailed will which confirmed his kindly character. He provided for all his servants, his widowed sister, his niece and nephew before setting up a trust of 19 guineas (currently worth just over £2,000) for the relief of the poor of Bartlow.

Gilly Cunningham, Bartlow  
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## Abington Pottery Linton and District Historical Society

AT our first meeting in 2020 we welcomed local historian Jennifer Hirsh, who gave us a wonderful insight to David Lane, without whom there would never have been an Abington Pottery or a story to tell.

David was always reluctant to have pictures of him at work but, even so, Jennifer was able to photograph him at work in his beloved workshop, which was originally given to him by local farmer Ivan Clarke many years ago and remains there today, a year after David passed away at the age of 90.

David Lane was born in Ilford, Essex in 1928. Pottery was to become his keen interest and, after taking a teacher

training course, and travelling extensively, it was to become his life time career.

In 1964 he was invited by the Rural Industrial Bureau to view some 500-year-old, Grade 2 listed cottages owned by the Cambridge Cottage Improvement Society in the village of Abington. Obviously seeing the potential, David moved in with his wife and young family.

Much hard work went into altering the buildings and facilities plus the workshop needed for the Abington Pottery to become successful. In addition, Abington Pottery became a familiar stall two days a week on Cambridge Market Square for 40 years.

Jennifer had brought along

a small selection of her own pots, jugs and plates made by David, and concluded the evening by showing pictures featuring the designs and patterns, so distinctive of the Abington Pottery.

Like most excellent works of art, the Fitzwilliam Museum holds a piece of his work and rightly so.

Join us for more local history at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Linton village hall, Coles Lane when Dr Richard Paden presents *Cambridge Instruments Horace Darwin's Toyshop – a History and Legacy*

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

S/0073/20/VC, Jonathan Collins, Land at the back of 36, Back Road, Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission.

S/0091/20/FL, Martin Pratt, 7, Hillway, Single storey rear extension.

S/0133/20/FL, Mr & Mrs Nick Wolmark, 4, Emsons Close, Two storey rear extension

S/0206/20/FL, Nicola Palmer, 24, Rivey Way, Conversion of Existing extension into Semi-Detached Dwelling complete with Front and Rear Extensions and Single Storey Rear Extension to the existing house.

S/0282/20/TC, Donnan, Linton Rectory, Church Lane, Ash - T1 - Reduce crown by 30%, (4m approx) overcrowded and outgrowing i't situation. Ash - A2 - Reduce crown by 30%, (4m approx) overshadows property. Sycamore - S1 - Remove front branch that leans out over the garden at 45 degrees. Sycamore - S2 - Fell, grown too tall and slender as was in crowded area. Sycamore - S3 - Fell, grown too tall and slender as was in crowded area. Conifer - C1 - Reduce height by 30% (3-4m approx). Norway Spruce - SP1 - Reduce height by 30% (3-4m approx). Willow - W1 - Re-pollard to previous pollarding points. Alder - A1 - Fell, leans 45 degrees over garden away from other trees in the group. Alders - A2 to A8 - Reduce height by 30% (3-4m approx).

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## Reports Round-up January 2020

**TIER ONE Tree Survey, Annual Review-** A meeting with Argenta Tree Services Ltd to review the work identified in the triennial safety survey of trees under the responsibility of LPC. **Present:** Cllrs Kate Kell (Tree Warden) and Enid Bald (Reserve Tree Warden) and Mr. Ian Lorman from Argenta Tree Services Ltd.

Urgent and second line work has been done, with some new work identified. Advice was given regarding thinning of tree groups and pollarding/coppicing as a better way to manage trees, rather than shortening of branches (which can lead to loss of form and shape). Removal of some shrubs suggested for aesthetic and preventative reasons.

**Local Highways Initiative** - A review panel meeting held by Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department to review applications from Parish Councils for funding requests through the Local Highways Initiative Scheme.

**Attended by:** Cllr Enid Bald on behalf of Linton Parish Council. LPC had submitted an application to improve and add new signage, road markings and other safety measures. Once parking restrictions are clearly marked, then enforcement can be initiated.

The submission was well received by the committee, including support for the Rural Transport Hub to alleviate parking problems in the village centre.

In recent years Linton Parish Council have been successful with submissions for traffic calming measures at The Grip, safety and speed signs on "gates" at village entrances, dropped kerbs and many other improvements.

### A1307 Villages Forum -

**Present:** Representatives of nine villages which are impacted by the A1307. Cllrs John and Enid Bald attended as representatives for Linton Parish Council.

Meeting with the Mayor, James Palmer (JP), who noted that only London and this area were net contributors to the economy, but investment to infrastructure had always been low; development needs concurrent infrastructure.

Future housing should be controlled, envisaged as new garden towns, protecting villages and rural character. Where would these six new settlements be? One could be in A1307 area. Transport plans are for high quality, low carbon public transport, probably Cam Trams routes with adjacent cycle lanes, some using redundant rail routes.

Dualling of A1307 is not cost effective and now not likely. The GCP/City Deal proposals are not under his control (bus lanes at Linton, for example) and he asked to be kept informed.

Other matters - Planning Department. We agreed that this was performing poorly and insufficient attention was given to parish comments. Local Plan consultations are unwelcoming to our views.

**SCDC Parish Liaison Meeting** - For further information on this, please see the Councillors report and Linton Parish Council minutes. The "Three Free Trees" initiative is actually a voucher for £60. At this time of year potted trees only available, so this would buy only one...LPC gets better value by buying bare root trees in the Nursery sales!

**Conservation Area Re-appraisal** - A meeting is being arranged to review the Conservation Area and put forward any special points of interest or elements which Linton Parish Council feel should have an impact upon the Outstanding Conservation Area. Volunteers interested in Linton's Outstanding Conservation Area and places of interest are invited to join the group. Please contact the office for further information.

Enid Bald

# Your Parish Needs You!

## "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"



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PARISH Councils are the layer of government that is closest to the people. We share our MP with around 80,000 people, have one county councillor and two district councillors, whom we also share with several neighbouring villages. Our parish councillors are concerned with Linton alone, have no conflicting interests, and are the easiest point of contact for residents with a problem or an idea they wish to promote.

At the moment, we have ten councillors and vacancies for up to five more. We meet monthly in the Cathodeon Centre, with some additional meetings for committees and working parties that members can join if they wish. This allows members to focus on their particular interests – work with young or elderly people, for example, or the development of village facilities – while keeping in touch with the village as a whole.

## Adjustment to date of Annual Parish Meeting

IN LAST month's Parish Council Matters there was an article about the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances it became necessary to adjust the date.

The final date is now set to be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7:30pm at Linton Village Hall. please accept our apologies for the confusion.

There will be brief update from each of the organisations that received funding from both last year and this year and there will be a chance to raise any questions or points for discussion with the Parish Council. We hope to see you there!

Clerk

## What's happening in Linton?

**DOG FOULING.....and it needs to stop!**

There have been several complaints made recently to the Parish Council office regarding the issue of dog fouling throughout the village. The Parish Council is looking at ways it can assist in combatting this issue, in conjunction with South Cambridgeshire District Council. This includes considering aspects such as additional signage, additional dog litter bins throughout the village and dog litter bag dispensers.

However, there is only so much that the Parish Council can do to try to prevent this. The overall responsibility of this comes down to the dog owners themselves within Linton.

So we ask please, pick up after your dog! Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 it is an offence for anyone to allow a dog to foul and not clear it up. If you see this happening, please report this to Envirocrime at

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# Parish Council Matters - Council Meeting Minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30pm.

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Kate Kell

**Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Chris Hine and Paul Poulter declared a prejudicial interest in item 163/19/20b, the Horseheath Road planning application.

**Councillor Vacancies:** Formal notification of the resignation of Councillor Carol Campbell. As a result of this there are now five vacancies available for co-option.

**Chairman's Comment:** Happy New Year to Councillors and parishioners! Cllr John Bald was thanked for assisting in the contact with the Police Commissioner regarding the issues with planning down Bakers Lane.

The Chairman continued that members of the Parish have every right to contact the Parish Council should the issues not be being addressed from other elements of Local Government.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Enid Bald, Chairman of the Planning Committee, for all her hard work on the Bartlow Road planning application. District Councillor John Batchelor was also thanked for his continued support regarding the Bartlow Road planning application as well as for the excellent job of chairing the South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Committee meeting where the Paynes Meadow planning application was considered. The meeting was conducted very professionally and summed up very well.

Finally, Cllr Brian Cox (Dr) was thanked for his assistance with the panels in the churchyard.

**Open Forum for Public Participation None**

**To Approve minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** Cllr John Bald proposed the minutes, Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **Agreed with one abstention.**

**Matters Arising/Clerk's Report:** Update on phone line contracts, call plan and new broadband provider. The provider has now been changed to Onecom and an additional line is being fitted. **Noted.**

Notice of the new meeting table in Village Hall meeting room to allow for more meetings to be held at the PC office. A new table has been purchased for the meeting room on the first floor of the Village Hall, this should allow for meetings to be held more frequently at the Village Hall. **Noted.**

Update on the new office PC's and thanks to Cllr Lee Gardner for his assistance. Cllr Lee Gardner has kindly built a specification for the two new desktop computers for the office. This has actually come in under budget so the Clerk shall continue to process the order. **Noted.**

**Consideration and formal adoption of the Councillor and Staff expenses policy.** Councillors reviewed this document and made the decision that they felt you should not have one policy that applies to both staff and Councillors so this should be split into two separate policies. Clerk to bring back to the next meeting for re-review.

**Planning Matters**

**Consideration of the Planning Committee minutes from the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** **Noted.**

**Horseheath Road**

Update on the Planning application for Horseheath Road, application reference S/4418/19/RM, for the erection of 42 dwellings including the provisions of 0.45ha for allotments on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road, following the Planning Committee meeting of Linton Parish Council. *Verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Enid Bald.*

The developers have met with Linton Parish Council twice now, and it is felt that a lot of issues have been dealt with, however, when the application was formally received there were still some issues that have not been dealt with that required addressing.

There were no archaeology or heritage assessment or report included and the traffic issues were not addressed. The concerns pertaining to the gradient of the slope of the road

and there are concerns that Cambridgeshire County Council Highways may not adopt the road due to this. The ransom strip of land is causing issues with some of the residents from Lonsdale.

**Agreement of the Parish Council to support the recommendation of the Planning Committee regarding the decision on the Horseheath Road application;** The Planning Committee has reviewed the application and despite the fact that many of the issues had been addressed, there were still several aspects which are cause for concern.

It was felt that if the Parish Council did not object, then these issues may not be reviewed or addressed. As a result, the Planning Committee had objected to the application and asked for this to go to the SCDC Planning Committee to be considered.

Council were then asked to vote on whether they agreed with this decision and wish to progress the objection. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that Linton Parish Council continue with the objection and request this is taken to SCDC full Planning Committee, Cllr Amy Smith seconded, put to a vote with seven in favour and two abstentions. **Agreed to support the decision of the Planning Committee.**

**Bartlow Road Planning Applications**

**Update on the planning appeal, reference APP/W0530/W/19/3235259 for Bartlow Road planning application S/2487/18/RM.** *Verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Enid Bald.*

There is currently no further update on the appeal available, however the Clerk is monitoring the progress on the Planning Inspectorate website and has been in touch with the Case Officer.

**Update on planning application S/2501/19/RM, following the decision not to hold the extra-ordinary council meeting originally scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** Verbal update from the Vice-chairman, Councillor John Bald and the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Enid Bald. Following the advice from the barrister and severe time restraints the decision was made by the Chairman and Vice-chairman to cancel the meeting.

The barrister advised that there was a case, however it was not strong enough to assure that Linton Parish Council would win. Sadly, as it is public money it was felt that this was too great a risk to progress with. The application was requested to be called into review by the Scrutiny Committee.

Linton Parish Council has also requested that this be called in twice.

Cllr E Bald requested permission to take this to the Ombudsman, this was proposed by Cllr E Bald, seconded by Cllr Amy Smith, put to a vote. **Agreed.**

**1 Horseheath Road, planning application reference S/0793/18/FL. 3C Shared Services re comments on the proposed application for road names.** The Clerk was requested to respond and request more time to allow the Parish Council time to consult with the village historian for advice on road names which bear importance for Linton.

**District & County Councillors' Reports & Business Verbal update and consideration of Written reports submitted for January 2020.**

Update on the A1307- The cycle route is scheduled to be completed at the same time as the Hildersham crossroad lights. This has been delayed due to an issue with the land acquirement as this is being completed through compulsory purchase. This is now due to be continued this summer.

Network Rail opened a consultation on the railway in the south recently, there will be a link in the next months report for the consultation information.

Greater City Partnership and the A1307 - They have recently started some archaeological and ground studies on the A1307 that the Parish Council should be aware of in case they receive any questions regarding the diggers and work equipment.

SCDC are currently offering three free trees, contact SCDC

should you wish to take advantage of this.

Cllr John Bald left and returned to the meeting on this item. The District and County Councillors left the meeting following the close of this item.

**Monthly Finance Matters**

**Consideration of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.** The Clerk was thanked for the level of detail included now on the agenda and reports. **Noted.**

**Confirmation of the date secured for the internal audit with Mrs Victoria Waples of Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.** **Noted.**

**Traffic and Roadworks Matters**

**Correspondence item 3; Parishioner re speeding on Symonds Lane.** This was delegated to the Traffic Working Group to review and respond.

**Correspondence item 7; Parishioner re speeding and pavement condition at the Grip.** This was delegated to the Traffic Working Group to review and respond.

**Correspondence item 27. Parishioner re flooding on Hadstock Road.** This was delegated to the Traffic Working Group to review and respond.

**Consideration of installing speed signs along the main road entrances and exits to the village, excluding the High Street.** Due to the speed equipment from the LHI being portable across several locations, this shall be reviewed prior to purchasing any other units.

**Correspondence items; November 10 and 41 and December 53. Parishioners emails regarding Market Square.** **Noted.**

**Correspondence item 48. motorist email re the speed limit threshold and signage on Horseheath Road.** This was delegated to the Traffic Working Group to review and respond.

**Youth; Consideration of the Monthly report from the Beacon Youth Trust for the months of October and November 2019.** **Noted.** Cllr Lee Gardner to attend the board meeting on behalf of Linton Parish Council as Cllr John Bald is unable to attend.

**Repairs and Maintenance; Consideration of Horn Lane Ford;** the track requires repair and building up with the correct materials. These require reinstating. Cllr Brian Cox and Cllr Enid Bald to draft a specification.

The Clerk to action, without further permission or referral, should the project come in under the proposed budget of £1,000. This was proposed by Cllr Paul Poulter, seconded by Cllr John Bald. **Agreed.**

**Village Enhancement; Consideration of the replacement of the barriers on Dodgers Lane.** Cllr Enid Bald to draft a specification to bring back to a meeting to review.

**Consideration of the date for the Annual meeting of the Parish on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.** **Noted.**

**The meeting was closed at 9:11pm.**

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