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Granta pupils shine at regional mini paralympics



Proud Granta pupils display their awards with Richard

A TEAM of disabled children from Granta School in Linton and Comberton Village College took pride in representing their county last week in the East region final of the Panathlon Challenge—a mini paralympics—for children run by the Panathlon Foundation.

With British number one ranked wheelchair athlete Richard Chiassaro watching, the South Cambs pupils—who won their county final to qualify for the event—battled it out with teams from Suffolk and Essex in the first ever regional final of the multi-sport competition, which took place at the college at Braintree, Essex.

After a consistent performance throughout the day, which included silver medals in boccia and the athletics field events, all four teams went into the final event of the day within reach of the eventual winners, Suffolk. After a thrilling set of relay races, the Cambridgeshire team were edged into fourth place, but the competitors still went home happy and proud at having represented their county.

Panathlon ambassador Richard Chiassaro said. “It’s been a great day. These guys have been the best in their county and now they are here competing at the next level up. There was



Ben racing down the course

nothing like this available to me when I was a kid. I wish I’d had the opportunity that these children have got. What Panathlon are doing is brilliant”

Alison Darken, a teacher at Granta School said, “When I first joined the school, they didn’t play boccia, but now we play and have made the national finals, where we came eighth out of 250 teams. We also play table cricket and polybat. All of these sports have come to school in the last four or five years, so we have come a long way in that time. We have got all the equipment, which helps more kids to play sport.”

“It’s been amazing,” said Granta School pupil Toby Peak, after receiving his bronze medal for polybat - a Panathlon derivative of table tennis.

Ben Brias, another Granta pupil said: “I feel very honoured to be representing Cambridge. I played table cricket and I also took part in the wheelchair race, but my favourite sport has got to be the javelin”.

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Tony playing polybat

Pictures supplied by Dan Pope

Light up Lonsdale



Go see for yourself Lonsdale Brightening up winter

Picture supplied by Wendy Bishop

THE Christmas lights in Lonsdale will be raising money for Cancer Research this year. The lights should be turned on by the beginning of December, weather permitting.

Wendy Bishop

Local produce and crafts at the farmers’ market

A GREAT way to spend a Saturday morning is to visit the farmers’ market and craft fair at Linton Village College which comes every first Saturday of the month from 9am-12 noon.

This is how shopping should be, relaxed and chatting with the people who produce the wonderful produce on sale.

Gathered together is a fantastic range of local artisan produce and goods. We have everything from organic bread, fruit and vegetables, meat, fish, cheese and game to honey, pickles, jams, plants, cakes, hot waffles, marshmallows, olives, chocolate and pies.

We have some very talented people who produce some beautiful hand knits, hand-crafted pens, boxes, jewellery, skin care products, fabric craft and cards for all occasions.

Refreshments are available, supporting LVC and there is plenty of parking.

We look forward to seeing you on 6th December (no January market). For more information see www.farmersfayres.co.uk

Karen Broad

Another jolly good show, despite the rain

THE Linton fireworks display on Saturday 8th November began with Matt Organ playing the *Last Post* on his cornet, which was followed by a shower of red poppies to commemorate one hundred years since the start of World War I.

Next came the Best Guy competition, which was judged by James Puxley, the new head at Linton Heights School, and was won by Linton Granta Playgroup.

Finally came the fireworks. “I’m always in awe of the team who set up the fireworks and more so than ever this year”, said Andrew Clark, chairman of the vast team of volunteers. He explained that the exceptionally wet weather created havoc – damp creeping into practically everything – so that the lighters, Alasdair Forbes, Trevor Golding and Ian Webb, were sometimes unsuccessful in keeping to schedule, unable to keep up with the music, so it seemed at one point as if the fireworks overran. For the crowd it looked like an extra long display, clearly finishing with that spectacularly colourful starburst which seemed to encompass the whole village.

For volunteers manning the food stalls, the constant crowd of supporters won the gold star. Everyone was so cheerful, uncomplaining and helpful although the barbecues had damped down, the onions were swimming in water and the paper napkins distinctly soggy. You were all wonderful. Thank you again for your continued support. Thanks as ever to Camgrain and all the volunteers.

Kate France 891602



Fireworks lighting up the night sky

Photo by Graeme Beck, GB Photography.

All set fair for the Christmas Market

UNBELIEVABLY our first full year of trading has flown by and back by popular demand is the second Linton Christmas Market. I am so pleased that everyone had such fun last year and is keen to be involved again.

There is now a hefty waiting list for stallholders, and I have squeezed as many local producers as possible (including Linton’s very own Jigsaw Bakery and The Flower Boutique) onto the historic Linton Market Square which is the little cobbled area next-door-but-one to my shop. Beaumont Butchers will also be open on the day to enable you to pick up any last minute orders.

Put this date in your diary – Saturday 13th December from 10am.

We are serving hot drinks, mulled wine, homemade soup and cakes from the shop and

on the market square there will be lots of ideas for last minute Christmas presents from local food producers and craftspeople, allowing you to shop locally this Christmas. Cambridge-based Steak and Honour will be serving their scrummy burgers, so do come hungry.

The Linton parent and children choirs will be back to get us all in the festive mood and I have pre-ordered the sunshine.

I look forward to seeing you all there. If any of you are available to help deliver flyers on your street, or put posters up at your place of work, please pop into the shop.

As always, thank you so much for continuing to support The Linton Kitchen. Keep an eye on our website for seasonal opening times at www.lintonkitchen.co.uk Gemma Whiting, 894949

What a whopper!

FOR the last 20 years Sandra Chapman has been helping her dad, Roy Chapman of Back Road, on his allotment.

They had been watching one carrot growing that looked like it was going to be a monster

When Sandra finally decided to dig it up it weighed 4lb and there were some smaller ones beside it and they weighed 2lb each

This is the biggest carrot her father has seen in all his gardening years and he has been gardening since 1946, at first helping his father on his allotment.

For more information contact Sandra on 07779697807 Daniel Mayes



Sandra with the biggest carrot in Linton

Picture supplied by Daniel Mayes

Changes to the recycling bin collections in the winter months

Don’t forget the changes to the green and blue bin collections, this month.

Details are listed on page 3 under the diary

You can get rid of your Christmas trees (cut up) in the green bin and cards and wrapping paper in the blue bin.

LNT

Too good for jumble...

THERE is a dismantled shed available from Balsham - 6 ft x 4 ft approximately 6ft 6in high, a Digital DVD Player that reads camera disks and has a USB port and 3 brand new cotton rugs 115 cm x 70cm, terracotta/cream patterned.

Items still available are a round barbecue on a green steel trolley, a child’s snooker table on a frame and 10 stacking metal chairs with black padded back & seats.

The hamster cage raised £15 for Linton Heights PTFA, the sewing machine made £30 for the PDSA; the ping pong balls made £5, and two chairs sold for £5 each – all for the Friends of Linton Library. The computer workstation raised £15 for East Anglia Air Ambulance.

To buy any of the above or to offer 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.

Westminster debate for local students

LINTON village college students Helen Grant, 16, and Matthew Timmons-Brown, 15, took part in a Parliamentary debating competition at the House of Commons organised by Lucy Frazer, Conservative Parliamentary candidate for South East Cambridgeshire.

The students were speaking against the motion *This house would ban reality TV*.



Helen and Matthew at Westminster

Picture supplied by Tony Kelly

Helen and Matthew were selected for the final after competing in a preliminary debate at Linton. Other schools taking part were Bottisham and Impington village colleges and

The King's School, Ely.

The debate took place in a committee room of the House of Commons and was chaired by Lucy Frazer. It was adjudicated by Sir Jim Paice, MP for South East Cambridgeshire, who praised the high standard of debate and commented that none of the speeches would have been out of place in the Commons chamber.

Lucy Frazer said: "All the students had put a great deal of effort into their speeches and were a real credit to their teachers and schools. I am sure we have some budding barristers and politicians amongst them."

Tony Kelly from Linton village college, added: "This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to enter the corridors of power and take part in a debate inside the Houses of Parliament, surrounded by so much history. The students did themselves proud and they are now hoping to start a debating society at LVC."

"Young people feel passionately about the issues that concern them and it was good to see our students researching a topic and having the confidence to speak in public in such a magnificent setting."

Tony Kelly



Village school gets makeover

SINCE the start of September, Linton Heights Junior school has undergone a complete makeover. This was not a result of a generous annual budget from the government but rather thanks to the dedication and hard work of our fabulous parents.

Over the course of two parent working parties, the first being held on Saturday 27th September and the second held on 25th October, all of the classrooms, outside play equipment and pool area have been repainted and repaired. In addition, the school is very grateful to CCS cleaning, who not only provided a painter and decorator but also transformed all of the carpets in the school at an astoundingly reasonable price.

Thanks to the generosity of Linton community members, the school now looks smart and is a building that our children can be really proud of. The pupils, staff and governors of Linton Heights Junior school are extremely grateful.

Gracie Webster-Spriggs, Oliver Graves and Mr Puxley

Homeless helped by Jimmy's

theWI OUR speaker this month was Henry Brown, chief executive of

Jimmy's night shelter in Cambridge, named after Jimmy Dille who slept rough most of his life under a bridge on the M11. Before Jimmy's opened in a chapel crypt (very dark and few proper facilities), a double decker bus used to pick up homeless people and give them a bed on the bus.

Since October 2012 the shelter's new home with 22 beds is a converted Baptist church with 20 en suite rooms. The homeless can stay a maximum of 28 days and during that time have various issues addressed such as mental health, drink and drugs. They receive help to find jobs and more permanent accommodation, with classes such as cooking, budgeting, music and creative writing.

The council does not have a statutory obligation to house single homeless over 18s, except when the temperature drops below freezing on three consecutive nights, when they

may be housed in B and B's. However, the council does provide a significant amount of funding and Jimmy's can claim housing benefits for individuals. Accommodation is free but guests are asked to give a nominal sum out of any earnings or benefits.

Henry estimates there will be 3,500 people sleeping rough on the streets of England on any given night.

Approximately 15 volunteers a day work at Jimmy's and one lady has been serving meals for 17 years, missing just one day, and has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

So much dry and tinned food is generously donated by supermarkets and other organisations that volunteers have to work three days a week to sort through it.

In December we are having our Christmas meal which is for members only. The speaker on 6th January 2015 will be Horry Parsons on *Building the Millennium Tower - St Edmundsbury Cathedral*.

Sally Proberts

Travelling in East Anglia of old

THE Linton and District Historical Society has its Christmas meeting on the 16th December. Here we will have a real treat when the renowned local speaker Tony Kirby returns to give a talk entitled *Rivers, ports and railways of East Anglia*.

Tony is a transport enthusiast and former Anglia Ruskin lecturer and on this occasion turns his attention to the fascinating history of the East Anglian transport network.

If you would like to hear more, do come and listen to this fascinating talk at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th December in Linton village hall. All are very welcome.

Andrew Westwood-Bate

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Christmas is coming at Linton Infants

THE month of December arrives and with it the children's excitement increases. Christmas is but a few weeks away. School life is always busy but over the festive period, there seem to be so many things to fit in: Christmas parties, special visitors, making, gluing, sticking, drawing and of course, the school performance. All of this along with the every day demands of school life.

As I write this, our children are yet to start their rehearsals but I am sure that again, there will be lots of tears (from the children, teachers and parents) and many proud mums and dads as their children walk onto that stage and perform to the audience.

At the end of October the Year 1 and Year 2 children went to visit Braintree museum. Dressed in Victorian style costume, they certainly made a sight walking to the bus stop. As you may know, our theme

for this term is *Through the Keyhole* and at the museum, the children got the opportunity to see a Victorian style classroom, complete with a strict Victorian teacher and an inspection for clean fingernails.

They also had a visitor from Denny Abby Farmland Museum who was able to bring in lots of Victorian clothing and artifacts - the children had great fun guessing what some of them were.

Following along our theme, the Foundation Stage children have been hunting for keys; the latest key they found unlocked the fire station. An exciting visit followed where they learnt about the work the fire fighters do and how to keep safe around fires and particularly fireworks.

All that is left for me to say now on behalf of all the staff is we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a restful New Year.

Louise Clark

Christmas services at St Mary's

FOLLOWING the departure of the Revd Dr Steve Griffiths to Enfield, St Mary's is still in a period of interregnum. Since May we have maintained the regular pattern of services and have held school and community services. The following are the Christmas Services:

At 2.30pm on 7th December, Messy Christingle. This is a service for children and families. The service will include lots of creative activity, songs, messy play - and Christingles. There will also be food and drink. Please come along.

At 6pm on 21st December, our Carol Service, with carols and readings, followed by refreshments.

At 11.30 pm on 24th December, Midnight Holy Communion with carols.

At 10am on Christmas Day we will celebrate Christmas Holy Communion and sing carols. Everyone welcome, as always.

We look forward to welcoming you at St Mary's during the Christmas season. More information at www.stmaryslinton.org
Sue Filby, sue4rector@btinternet.com

Passing the baton



Linton WI with baton
Picture supplied by Sally Proberts

theWI 2015 is the centenary year of the Women's Institute and a centenary baton, celebrating the links of friendship and community, will travel throughout 69 federations in England, Wales and the Islands.

The baton started in Anglesey, where the very first WI was opened in 1915, and will finish at the AGM in June 2015 at the Royal Albert Hall. Several members turned out to welcome the baton to Linton in October

Sally Proberts

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Lost for numbers in Kingfisher Walk

Dear Editor,
I write as the Co-ordinator of Linton Helping Hands.
Yesterday, one of our drivers had to pick up an elderly and frail client and take him to an appointment with his bank. The driver was not familiar with the lay-out at Kingfisher Walk, and it took him quite a long time to find the house with the consequence that the client was late.

I subsequently went down to see for myself what the problem was. Quite simply, there is no indication at all in the parking area as to which passage to go down to find the number one is looking for, as, for example, there is in Finchams Close. This makes it very difficult for anyone, such as a delivery man who is unfamiliar with the area, to find the number he wants, and could have serious consequences in the case of an ambulance on an urgent call.

I am informed by a councillor that the only way to get anything done about it would be for the local residents to put in a request to the Parish Council. I think it would be a good idea if they did so.
Dr BC Conochie by email

In-car camera accident recordings

Dear Editor
After having a car drive literally head-on towards me as I drove home to West Wickham in the dark last year and ended up with two useless wheels in a huge pothole I decided enough was enough.

I have done a great deal of research and have found an in-car forward facing miniature camera which I have installed in my car so that should the problem arise again. I have a record of the incident. I have been discussing the problem of Cambridgeshire's roads with the police involved in Cambridgeshire's road safety. They are going to continue a dialogue with me about what we can do to try and reduce the number of accidents on the County's roads, and the use that can be made of these brilliant cameras. Cambridge has one of the highest numbers of minor roads in the whole country and

that is exactly where accidents occur and not, as many people believe, on the motorways which are relatively safe in comparison. If any residents of Linton would like details of these cameras I would be happy to supply information to them by e-mail.
Jan Lupton, jan@jlupton2.wanadoo.co.uk

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Turf wars ?

Dear Editor
Once again Linton was treated to a fabulous firework display thanks to the Linton Bonfire Society and Camgrain. We are so lucky to be able to have such a spectacle every 5th November.

However I wonder if next time the organisers could give a little more thought to trying to minimise the damage to the turf on Camping Close. Maybe different tyres could be used on the tractors so as to avoid the huge ruts which now cover the grass which previously looked so pristine. The grass will recover but it will take many weeks and until then the area is a mud-bath.
Name and address supplied

..... or just too much rain

Reply by Andrew Clark Chair of the Fireworks Committee
We were very unlucky this year with the weather and the rain running up to the event and on the evening made the ground very soft. We are very grateful to Camgrain for the loan of various vehicles which are used to transport bonfire materials, fireworks and a host of other materials around the field - without them, the event would simply not happen. The conditions on Saturday were such that vehicles with normal tyres were unable to exit the field and had to be towed by the tractors until they reached the playground.

As your correspondent states, the grass does recover remarkably quickly and most of the evidence of our presence will have disappeared by Christmas. A group of us will be returning to the field the weekend after the display to repair and reseed the area by the entrance which is the most badly damaged. We have been liaising with the Parish Council to ensure they are kept informed.
Andrew Clark, 07713 160306

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
Sue, Andrew, and Simon would like to thank all the friends and neighbours for their support, cards, letters, and messages during our Mum's illness. We were overwhelmed to see so many in Hildersham Church at her funeral and it was a great comfort.
Andrew Westwood-Bate

Dear Editor
THE coffee morning held at Nichols Court held on September 26th for the Macmillan Cancer Fund raised £1,320. The event was very well attended, it had numerous stalls, a raffle, a Tombola, a cake stall and scrumptious bacon rolls and hot dogs. Hanging baskets and pansies sold well too.

It was an enjoyable social event and we hope to do it again next year. Thanks to all who came and contributed.
Bel Griffiths

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

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| WEEKLY | | |
| Seedlings Alternate Mondays 1.15-2.45pm | | CC |
| Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays. | | VH |
| Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Mondays | term time | CC |
| Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays | | Pavilion |
| Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701) | | |
| Play & Stay, Alternate Tuesdays, 9.30-11am | | CC |
| WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time | | VH |
| Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays | | CP |
| Linton Granta playgrp, 9am-12noon Monday-Friday | | LVC |
| Linton Granta Toddler grp, 9.30-11.30 Tuesdays | term time | LVC |
| Linton Granta playgrp, 12.30-2.30pm Mon-Fri, NOT Tues | | LVC |
| Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time | | Library |
| Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays | | VH |
| Table tennis club, 8pm Thursdays term time only | | URC |
| Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509) | | CC |
| Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays | | VH |
| IT club, 7pm Tuesdays | | CC |
| Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time only | | VH |
| Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays | | VH |
| Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays | | URC |
| Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays | | Library |
| Cricket club, 6-8pm Thursdays | | RG, LVC |
| Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays | | VH |
| Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays | | CC |
| Table tennis club, 8-10pm Thursdays term time only | | URC hall |
| Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays | | CP |
| St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays | | St Mary's |
| Bridge club, 7pm Fridays | | CC |

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DECEMBER 2014

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|----|---|----------------------|
| ? | Light up Lonsdale | Lonsdale |
| 3 | Linton Reading Group, 8pm | VH(upstairs) |
| 4 | Open morning Linton Infant School, 9.30-10.30am | LI |
| 6 | Farmers' Market, 9am | LVC |
| 6 | Symonds House Christmas Fayre, 1pm | Symonds House |
| 6 | Christmas craft event, 2pm | URC |
| 6 | Granta Playgroup, Christmas Fair, 2-4pm | VH |
| 7 | Messy Christingle, 2.30pm | St Mary's |
| 8 | Open morning Linton Infant School, 9.30-10.30am | LI |
| 8 | Camera Club, 7.15pm | CC |
| 9 | VIP group, 2pm | Chalklands |
| 9 | Gardening Club, 7.30pm | VH |
| 10 | Community Navigator, 10-12noon | HC |
| 11 | Linton lunch club, 12noon | Red Lion, Horsheath |
| 13 | Christmas Market, 10am onwards | Market Square |
| 14 | Lighthouse, 10.15am - 12noon | URC Hall |
| 14 | Linton Youth Music, Music Selection Box | St Mary's |
| 16 | Clothing sale / coffee morning, 11am | Symonds House |
| 16 | Historical Society, 7.30pm | VH |
| 17 | Cambridgeshire Hearing Help, 9.30-12 | HC |
| 18 | Parish council meeting 7.30pm | CC |
| 21 | Walking Group, 11am | Church Lane |
| 21 | Christmas carol service 6pm | St Mary's |
| 24 | Midnight Communion, 11.30pm | St Mary's |
| 25 | Christmas Communion Service, 10am | St Mary's |

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| 3 | Friends of St Mary's coffee morning, 10.30am-noon | VH |
| 5 | Camera Club, 7.15pm | CC |
| 6 | WI, 7.30pm | VH |
| 7 | Linton Reading Group, 8pm | VH(upstairs) |
| 8 | Linton lunch club, 12noon | Red Lion, Horsheath |
| 15 | Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm | CC |

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LI Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

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19th December 1914

FRANK Cottage was born in 1890. Frank joined the West Yorkshire Regiment in 1908 and was a Private in the 1st West Yorkshire Regiment. He served in Kuldanda in India and Malta before the war and entered the Western Front on the 5th November 1914 at Le Havre as part of the 2nd West Yorkshire.

It is believed he died as a result of the Battle of Givenchy. An attack began on 19th December at 3.10am in freezing rain between La Bombe Crossroads, near Neuve-Chapelle. Frank is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.

Esther Cornell

Local school honours the war dead

LINTON Village College fell silent at 11am on 11th November and lessons came to a halt as students and staff stood in silent remembrance of the fallen of two world wars and other conflicts.

Year 10 students Peter Cooke and Tom Murray played the Last Post from the college roof on a beautiful sunny morning as the college community paid its respects.

A week earlier students at the after-school sewing and craft skills workshop created a Remembrance tapestry.

Tony Kelly
891233 Ext 344
tony.kelly@lvc.org



LVC falls silent and (right) the Remembrance tapestry

Pictures supplied by Tony Kelly

Painting her way from Taiwan to Linton

AS Linton grows we are truly becoming a multi-cultural society. Ebu O'Dwyer is a Taiwanese aboriginal who recently moved into the village with her British husband and six year old son.

Ebu was working in the family restaurant in Taiwan when she met her husband, who was studying Chinese at Taiwan university. She spoke no English at the time so all their communication was in Chinese.

In 2005 they went to Mexico to be near family and there she learnt Spanish while teaching Chinese in school.

In 2011 the family came to England and settled in Norwich where Ebu taught not only Chinese at UEA but also painting.

Ebu is a self-taught artist and her style is typically Mexican and aboriginal. Her paintings are colourful, bold and expressive and each one tells its own story. She had exhibited her work both in Taiwan and Mexico and in 1999 was approached by the Taiwanese Society of Contemporary Indigenous Art to allow some of her work to be published in its yearbook.

She is currently in the process of producing a book called *Bu Nong Legend*, which she hopes to publish next year (Bu Nong being the name of her father's tribe). This will consist of indigenous paintings and explanatory text. Ebu loves living in Linton and says it feels like home. We extend a warm welcome to her.

Sarah Hurcum



Ebu with some of her paintings

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

BETWEEN 4pm on the 27th October and 7.30am on 28th October a double wooden garage at a property in the High Street, Hildersham was broken into and various building tools were stolen.

Between 5pm on 29th October and noon on 31st October two rolls of lead were stolen from the driveway of a property in Symonds Lane, Linton.

If anyone has any information regarding any of the above crimes, please let us know immediately.

SPEEDING in villages is a constant issue. I will try and get out to the problem villages but I need residents to report the speeding issues on the following web page <http://tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam>. This information will help us target areas where there are regular reports.

In addition, anyone wanting to set up a Speed Watch Group in their village or requiring further information regarding Speed-watch, should email me on leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

DURING the summer the South Cambs police have dealt with 1,640 speeding motorists in your villages, and thanks to your information, convicted two men with robberies in local villages, with sentences totalling 15 years imprisonment, attended 356 domestic incidents and helped protect victims of domestic abuse.

We have reduced youth related anti-social behaviour over the school holidays by carrying out daily patrols in key areas and increased your confidence in the way we police your villages by listening to what you tell us.

PCSO Leanne.fisher

THE police have launched a new Victims' Hub which will be offering support to victims of crime in Cambridgeshire to help them cope and recover from the impact of the crime they have experienced.

Victims of crime will be assessed to determine the level of support they need and then helped in the most appropriate way, bringing in specialist services as required.

For further information visit the Victims' Hub website www.cambsvictimshub.co.uk.

Diana Waterer (Police Communications Officer, Cambridgeshire Constabulary)

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What to do with a broken kettle



PETER MORRIS delighted gardening club members with the breadth of both his containers and their vegetable, fruit or flowering contents in his illustrated talk this month. His harvest from standard large pots was much more impressive than that gained from my vegetable plot. Peter produced immaculate fruit and vegetables, all of which an RHS judge would be pleased to see on a bench. Perhaps it helped that he knew from experience what the judges were looking for, as he judges in Westminster. Or perhaps he is just better at remembering to water and feed everything than I am.

Peter's exotic array of containers proved that anything can hold soil will do. Lobelia effloresced in the top of an inverted traffic cone and geraniums graced a chimney pot, while cucumbers dangled from an old electric kettle strung up like a hanging basket. Even spent grow bags were not simply tipped on the garden, they were slashed open, tied in shape and planted up with onions.

His top tip for next year's hanging baskets was to buy one each of your chosen plants early and feed them. Once they are big enough, take cuttings from them to give you enough plants to fill your baskets.

Our Christmas social evening which will bring music to your ears is on Tuesday 9th December. Do please remember to bring a glass with you, if you'd like to enjoy some mulled wine or fruit juice. Any donations of mince pies are always welcome. We look forward to seeing both members and visitors at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Kirsten Newble, 892425, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Air Cadets spruce up War Memorial

AIR cadets from 2523 Linton Squadron Air Training Corps have been busy tidying up the RAF Castle Camps memorial in preparation for Remembrance Sunday.

The memorial, which was put up in 1994 by the RAF Castle Camps Memorial Trust to honour all those who served at the airfield from 1940 to 1946, was adopted by the squadron in 2001.

This year, 20 years on from when the memorial was first unveiled, 2523 Linton Squadron has added its details to war memorials online. This is a national website dedicated to building up a complete picture of the whereabouts, type and condition of all war memorials in the United Kingdom.

Lucy Tennison, 2523 (Linton) Squadron ATC



Air cadets at Castle Camps memorial

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Text by Jo Sinclair and illustrated by Maureen Williams



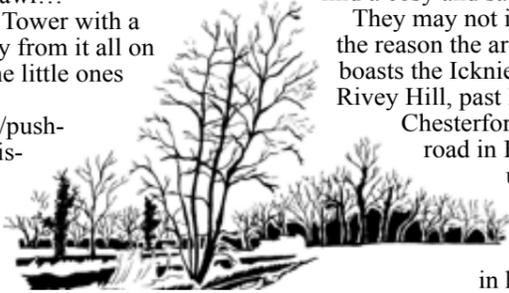
Stepping out in our local villages

IF you're thinking about a walk this Christmas or New Year there are endless options in Linton village and the surrounding countryside. Think Christmas pudding perambulation, Heritage Trail, nature walk or pub-crawl...

Climb 367 feet up to Rivey Water Tower with a troop of extended family. Sneak away from it all on your own, (Bah, Humbug), or take the little ones out after dark for a starlit adventure.

The Heritage Trail is a wheelchair/push-chair friendly walk through Linton history, marked by information boards sited on the High Street, Camping Close and the Health Centre car park. There are around 150 listed buildings in what was once a wealthy medieval wool town.

All those sheep would have been herded to market along the Roman Road, also known as Wool Street. This ancient heritage site can be seen ribboning across the landscape north of the Water Tower. You can join it by walking down the track from the tower towards the hairpin bend on the Linton to Balsham back road by Chilford Hall. A footpath across the arable fields to the right takes you onto the Roman Road, which you can follow east or west. Check out Ordnance Survey Explorer map 209 or have fun plotting



your route at the interactive website www.walkjogrun.net. Take a loop round via Hildersham (the popular Pear Tree pub is sadly no more), or go cross country to Balsham and find a cosy and salubrious welcome at the Black Bull.

They may not impress your visitors, but our hills are the reason the area is so rich in history. Linton also boasts the Icknield Way, the chalk footpath around Rivey Hill, past Linton Zoo and up towards Great Chesterford. This Neolithic route is the oldest road in Britain. It is carved across the chalk uplands from Wiltshire to Hunstanton, avoiding our region's marshy fens.

Cambridge writer Robert Macfarlane puts himself on the map in his book *The Old Ways*, in which he walks the Icknield Way and Roman Road and talks eloquently about getting a rich and heightened sense of place from our local surroundings, rather than seeking out far-flung thrills.

One of Linton's squelchier places, can be found in Linton's Pocket Park. Go along Mill Lane, just beyond the bridge and turn left. Head this way for a quiet nature walk. It's a charming mini meander around water meadows and along the River Granta where trout, herons, barn owls, kingfishers, water voles and even otters can still be found.

Linton courses for January

AT Linton Village College we have a host of new adult learning courses and one day workshops on offer starting the week commencing 12th January 2015.

We have a wide range of daytime and evening courses available including *Arts and Crafts*, *Languages* and *Health and Fitness*.

So come along and join our already popular courses such as *Floristry*, *Upholstery* or *Sewing and Craft* skills. Or why not learn a new language for the new year? We have *Spanish*, *French* or *British Sign Language* on offer. Or if fitness is your thing why not join the popular *Pilates* or *Tai Chi* classes available.

We appreciate everyone leads a busy lifestyle these days so we have put together a programme of one day workshops. Workshops are a great way of learning a new skill in a short period of time. For the next term we have on offer *Sewing and Craft Skills*, *Indian Head Massage*, *Floristry*, *Mosaics*, *Upholstery* and *Tai Chi*.

If you would like to enrol on a course or a workshop please contact us on 891233 or email us at adult.education@lvc.org. Alternatively go to www.lvccommunity.org to download an enrolment form.

Matt Bailey

Sawston courses for January

WE are now starting to plan new courses for Sawston Village College starting in January, so if there is anything you are interested in, or anything you could offer to teach, please contact us.

Most courses start in the week commencing 12th January. Some new courses planned are, *An Introduction to Generative Art*, *An Introduction to Garden Design*, *International Cooking* and *Cooking on a Budget*, so if you are interested in any of these you can enrol now. Due to this term's *Mindfulness* course being oversubscribed, we have a new one starting on 19th January for eight weeks for which we are already taking enrolments. So don't delay, enrol today.

Look out also for Saturday workshops in March. *Alexander Technique*, *Bricklaying*, *De-stress and Sleep well*, *First aid Paediatric*, *Knitting*, *Using Email*, *Languages in a Day* and many more.

For more information on our courses please visit our website www.sawstonadulted.org or email community@sawstonvc.org or telephone 712424. Follow us on twitter @<http://twitter.com/SawstonAdultEd>. facebook coming shortly.

Wendy Carpenter, Adult Learning, SVC

Happy first birthday to Lizzie's

LIZZIE Harris and Rachael Daniels would like to thank the Linton Community for welcoming them during the past year. After 25 years in Saffron Walden it was quite a wrench for Lizzie and Rachael to move, however one year on and they would both agree it was a great decision.

They have not only brought with them many of their regular clients who have been with them for a number of years, but are delighted that many new clients have joined them from Linton and the surrounding villages.

Please do pop into the salon anytime. You will be assured of a friendly welcome or contact us on 01223 894700 or visit our new website www.lizzieshealthandbeauty.com or via email lintonlizzies2013@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Can Linton be a Fairtrade village?

I AM a fan of fairtrade. When I buy products with the fairtrade label I am supporting fairer pay and conditions for farmers and producers in some of the poorest countries of the world, taking a stand against child exploitation, slavery, sweatshops, and other negative aspects of the modern global economy.

But I am only one person, and my actions only have a small effect. That's why I am eager for Linton to become a Fairtrade village. When a community declares itself a Fairtrade town or village as Hildersham did this summer, it raises awareness and understanding of fairtrade and encourages more people to commit to buying fairtrade products. Increased sales of these products mean that more people around the world benefit.

There are various steps involved in making Linton a Fairtrade village. If you would like to help, or just want to find out more, please contact me at Anna_k_mcmahon@hotmail.co.uk Anna McMahon 892525

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Solution to 116 - Square in a Field Area is?

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Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

All welcome at Christmas Fayre..

SYMONDS HOUSE have their Christmas Fayre from from 1-4pm on 6th December and a clothing sale Money Spinners/coffee morning at 10.30am on 16th December. Proceeds will go to the Greenfingers Club. All welcome.

Contact Shani Bradley for more information

Mrs A Silva, Manager, Symonds House

..and a Christmas craft fair

THE Linton Heights Junior school PTFA is holding a Christmas craft fair on Sunday 30th November from 2-5pm to raise money for school funds. There will be a range of stalls for Christmas gift ideas and Christmas craft activities for children. Mulled wine will be available and a Christmas raffle with prizes from local businesses. Admission is £1 for adults and 50p children and other concessions.

Isabel Fish

Friends of St Mary's coffee morning

CHASE away those post Christmas blues with an enjoyable coffee, mince pies and savouries morning from 10.30am to noon on Saturday 3rd January at the village hall. Admission is £4 and there will be a Bring and Buy stall and a raffle.

The Quiz Night, held on 17th October was very enjoyable, with a lively quiz-master, some challenging questions and an excellent fish and chip supper to keep everyone going. The winners were rewarded with a large tin of sweets and those with the lowest score were presented with lemons. They must have wished it was nearer Pancake Day.

Margaret Cox

Dementia talk for carers

THERE is an adult support drop-in session from 10.30am to 1pm on 16th December at Sawston Free Church, 1 High Street, Sawston.

These talks are aimed at carers and anyone who is living with a long term illness or disability or providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends.

Guest speaker Kerry Connolly will talk on dementia.

For more information ring 01480 377616 or 01480 373220 or look on drop.in.sessions.asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Amanda Davies, 699650

Hildersham in December

IT'S TEATIME Christmas Tea will be held at 3pm on Thursday 4th December in Hildersham village hall. Fairtrade stall with Christmas cards. Everyone is welcome.

A CANDLELIT Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held at 3pm on Sunday 21st December at Hildersham Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

For any queries please contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or at catherinemyer43@btinternet.com



The Derbyshire Post



WHEN the college acquired the rubber crumb Astro-turf, I had just been appointed to the post of Principal. England and West Ham striker Trevor Brooking was invited along to open it up and various members of the school community tried to save the penalties he knocked into the new goals. That does not feel so long ago.

It amazes me, therefore, that we are currently negotiating for a new surface for the pitch that has almost reached the end of its natural life. We have been saving for the replacement, via an annual sinking fund, since it was purchased nine years ago and the idea is that the rest of the funding is provided by the Football Association, just as it was back in 2005.

The old pitch has seen a huge amount of use. Aztecs, Cambridge United, Linton Granta and the PE Department all give it a good hammering so it has served the community very well indeed and lasted just long enough for us to have saved enough to replace it.

We are incredibly lucky at LVC to have the fantastic sporting facilities that our children and our community enjoy – the gym, the sports hall with its new flooring, the dance studios, the tennis courts, the cricket nets and the generous amount of field space make us the envy of all around. Getting a brand new Astro-turf once more will be the icing on the cake.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Seasonal music in Balsham

VILLAGERS tell us that the festive season doesn't really start until they have been to the Balsham Singers Christmas Concert. This year it will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th December at Holy Trinity Church Balsham- so don't miss out.



We are singing Rutter's *Te Deum* Chilcott's *Little Mass* and there will of course be a selection of carols includ-

ing some with the audience.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval

Buy tickets in advance for £7 from Balsham and Great Abington Post Offices. Tickets will also be available on the night priced £8.

Under 18s will be free. For further information phone me or Lisa Pechey on 893032/894003.

Rosemary Gray

Come and celebrate Burns Night

FRIENDS of Linton Village College are holding a Burns night supper on 23rd January 2015 from 7.15pm until 11.30pm in the Main Hall. It will be a traditional three course meal (vegetarian option available) and Ceilidh. A bar will be available. Tickets costing £17.50 each are available from the college reception on 891233 or me on 890270.

Charlotte Foster



The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

More ghostly goings-on in village

ONE reader responded to last month's article on the Queen's House by informing me that she and her 15 year-old son had strange experiences whilst delivering papers to the house. Both were pushed by an unseen force or person whilst walking between the High Street gate and the front door of the house. They had no idea that the house was haunted.

Two further properties in the village are linked to ghost-like experiences. No 70 High Street, once the Colville's shop, was turned into a house after the Colville's retired in 1975. One of the new owners levelled the ground floor and discovered some human bones in the kitchen area. The

residents stated that they saw the ghost of a monk walking into a bedroom through the wall on the river side of the house. The monk was dressed in black, didn't speak and later walked back through the wall.

However, before we dismiss the story I need to mention that an Abbey of the Benedictine's was located in Brittany and the priory was built in Linton as a base to supervise the rectory lands given to it after 1066. The modern occupants would have had no knowledge of the priory. No 70 was adjacent to the priory so the story might be true.

In September 1975 the Haverhill Echo related the story of a ghost at No 15 High Street, the home of Thomas Street.

He was 80 years old and sitting in a room close to the stairs. He told his daughter he had heard a loud noise through the wall of No13 and then he saw a tall hooded woman walking down his stairs dressed in white with a turban like hood carrying a basket of clothes or perhaps a cradle. She then walked very fast past him and disappeared through the opposite wall. It was in the afternoon while he was sitting waiting for his nurse to call.

I interviewed his daughter, Barbara, who told me the same story. She added that when she was five years old she awoke one morning to an apparition at the bottom of her bed of a smiling lady dressed in white.

Strangely some months later George Seaman-Turner was repairing a tudor inglenook fireplace at No 13 next door, when he uncovered a stone with the head of a hooded woman in white. It was a figure of the Virgin Mary concealed in the fireplace which backed onto No15, the home of Thomas Street.

This discovery gave some credence to the earlier story and the house featured in a brief television programme.

I can only speculate that the white figure which experts said was a 14th century figure had once been in the church and was hidden in the fireplace at the time of the Protestant Reformation.

MP visits pictures at an exhibition



Sarah Hurcum, exhibition organiser, with Sir Jim Paice MP.

Picture by Mike Crofts

IN October the Linton Camera Club once again put on its annual exhibition of photographs in the village hall and attracted a record number of visitors.

There were over 200 pictures on display and the overall consensus was that the standard becomes higher each year.

Our MP for South Cambs, Sir James Paice also attended this year with his wife Lady Paice, who both said they had thoroughly enjoyed it. Teas and home made cakes were available, with cards produced by club members for sale, and there was a raffle with some great prizes.

Although visitors numbered about 270, considering the size of the village this is a very small percentage of the population.

The exhibition is free to visit so we hope that next year word will have spread that this is an event well worth experiencing. We hope to see more of you there in 2015.

Sarah Hurcum

December bulletin from CFRS

IT is the time of year when we are enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before going to bed or leaving the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. Never remove the batteries to use in presents.

Leanne Ehren, Media & Communication Officer

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2378/14/DC Mr & Mrs Simon Godsill, 131 High Street. Discharge of Condition 3 (Materials), 4 (Window & Door Sections, Eaves, Junction with Existing Building, Elevation Plan of Stud Wall) for Application No S/2532/13/FL for internal alterations and bay extension.

S/2441/14/FL Mrs Lucy Potter, 68 Bartlow Road. Dropped Kerb to provide crossover vehicle access.

S/2504/14/OL Mr John Loveday, 1 Horseheath Road. Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of 9 dwellings.

S/2517/14/FL Mrs J Wilson, 5 Essex Gardens. Extensions.

S/2567/14/FL Mr & Mrs Tysoe, 26 Emsons Close. Single storey rear, first floor extension and replacement roof.

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Parish Council Matters

Linton life - village vision

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WITH the Neighbourhood Plan (NP), the residents of Linton and Hildersham have the opportunity to shape the place we live in and the space which surrounds us. This will mean different things to different people, but the bottom line is that we will all end up living with the changes resulting from the outcome. We all carry the responsibility for the plan - and our decisions will have legal status.

There are various types of error we can make: errors of omission where we don't join in, but also errors of commission, where we make the wrong choice by mistake. It is the hope of the parish council that everyone will think carefully about where we live, and how the NP could help sustain and guide any changes in the village for the better. The fundamental question for Linton residents is what does living in our village mean to you?

In the summer of 1998 South Cambridgeshire District Council published a Village Capacity study looking at how Linton could be developed in the coming years. They pointed out some things that made Linton special:

- Historic core, with linear High Street, lanes and historic continuous street frontages.
- Overall low density of development with long back gardens and open spaces.
- Rivey Hill with slopes forming backcloth to the village.
- Long view across the village from the surrounding hills.

The original village (at the turn of the 20th century) was a simple design, just the long line of housing down the High Street and the lanes which lead off, with some houses along the approach roads. The substantial growth of the village since the end of WW2 has been between these approach roads, with extensive housing estates on the higher ground to the north and east. West of the High Street, there was slight development with lower density housing along Joiners Road, and around the recreation ground. The construction of the A1307 road (in the mid-1960s) separated the southern part of the village, including part of the historic core, from the rest of Linton.

None of the major developments in the village happened by

accident; each was decided and implemented purposefully by design relevant to that time (the position of the A1307 road for example - we are aware of the long term effects of that). We now have the chance, through the NP, to question and decide how we want our village to be in the future. Options are simple; to remain a village as we have now or to develop our space into something quite different. The ideas around the future scale of growth in Linton will become more real to all of us over the coming months. Questions of amenities (schools, doctors, water etc) will be addressed in future issues.

What is so special about living in a village? Some might say that it is special at a personal level and the advantages of being part of a community - saying "Hello" to people in the street, knowing who they are, their stories and the feeling of safety that comes from that knowledge. We need the richness of human relationships that friends, enemies, frenemies and just acquaintances all offer. Maybe village life is simply about not being anonymous. It is a factor of village living that there are enough people for everyone to know most people by sight and to be able to connect to them at whatever level they feel appropriate. That is part of Linton's heritage and also our future.

Some might say that part of the special thing about Linton is the space. We live in a settlement surrounded by rural space, fields and hills. In almost every part of the village we have unobstructed views of trees, Rivey Hill and the water tower, and on the south side there is Hangman's Hill. View lines have been kept clear of building and buildings have been softened by trees; largely by design so that we can keep that sense of space. The edges of the village are mostly soft: flood plains, meadows, sports fields and woods that make travel into and even just past the village especially sympathetic and enjoyable. There is more to the special sense of Linton than the feeling at the edges; there are also the communal spaces inside the village, we have the beautiful tree-scaping on the recreation ground and Camping Close (our designated village green). There are little groups of trees and hedges breaking up the hard lines throughout the village. A finer

level of visual detail is found in the spaces between houses and groups of houses, the lanes and paths, gardens, the river banks; not simply for access and walking, but adding to the sense of space inside the village.

There have been ambitious bids to change the space we have. In 2006 measures were put in place to give us a village envelope as protection from development. The need for that protection was reinforced by recent proposals to build up to 4,500 houses on the 'soft' edges of the village. Inside the protection of the village envelope the NP will give us an opportunity to dictate the scale of developments we can allow over the next 15 years. For example groups of no more than eight houses in any application can come from a specific designation, or maybe we could simply state that any building within the village envelope should be for particular types of homes built for a sole purpose - designed not by distant developers but by local individuals in response to specific local needs. The design of new build will be a component of the NP (another future article).

Before WW1 there were about 1,000 parishioners in Linton. Since the end of WW2 the number of inhabitants in the village has increased to nearly 5,000. Everyone who has chosen to live here has their own special circumstances; examples might be to raise a family in a safe environment, keeping close to extended family, commercial interests, easy commuting or working from home. But the thing that binds us all is that we do choose to live here; probably drawn together by the special circumstances of village living.

The Village Capacity survey in 1998 stated in the strongest terms that there was only very limited capacity for growth in Linton and that should only be as infill by small numbers of houses. Those stated by the report have been long since built and others as well; and recent attempts to build huge developments have been fought off with difficulty. Now we are in the position to define what we think our community can accommodate in the next 15 years - be part of the NP for the sake of both villages.

Parish council NP team

Granta School news

THIS year got off to a great start when our exam results came in. Every success for pupils at Granta is a cause for much celebration and this year was our best year ever. We have had a range of levels achieved including entry levels in English, Maths and Science, life and living skills, Duke of Edinburgh awards, Jamie Oliver cooking courses and GCSEs.

On the sports field we are already off to a flying start in the disability pentathlon: Soon Granta will compete for area finalist having already become Cambridgeshire winners last term. Good luck to our excited teams.

Lower down the school, pupils have embraced the challenge of changing classes, coming to Granta for the first



Key stage 3 exploring the sea through painting and junk modelling

time, and changing key stages. These important milestones for

pupils look very happy and settled indeed.

We have just completed a large consultation exercise with parents, carers and pupils which was overwhelmingly supportive and the few improvements that have been suggested will quickly become part of our plan to move forward again this year. I will leave you with some written comments from my pupils that just about sums the school up: "Granta is a nice school with friendly staff. It's got lots of activities like frisby and netball. I like to learn new stuff. Numeracy, ipads, science and swimming are the best things to learn. It is a beautiful place."

Ms Lucie Calow
Headteacher
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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council (LPC/PC) meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16th October 2014.

Present: Enid Bald (EB) (chair); Paul Poulter (PP) (vice-chair); David Champion (DC); Simon Hill (SH); Brian Manley (BM); Beatrice Ward (Dr) (BW); Graham Potter (GP); Jan Bumstead (JB); Merrie Mannassi (MM); Alison Walker (AW); Brian Cox (Dr) (BC). Clerk: Marilyn Strand. District Cllr Henry Batchelor, District & County Cllr Roger Hickford, Kate France (press) and two members of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Jacque Wilson, Nicola Miller and David Lissemore.

Declarations of interest: SH declared a personal interest in the update on allotments item.

Chairman's comments: The Village Sign has now been restored and is looking superb. It is back in situ near the Swan Bridge.

Linton's Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 9th November at 2:30pm. Cllrs Paul Poulter and Simon Hill will be involved in laying a wreath on behalf of LPC. Please do attend this service if possible.

Public participation: A resident expressed concern that the 20mph speed limit on the High Street is not being adhered to. This, together with the increase in volume of traffic and the number of cars parked on the High Street, had caused problems in recent years, including damage to the resident's car which had been reported to the police.

The Clapper Stile was brought to the PC's attention as being in need of renovation.

Barbed wire in the hedges along the pathway from Little Linton and Hildersham was brought to the attention of the PC.

Overhanging branches on Stanton's Lane were brought to the attention of the PC.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September: Further to a correspondence item a resident has come forward and generously donated £500 to the Churchyard Monday Gang. A letter thanking them will be sent on behalf of LPC.

Further to the skatepark presentation item, BM will be attending the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) Funding Fair with Barry Easton and had also met with Mr Easton to discuss ideas for improving the skatepark area.

Under the consideration of planning minutes item, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) had been alerted to the possibility of asbestos in sheds at 12 & 14 Joiners Road and had informed LPC that this is a matter for Building Regulations and no further action was necessary.

Under the update on flood prevention measures on the Recreation Ground item, LPC's application for Flood Defence Consent had been refused on the grounds that insufficient information had been provided. Panoramic pictures of the riverbank are needed and will be progressed.

Cllr Cox joined the meeting.

Consideration of the minutes of the planning meeting held on 18th September: The chair gave a report from a meeting held on 13th October with developers and residents regarding the Newdigate House planning application. This had addressed a number of issues expressed by both residents and LPC and been very helpful.

Reports from district councillors: Cllr Batchelor had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting, and added that there would be a gap of five weeks between green bin collections over the Christmas and New Year period.

Report from county councillor: Cllr Hickford had sent a report which had been circulated before the meeting. He added that rubbish which would normally go into green bins could be disposed of in black bags for collection between green bin collections.

Clerk's report: The clerk gave a report on the recent Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) meeting which had looked at website design and the use of social media for PCs and local

communities.

The clerk also reported on the progress of several projects being progressed at present including human resources, risk assessments and village maintenance.

Completion of risk assessments on the parish council's assets: Most risk assessments have now been completed and received by the clerk. Those outstanding will be submitted to the clerk within the next week.

Action: clerk to follow up on outstanding RAs and review all before the next meeting due to be held on 20th November.

Update on Allotments: LPC has received a response from Ely Diocese and a meeting to discuss proposals regarding the land will take place in the near future.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan: Feedback from SCDC on LPC's draft policy headings had been positive although it commented that some headings strayed from the main agenda of a Neighbourhood plan (NP) which is land use. SCDC has issued a draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) which sets out how SCDC proposes to work with PCs that decide to prepare a NP. Comments on this draft should be submitted to SCDC by 31st October. A NP Planning Master Class is to be held, free of charge, by SCDC on December 1st and LPC have booked two places. A public consultation on LPC's NP might go ahead in December this year.

Update on Swan Bridge & substation: BW had sent a report which was circulated before the meeting and proposed a vote on accepting the draft design for the area, as previously put forward. However, BC counter-proposed that the design should be put forward to public consultation before being agreed by the PC and AW seconded his proposal. Councillors voted five in favour and four against with two abstentions and the proposal to go to public consultation was carried.

Update on transport issues: The clerk referred councillors to the report from the meeting of the Traffic Working Group held on 4th September which had been circulated at the meeting, and this was noted. DC will take the report to the Police Panel meeting due to be held on Thursday 23rd October.

Update on Cemetery: This is a long-standing project which includes narrowing and resurfacing the path and clearing and landscaping the old pond area, and will be progressed over the coming months.

BW had circulated draft plans for the proposed Memorial Garden and AW will liaise with Esther Cornell on this aspect of the project.

Written Reports: Tree Forum, 4th October. BW had sent a report from the Tree Forum and this had been circulated before the meeting. BW thanked the PC for allowing her to attend the forum which had been very useful.

SCDC Parish Forum, 8th October. EB had sent a report from the SCDC Parish Forum and this had been circulated before the meeting.

JW had also sent two reports which had been circulated before the meeting and these were noted.

Village maintenance & repairs: A list of maintenance work had been circulated to councillors before the meeting.

The repair to the gully outside Sweet Talk News raised concerns as this is not the responsibility of the PC but the homeowner. It was proposed that a letter be sent to the homeowner offering to repair the gully and to send them the bill which could then be reclaimed on their house insurance. Proposed by BW and seconded by DC. Councillors voted nine in favour and one against with one abstention and the proposal was carried.

Action: clerk to write to the homeowner with the PC's proposal.

Correspondence received for consideration: Journal of Local Planning 2014 edition: It was agreed that a subscription to this journal was not required at present.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Parish Paths Network meeting, 6th November: JB, MM and DL will be attending.

Ms G Whiting on the following three items:

- Linton Kitchen: Permission is granted for a Christmas Market to be held on the Market Square on 13th December. Proposed by BM and seconded by BW. All agreed.

- Issues with speeding on the High Street will be highlighted at the Police Panel meeting due to be held the following week. The possibility of setting up a Neighbourhood Speed Watch scheme will be put forward to Ms Whiting.

- LPC is unable to help fund the creation of walking maps but can supply information on various funding schemes in operation.

Tees Law regarding footpath no.24 diversion (Horseheath Road/Bakers Lane): It was agreed that LPC have no direct interest in this footpath and comments should therefore be sought from landowners and residents living in the vicinity.

Mr & Mrs Orton: It was agreed to defer this decision to the next meeting to allow time to refer to the PC's records on the Market Square.

Zurich playground inspection report: All necessary work will be carried out as soon as possible. Action: clerk to contact the appropriate contractors and arrange for all necessary work to be carried out, under the direction of the Venture Playground Working Group.

CCC Local Highways Improvement Initiative applications 2015/16: BM will liaise with the clerk with regards to attending a panel meeting considering applications on 29th & 30th October.

Linton Parish Charities - appointment of new trustee: This was noted.

Matters for future consideration: Leadwell Meadows flood prevention measures.

Linton Village Hall.

Risk Assessments review.

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