

Linstead

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SO WINTER HAD A STING IN ITS TAIL. It was, I would judge, the worst spell of weather since 1983. But back then it started before Christmas. At least this time it had the courtesy to wait until spring was almost upon us. So, from this:



To this:



Aconites on the right and Snowdrops on the left, in the churchyard.

THE GREAT LINSTAAD QUIZ WAS another great success; a feast of intellectual prowess and good fun. We are grateful to the Metherell family for setting the questions and acting as question-masters. Thank you also to everyone who contributed food and, of course, to all who supported us by taking part. Congratulations to the winning team, 'The Reformed Characters' (from the U.R.C.): Dorothy Curtis, Val Jennings, Sheila Knowles and Brian Petit. They will be question-masters next year!



Team Times

THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS this month:

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Will be held at Linstead Village Hall on Wednesday, April 25th at 7.30 p.m.

This is IMPORTANT because it is YOUR opportunity to elect Churchwardens and have YOUR say about how the church is run. Please come along and support us and make YOUR views known.

And:

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

LINSTAAD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Will be held on

MONDAY, 30th APRIL

At 6.30 p.m.

The Village Hall is one of our most important village assets. Please come along and lend your support and have YOUR say.

WITH AWFUL INEVITABILITY, THERE was a typo (my fault—*mea culpa*) in the list of forthcoming events, outlined last month. Our summer barbecue and general knees-up will be on Saturday, June 16th (not May 26th!). I am delighted to report also that we will be welcoming back Will Oldham and the Backwoods Band on that occasion.

THE INSPIRE SUFFOLK CHARITY TEA.

During his year as Chairman of Suffolk County Council, our local councilor, Stephen Burroughes, is raising money for a local charity 'Inspire Suffolk' which is set up to help Suffolk's children and young people from disadvantaged or difficult backgrounds and situations, to gain confidence, progress and have access to support services to help them move on successfully with their lives. There will be afternoon tea on April 14th at 3pm in Chediston Schoolroom to raise funds. Please come and support this *very* worthwhile cause. Some help with making cakes, scones, sausage rolls etc. and on the day would be appreciated. If you can help, please contact Janet Mantell (785440) mantellj@gmail.com

MOST OF YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED that the Parish Website has undergone a substantial redesign (of both the editing suite and the public viewable site). Most of the updates are now completed. There are still a few issues which will be resolved in due course. These hopefully will include a tweak to the mobile platforms also. Do please give some feedback and let us know what you think of the revisions and particularly let us know if there are any changes/improvements that you would like to see adopted. You can use the 'Contact Us' tab on the website.

David Mantell - Webmaster

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO thank David, on all our behalves, in both Linstead & Chediston for all his hard work in maintaining the web site. His expertise and enthusiasm are invaluable.

CHEDISTON & LINSTAAD W.I. MEETS next at Linstead Village Hall, on Tuesday April 10th, at 2.30 p.m. The speaker is Mark Hall and he will tell them all about 'A day in the life of a funeral director'. I am assured that it will be light-hearted. I suspect that funeral directors, like all the pathologists of my acquaintance, have a pretty well developed, if a touch gothic, sense of humour!

SERVICES AT LINSTAAD IN APRIL comprise; Holy Communion on Easter Day (April 1st), Matins on the 8th, and Holy Communion on the 22nd. On the 15th we go to Chediston, again for Holy Communion. All services are at 9.30 a.m.

ROTAS FOR APRIL

DATE: FLOWERS & CLEANING

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| 1 st | Easter Day, General effort. |
| 8 th | Mrs A. Frost & Mrs V. Bish |
| 15 th | No Service |
| 22 nd | Mrs P. Keable & Mr D. Keable |
| 29 th | No Service |

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Diary Dates

April 10th	Chediston & Linstead W.I. Linstead Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
April 25th	Linstead Annual Paro chial Church meeting. Linstead Village Hall. 7.30 p.m.
April 30th	Linstead Village Hall A.G.M. 6.30 p.m.