

# Wandlebury: Now with 25% extra free

**T**HIRTY acres of new land are now open to the public at Wandlebury Country Park. The public have donated £100,000 to help with the plan since May 2021. The project is helping to deliver the Cambridge Nature Network, which is a large-scale initiative to enable nature to recover in the Cambridge area.

An opening event took place in June at the park, which is owned and cared for by local charity Cambridge Past, Present & Future.

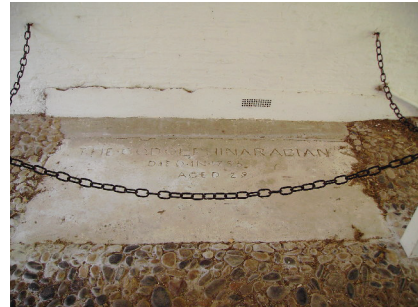
One of the new areas is called The Gallops and was used for training racehorses when Wandlebury was a stables during the 1800s. It is a lovely meadow with a



The opening ceremony

new viewing area which has a wonderful vista over Cambridge. The other area is 25 acres which was previously farmland. Over winter, volunteers planted 2,000 trees and the remaining land is being cultivated to be sown with a meadow seed mix to create rare chalk grassland, which is a priority habitat for nature conservation. A new path has been created around this area so that visitors can enjoy the views and watch nature colonise the new habitat. This area doesn't yet have a name and Cambridge Past, Present & Future is offering donors the opportunity to help name it.

Ros Aveling, Chair of the charity, is delighted to be expanding the park "Thanks to generous supporters and the hard work of our team, this wonderful countryside is now open for the public to enjoy. What is also great, is that this project is helping to restore nature, absorb carbon and improve our environment, not just for us but for future generations."



The Godolphin Arabian, one of the three horses from whom all modern thoroughbreds are descended, is buried in the grounds of Wandlebury

the Cambridge Nature Network from the government's Green Recovery Fund and Natural England's Nature Recovery Programme.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is an independent charity that cares for heritage and green spaces across Cambridge. Set up in 1928 to prevent development around the city, it owns and manages Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Bourn Windmill, Cambridge Leper Chapel and Hinxtton Watermill, and works to influence the future development of the greater Cambridge area. Wandlebury and Coton are open all year round and are free to enter. CPPF receives no statutory government or council funding and its work is funded through donations, memberships, grants and gifts.

This exciting project is part of the Cambridge Nature Network, which includes the best of the remaining habitats within 10km of the city; and it identifies the best opportunities and locations for creating new habitats. A partnership of organisations is supporting the Cambridge Nature Network including Wildlife Trust BCN, Cambridge Past, Present & Future, National Trust, RSPB, Cambridge Sport's Lakes Trust, Magog Trust, Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Cambridge Nature Network is funded through Natural England's Nature Recovery Programme.

Rachel French  
Photos: Gerry Weatherhead

# Stolen crown returned



PINCHED mere weeks before the jubilee bank holiday began, the Chalklands post box crown has been returned and repaired. The people involved are now doing some good work in the community and for charity to pay back and pay forward. Karen Sanderson, organiser of the Chalklands Community Garden Jubilee event said, "Thank you to everyone for your amazing support. I am so happy to have it back ready for future celebrations. We raised over £1000 for Cancer Research at our event. Thank you to everyone that came and to Linton Jazz for their fabulous performance in the freezing cold."

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# Autonomous robots to patrol village streets

THE County Council, in conjunction with Starship Technologies, have launched a pilot food delivery service using robots in Cambourne. The 12,000 residents will benefit from having groceries delivered to them from the local Co-Op via a motorised autonomous vehicle. Initial tests have been positive, and if the trial is a success, the scheme will be rolled out to other villages, likely including Linton. Orders are made through the Starship food delivery app, which is available to download on iOS and Android devices. Groceries will then be delivered from the local Co-Op in as little as one hour. It is hoped that the scheme will cut down on short car journeys and alleviate traffic and parking issues. An average robot delivery uses as little energy as boiling a kettle to make a single cup of tea, and cutting edge cameras and sensors ensure the safety of the public.



An artist's impression of how the robots will almost certainly not look



A less exciting but far more realistic photograph of the proposed robots

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Photo: Starship Technologies  
Drawing: Zdenek Sasek

# Altared images



Just some of the volunteers who helped create the Easter altar frontal

I TRULY believe that good things come to those who wait. We really did have a considerable wait to complete the new Easter altar frontal for St. Mary's. The inspiration came following a reflection session during Advent 2019, the theme of my reflection was joy, using Luke 2v10. I spoke about what brings me joy, most people who know me know that I love to sew and I used my tin of buttons to help represent this. Afterwards I discovered that another member of the group was a keen quilter...something I had not done before and was excited to try. In December 2019 I asked Charlotte if she would help me involve the congregation to create a new patchwork quilted altar frontal, thankfully she said yes!

As Lent 2020 began we shared the idea and the volunteers took a piece of fabric home to decorate and return by the end of March 2020 as we intended to reveal the altar frontal on Easter Sunday, 2020.

Fast-forward to March 2022 and we were now able to collect in all the 28 completed squares, each includes a cross and everyone has a story; someone taught themselves to embroider during lockdown, someone else did embroidery again for the first time in years. Another has their family tartan ribbon that was used at their wedding.

One of the squares was thought to be lost in Cambridge because it was taken into John Lewis to help choose the items to decorate it BUT was left on the shop counter! Thankfully their excellent customer service meant that it arrived safely back in Linton as the purchase had been made using their store card and the assistant was able to find the address.

There is a square featuring the fingerprints of the Nichols Court 2020 Lent group, taken just before lockdown. Finally, I made the cross out of buttons as a permanent reminder of the initial inspiration.

There is a popular passage often read at weddings, 1 Corinthians 13 v4-7 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

I hope that you will agree that this has been a real labour of love and my hope is that it will continue to bring joy for many years. We hope you will be inspired to come to the church and see it!

Sue Filby

# You shall not path

THE Parish Council wishes to advise residents that footways in the churchyard are being repaired during the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> July. Efforts will be made to allow pedestrians through whilst these works take place, but this may not be possible at certain times. It is hoped that these works will be completed by the end of the week.

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## Readers write...

Dear Editor,

Just before the Jubilee Celebrations, I did a large shop for groceries and plants. I live in a house on the High Street, and as I was beginning to unpack the load, three tall lads were walking past. I estimated 16 year olds approximately. They stopped when they reached me and said "Can we help you?"

The answer was positive. They took everything into the entrance of the house and then asked if they could do anything else for me.

They then said "Have a good Day,"

wow wonderful! I can only think that the combination of up-bringing at home plus an input from the College in behaviour and manners has produced this occurrence.

What a marvellous example these three lads are. A credit to Home and School and not least of all, to themselves. I shall always be grateful to them whoever they are.

E McClean



Mary with granddaughter Ali

## No presents for me please

WHEN lifelong Lintonian Mary Wright celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday back in June, the food and drink flowed, but the customary sound of tearing wrapping paper was nowhere to be heard. Instead, Mary had asked that any money people might have spent on her to be donated to Ukraine.

Granddaughter Alison Wright said "Nanna had a strong desire to help those suffering, and a total of £300 was raised which has gone straight to the Red Cross charity's efforts in the country."

Describing the event, Mary said "It was a special day, and I really enjoyed seeing all my friends and family." She sent a huge thanks to those who had travelled from near and far to be there, saying that everyone had had such a lovely time. "I would

especially like to thank my four Granddaughters, Sarah, Tracey, Kirsty and Alison for organising my party and making it a special occasion to remember, they have done me proud. I know my late husband Tom would be equally as proud of all my family and friends who were there to celebrate, including our boys Ted and Colin. I'd like to thank the staff at the pavilion Tony, Lynn and Colleen for all their help on the day. It was wonderful."

The money raised provides clean water, food, shelter, medical appliances and first aid for those suffering in Ukraine. Happy birthday Mary!

Linton News Team  
Photo: Ali Wright

## Enter the artist's lair



HADSTOCK'S Sue Walker, and Linton's Kaela-anne and Hollie Cooper, will be among many artists in the area who are opening their doors as part of Cambridge Open Studios. For the first four weekends in July, come and meet the artists and makers near you.

You can download the Cambridge Open Studios app or take a look at the Open Studios website for more information. You

will find paintings, ceramics, sculpture, glass art, textiles and much more and entry is free to all studios. Look out for our yellow flags! Sue's studio in Linton Road, Hadstock will be open the weekends of July 16 - 17 and July 23 - 24 from 10am to 5pm each day. The Cooper's studio will be open weekends beginning 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9am- 5pm.



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Left: Landscape artist Sue Walker  
Above: A selection of Cooper's Studio works

## Open gardens draw big crowds

SUNDAY May 15<sup>th</sup> dawned fine and sunny. An air of tense and nervous expectation hung over the village. Would the scheduled Open Gardens Scheme featuring eight village gardens be a success or not?

Would Linton residents turn out to support this long-established charity organisation, held here for the first time? Garden owners at 94 High Street, Linton House, Mill-cent House, The Old Guildhall, The Queens House, Osnaburgh House, The Shrubbery and Summerfield House all held their breath as the 2pm opening time approached. Would the villagers come and contribute to the whole range of charities being supported by the event? Were local people sufficiently curious about these gardens not normally open to the public gaze, to pay the £10 entrance fee to come and investigate and have a good

snoop around at the same time?

The answer was a resounding yes! More than 700 people, accompanied by their children, streamed through every gate to gaze at the gardens and admire, pick up new ideas, enjoy the teas being served, listen to the poetry being read and music performed. £7,400 was raised over the four hours of the opening. Jenny Marks, county organiser for Open Gardens Cambridgeshire said on hearing the news "This is a spectacular result of which the village can be justifiably proud...well done to all the weed pullers, hedge trimmers and makers of welcome cups of tea who all played a vital part."

Rosemary Wellings  
Gallery Above



The Shrubbery in full sunshine

## Salutations! 108 of them infact....

THE Summer Solstice (21st June) is the longest day of the year, and marks the start of 'astronomic' summer. Note the difference between astronomical seasons which are based on the position of Earth in relation to the sun while the meteorological seasons are based on the annual temperature cycle.

Solstice means 'sun standing still' in Latin, a reference to the fact that the sun appears to linger at its highest point in the sky on the day.

This date also marks International Yoga Day, a day when we celebrate the element of fire, and which is often marked around the world by Yogis who commit to performing 108 sun salutations (a series of moves all joined together in one mini sequence that lasts around 40 seconds). It is a big commitment and very tiring to do 108! But nothing is impossible. The logic behind



the sun salutation is that it is our opportunity to say thanks to this glowing ball of fire for all it does for our planet. 'Yoga for humanity' is the theme set by the United Nations for the celebration of International Yoga Day 2022. This year's theme aims to focus discussions on the importance of Yoga in serving better mental health practices in our lives. In Ayurveda (a natural system of medicine, originated in India more than 3,000 years ago) we will often refer to the element of fire as an 'inner fire'. Fire allows us to burn off and assimilate not only food, but thoughts, emotions and stories we no longer need that might actually be dragging us down. We can stimulate a cleanse with fire through certain types of foods like ginger, black pepper and through yogic breathing practices and certain yoga poses that target the abdominals.

If you want to learn more about sun salutations, the benefits of yoga for mental health and cleansing yoga routines do get in touch. I would love to hear from you.

Gemma Speakman  
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# 2523 Linton Air Cadets have been busy



**Above and left: 2523 performing at the Platinum Jubilee Picnic**

2523 were delighted to be invited to parade for the village at the Platinum Jubilee party in the park event. With both the union flag and squadron standard on parade, the cadets turned out in their smartest light blue uniforms to mark this historic occasion.

The squadron is growing in number and our summer taster programme is well underway.

Those going to be in Year 8 from September are welcome to join us, so please get in touch. Taster sessions completed so far have included initiative exercises and radio familiarisation, with our new cadet recruits getting hands on with equipment and getting a feel for all the new skills they can learn.

It isn't all about new joiners. Our experienced cadets are progressing through the syllabus and we continue to get spaces on regional and national courses. Sgt Vellacott is going for gold with a week-long cyber training course, enabling him to later teach cadets and staff in this field.

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business jets, have a tour of London Biggin Hill airport and visit the Houses of Parliament. We like to be busy!

Bradley Wright  
Flying Officer RAFAC  
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# Linton & District Girl Guides



JUBILEE celebrations were everywhere in Girlguiding. As usual we also had a special badge, or three, to sew on our camp blankets (Pictured.)



Girlguiding Cambs East had its very own-Beacon Lighting Ceremony at the Jarman Centre: an amazing experience and one we will never forget. Our Anglia region residential centre at Hautbois, Coltishall, Norfolk had one too, as did all our residential sites around the country. We attended village picnics, and in our units did our own celebratory skills builders and activities.

The Queen herself had a Guide unit in her own back garden: 1<sup>st</sup> Buckingham Palace Guides, along with Princess Margaret as a Brownie, all meeting up in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. The then Queen Elizabeth (the Queen Mother) set this up to enable her daughters and their friends to earn their Girlguiding challenge badges.



Since her coronation in 1952, Her Majesty the Queen has been patron of Girlguiding, and Sophie, the Countess of Wessex, has been our President since taking over from Princess Margaret in 2002. Then, as now, Girlguiding offers a place where girls and young women can just be themselves. They can build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, build their confidence and raise their aspirations, encouraging them to be a powerful force for good. It really is incredible to think we can span every corner of the globe and we have done so for over 100 years. Today tomorrow, together.

Come and see what we do.

Contact Louisa on 07711614328  
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@Linton District  
www.girlguiding.org.uk/

## It's summer, and time for tea

AFTER the inevitable two-year break, the Friends of St Mary's are once again hosting events. This summer there are three tea parties planned, all at 3pm. The dates are as follows:

**Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 Mill Lane, with Judy & Keith Nightingale**

**Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Richmonds, 65 High St, with Margaret & Brain Cox**

**Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 37 Back Road, with Celia & George Fisher**

Everyone is welcome, whether members of the Friends or not. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in lovely gardens or indoors if wet. Entrance is free, but donations to the Friends will of course be welcome.

Margaret Cox  
891231

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Green bins: Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

## News from St Mary's



**The St Mary's team**

AFTER the brilliant sunshine during the week for the Jubilee celebrations, Sunday turned out to be cold, overcast and drizzly. However, it didn't dampen our enjoyment for a joint service with the Linton Free Church of thanksgiving for Her Majesty the Queen. Over 200 people gathered on the recreation ground for a 30-minute service of songs, prayers and reflection. Members of the churches' youth groups wrote and delivered their own prayers celebrating the Queen's many virtues of leadership and Christian example.

The Linton Air Training Corps were on parade with banners and led the 'three cheers' ('and one more luck'!) for Her Majesty, and I gave a brief talk aided by some children using four objects to illustrate the Queen's reign as Christian vocation: oil (used at her coronation) - her anointing by the Holy Spirit; crown - her duty to state; crown of thorns - her duty to Christ; Bible - her faith in God; cup - God's blessing on her reign.

The Free Church music group ably led us all in song, including the National Anthem, and we dispersed to enjoy food, drink and entertainment laid on for the Picnic in the Park.

Reverend Michael Wilcockson  
associate.priest@stmaryslinton.org.uk

## Old stamps: the clock is ticking...

AS many of you may have noticed most of the new postage stamps now have a barcode as part of the stamp. As from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023, stamps without a barcode will not be valid. There are some exceptions for commemorative issues and special stamps such as those issued for Christmas. If you have a store of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps, you must either use them by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 or swap them for barcoded stamps. You are able to print the 'Swap Out' form from www.royalmail.com or pick up a form from the Royal Mail Delivery Office in Clifton Road. Unfortunately, you cannot collect a form from Post Offices.

Ian Creek

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# Introducing: Sharing is Caring

WE are an informal group for people in Linton and the surrounding villages supporting a family member with dementia. The group came into being after a speculative post from me on the Linton Community Board Facebook page gauging interest in such a group. Tracy Coston immediately responded offering her assistance in setting it up.

We are a very diverse group supporting parents and partners of varying ages and stages of dementia both locally and further afield.

We have created a WhatsApp group to exchange information and discoveries of helpful resources. We also meet face-to-face every 6-8 weeks for a more social time to share our stories, successes, and frustrations(!) and learn from each other's experiences.

Recently we were approached by Wellbeing

and invited to apply for a grant, which we did, and now have a small fund to cover the cost of meetings and general overheads so we can provide this service free of charge.

Although the different forms of dementia we are each dealing with are very different, it has been hugely supportive to us all to share our experiences and knowledge with others in a similar situation.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the Church Pavilion behind St Mary's Church. Please do come along if you think this could be helpful to you, or contact myself on 07800 798155 or email e.mulho88@gmail.com; or Tracy Coston 07929 930385 email tracy@coston.me.uk, for more information.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Esther and Tracy



A 'Sharing is Caring' meet-up

## The end of a busy year!

WE are nearly at the end of another academic year, and what a year it has been.

Our School Council has organised events and raised funds for both the school and outside charities including Children In Need, World Cancer Day and Jeans 4 Genes.

Our PTFA continue to be as supportive as ever: contributing towards the cost of coaches for trips, organising the Summer Fair and always thinking of new and inventive ways to encourage people to part with their money to support our school. Thank you also to the local businesses and community who support us by donating prizes or sponsoring events.

I must also thank our parents for supporting the school and children: from joining us at Friday Church to donating time and energy to help make the school the fantastic place it is for the children to learn.

The staff team here have worked above and beyond, as they always do, continuing to deliver good quality learning experiences to the children. My thanks go to all of them.

The end of the summer term is when we look to the future, preparing for the new children starting with us in September but saying goodbye to our year 2 children. We also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Fisher who is leaving us.

All that's left for me to do now is to wish you all a safe, happy and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming all the children into school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

## The Perennial Mr Potter

OUR speaker, Brian Thurlow, is an actor telling a story about a fictional gardener from a bygone age. Born before World War I, and suffering from rheumatic fever as a child, his mother encouraged him to enter the flower show with a miniature garden. His inspiration was the knot garden design on the fire screen in the parlour. He won first prize from two grand ladies at the big house whom he would eventually work for from the age of 13, one of his hardest tasks being the restoration of their knot garden. He remembered having to keep all the rose arches painted white and the ladies making hundreds of lavender bags. They were heartbroken when their two magnificent Suffolk horses were taken to war. Mr Potter became head gardener and met his wife, a servant, there. His employers offered them accommodation – a rundown bothy in the knot garden which a builder made into a sound home. When the ladies passed away, the new owners were kind and generous. When they sold up, they let Mr Potter stay in his cottage. Looking back over his life, he would not have done anything else.

Our next meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the village hall. Edward Gildea is the speaker, talking on Adventure, Activism and Climate Change. Any ladies wanting to meet new people and get involved, please join us. You will be most welcome.

Sally Proberts 891021  
Linton WI

# Night at the School

ONE of the high points of the school calendar is when our year 4 children have an events evening at school and spend the night in the school hall. This annual event – which has not taken place for several years due to Covid – took place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Staying at the school builds pupils' independence; allows them to gel as a team and is also a good precursor to future residential.

Sam Berry, year 4 pupil describes the night:

On Friday night, year 4 had a sleepover at Linton Heights. We played in the forest school area, took part in an assault course and created

a campfire. My favourite part was the assault course where we had to follow a rope while being blindfolded and avoiding obstacles. I loved it when one of our teachers, Mr Jones, had a go and we were allowed to spray him with water. Before bed, we watched an exciting movie called Vivo. We tried to sleep from 11pm but it was all too exciting so I was awake until about 4am.

Thank you to all pupils who attended and to the teachers who so nobly and generously sacrificed a night in their own beds. Roll on next year's Y4 sleepover...

Sam Berry, Linton Heights

## The latest from Linton Library

GET ready for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge, arriving in the library this summer. Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and technology behind the world around you! Read amazing books, collect awesome scratch & sniff stickers, join in with our marvellous science-themed activities. Complete the Challenge and claim your own special Gadgeteers Medal and Certificate. Sign up for free at the library from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Our Story and Rhyme times for under 5s are at 10.30am on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July our Engage session at 2pm is with Edward Gildea, an adventurer, poet, sailor, teacher, and green activist. All welcome.

Our Knit and Natter group will meet on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, just bring your latest craft project (knitting or otherwise).

Do you need help with IT or a bus pass renewal? Please call in to make an appointment

with our Digital Buddy.

Looking ahead, we have a Lego session on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and a SRC craft activity on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, please check at the library or on the library Facebook pages for more information nearer the time.  
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Lindsay Healy and Ann King  
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# Kingfishers Bridge

MAGAZINES from the RSPB, the Wetland and Wildfowl Trust, the National Trust and the Wildlife Trust drop through our door relentlessly – each one urging readers to create more space and desirable habitat for wildlife in sites from window boxes to large gardens. ‘No Mow May’ urges us to allow the grass seeds and wildflowers to spread and provide for birds and insects. We are encouraged to have even tiny ponds in upturned dustbin lids, which sprout amazing marine life if left to their own devices. Suggestions abound as to what to grow and what to watch for, how to encourage hedgehogs, how to love slugs, and why badgers digging up your lawn is actually a privilege.

But imagine what might happen if you had 250 acres of farmland at your disposal. This was the situation in 1995, when Andrew Green decided to transform his arable farm into a wetland habitat, designed to encourage rare fenland species, and take advantage of the River Cam location and abundant passing birds. Kingfishers Bridge is just beyond Wicken Fen, open dawn till dusk, and instead of the usual crammed NT car park and 14 types of coffee, there is a simple honesty box in the small car park, a dodgy website and a tiny visitors’ centre. It is worth going just to see the huge photo of the bittern in the toilet. Kingfishers Bridge is the first site in the whole of the UK to have bitterns breed in a newly created reed bed.

What is so interesting about the place is that it has not just been left to go back to nature. The key to its success is the creation of a wide variety of sward, using pioneering conservation and hydrology techniques, and intensive research into exactly what habitat will attract which species. At the outset a large lake was dug, with the earth used to create a substantial mound with a bird hide at the top. You can see for miles in every direction, an unusual treat in the fens. The lake is fenced off from predators, allowing protection for breeding waders, ducks and geese. There are many different habitats within a relatively small area, from woodland to reed bed, from scrapes on the lake to marshland, rills, ditches and river banks. Each one is carefully planned, developed and protected, and the resulting phenomenal increase in species has been meticulously logged for over 20 years. Everything from fish stocks to numbers of hatched lapwings is noted, each fortnightly mowing to control thistles, along with the success or failure of each project. Hydrology techniques have led to a complex range of island types and sizes, maximising water from the Cam, and keeping the area wet till mid summer, essential for breeding waders. As with other wildlife sites, if you create the correct habitat, assisted by donations and the Natural England Stewardship Scheme, flora and fauna will emerge, at an extraordinary pace. With the help of water buffalo and konik ponies over the last decade, Kingfishers Bridge is grazed and trampled to prevent waterways from being choked. Small herds move within the reserve to replicate behaviour of centuries ago before the fens were drained. Wildlife can recover, but it needs its own space, our enthusiasm, considerable investment and sheer hard work. You can look at the website yourself to read about what species are there and in what numbers, but an osprey once spent 33 days on the reserve, and 700, yes 700, types of moths have been recorded. Rare species such as fen ragwort, fen violet and Cambridge milk parsley are present. Honestly, it is a lovely half day visit, perfect for picnics, and only takes half an hour to drive there.



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## Granta School: Fitzebra Linton Trip

FITZEBRA students have been learning about ‘Me and My Community’ this term. Each week we have explored the sights and sounds of Linton as well as the history of some of the buildings through a sensory story. At the end of term we went on a real life walk around Linton to visit some of those places and explore the sights, sounds and of course tastes in person! Dressed in our Jubilee gear, we were a spectacular sight and were admired by many friendly passers-by we met on route, who stopped to say hello! We started off by walking to the ducks at Horn Lane Ford, listening to their sounds and watching them waddling and flying around. This was followed by a visit to

St Mary’s church where we had some wonderful quiet reflection time both in the church and in the Peace Garden. Thanks to all involved in opening the church during the day to facilitate this. We stopped to admire the wonderful Jubilee display in The Linton Kitchen and started to feel very hungry at the wonderful smells coming through the door! We had a pit stop at Bowsell Bakers where we bought ourselves a celebratory treat on our way to the rec for lunch. Thanks to the staff there who helped us to choose and purchase our goodies. We ended our tour by walking round the rec and the playground before finally heading back to school tired but very happy after a wonderful day visiting our



Above top, Radwinter village hall & bottom, Ugley

## What do we know about our village halls?

THERE are thousands of village halls in England, owned and run by local councils, churches or independent trustees for the benefit of local communities. The Hundred Parishes has its share, with a great variety of buildings and history.

Probably the oldest is in Hunsdon: it dates from the 15th century and was once a school. Barley’s 16th-century building - once a guildhall - still looks ancient, while Westmill has a converted 17th-century barn. Ashdon claims to have the only local thatched village hall: that element of the building, once a house, dates from the 17th century. Radwinter’s hall is part of village redevelopment in the arts-and-crafts style after a disastrous fire in 1874.

Many purpose-built village halls appeared after the First World War, funded either by public subscription or a generous benefactor and often built as a lasting memorial to those who died in the conflict. Ugley’s hall was built in 1920, funded largely by the local Tennant family, while Blackmore End in Wethersfield benefited from the generosity of Samuel Courtauld.

Several halls have been converted from their original use: Wethersfield has a second village hall, part of what was once a brewery. Little Chesterford, Hempstead and Stocking Pelham have found new life for their old schools, while Chrishall and Stebbing re-purposed former churches. Hildersham’s village hall started life as a

First World War army surgical ward and was brought from Cambridge.

Our village halls are greatly valued and used by all manner of community groups for meetings, sport and exercise, pre-school activities, cultural performances, quizzes, exhibitions, farmers’ markets and so on. We see new village halls appearing quite regularly, for example at Great Horstead in 2015 and Duxford in 2020. Some are now referred to as “community centres” but we all know what they mean.

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# District and County Councillors' report June 2022

## A1307 Upgrades

The next set of upgrades that are being currently implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing that all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders) can use. This has begun already and will be fully completed in the summer.

There is also some local debate on the route of the Linton Greenway – a 'non-motorised user' route that begins in Cambridge and runs through to Linton. There is concern over the routing of the greenway through Abington, the issue is whether routing this through the village centre is the right way. There are also proposals to close, or partially close, some of the roads in and out of the village to motorised vehicles. The final decision on these are still pending, but if anyone has strong views one way or the other, please do write into the GCP, who will be making the decision – [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk)

## Planning Department Reshuffle

The South Cambs planning department has had a slight reshuffle due to staffing issues in the service – the officers that currently manage our area remain the same.

## Full Council AGMs

Both the County and District councils recently had their AGMs where, amongst other things, positions are confirmed for the forthcoming municipal year. At the District Council, John is retaining his role in the Cabinet with responsibility for housing and Henry has become chair of the planning committee. At the County Council, Henry is retaining his role as chair of their planning committee.

## County Council Reshuffle

The CEO of the County Council has launched a period of internal consultation on his proposals for reorganising the council's senior staffing structure.

## Food Delivery Vehicles

The County Council, in conjunction with Starship Technologies, have launched a pilot food delivery service using robots

in Cambourne. The 12,000 residents will benefit from having food delivered to them from the local CO-OP via a motorised robot. This is a trial and, if successful, will be run out in other towns/villages in the county.

## 20mph Zones

The work on the County Council to introduce a new application process for bringing 20mph zones to our villages is underway. It is expected to be completed in the next few months.

## Household Support Grant

The County Council has been offering this grant since November and was supposed to end in March. The Government has now extended the scheme and provided Cambridgeshire with the funding to do so. It is aimed at assisting those families that might struggle financially. The offering also includes food vouchers for schools. Full information can be found at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund)

## Ukrainian Guests Update

At the time of writing more than 500 visas have been issued to guests coming to South Cambs. This is more than any other district council in the country. Over half have already arrived and are settling in. The district council is responsible to carry out inspections, checks and to provide support. Currently 50 staff are working on this project full time.

If you need support or information this is the contact point: [duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk)

District Council – John Batchelor – [johnbatchelor23@gmail.com](mailto:johnbatchelor23@gmail.com)

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# The Marsh Mail

LVC students enjoyed a full week of enrichment at the start of June. Following limited opportunities for trips and visits over the last couple of years, it was fabulous to see them benefiting from a varied programme of fun opportunities outside of the classroom. While Year 11s were busy with their GCSE exam series, all year groups were experiencing extra-curricular activities including a range of day trips for years 7 and 8. Highlights included the Nuclear Races, an extremely muddy assault course, bush craft workshops, a visit to Dance East in Norwich and hosting Year 6s from Linton Heights to showcase Year 7's performance skills.



Students at Dance East in Norwich Year 9 students enjoyed a week's residential, either exploring cultural sights of London, engaging in on-water sports in Dorset or enjoying a week in the Peak District, having adventures with their peers. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students had the option of a week of activities at a PGL site in Lincolnshire or a work experience placement. I'm proud of the responsibility shown by LVC ambassadors in varied workplaces and to all of the students that engaged brilliantly with the week's enrichment programme. It's a testament to LVC staff commitment that we could organise so many trips.

We are looking forward to our Prom celebrations taking place on the College site on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Our Year 11s have shown incredible resilience during their lengthy exam series following disruption to their education. It will be lovely to be able to welcome parents and members of the community to observe the students' arrivals this year.

Helena Marsh



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Linton Picnic in the Park...quite an event for the community.

IT GIVES me great pleasure to share some photographs from the Picnic in the Park which was held on Sunday 5th June 2022. Full of nerves and anticipation, we watched the weather forecast hourly in the days leading up to the picnic. I even asked Revd. Wilcockson if he could ask a favour of the man upstairs!

It was a huge relief as we watched the clouds lighten and the rain held off. Attendance was higher than we hoped at approximately 1500 people. To be honest we didn't know how many to expect, which certainly made filling in the necessary paperwork a little tricky.

Our day started at 8.00am with Robin Williams of the Linton Granta Football Club, busy marking out the Recreation Ground in the drizzle. He suggested water polo, but already the clouds were breaking up.

The event started with a service of celebration from St. Mary's and the Linton Free Church, followed by a parade by our Air Cadets 2523 Squadron.



Linton 2523 Squadron Air Cadets

Activities included a Pitch and Putt, Inflatables and Zorb Balls for the youngsters. Children were invited to take part in a treasure hunt around the park and get creative with craft activities organised by Sarah and her team. The craft tent was busy all afternoon!

Refreshments and food were available throughout the event, although we did have some absentees due to the weather forecast. Thank you to the Pavilion bar and kitchen teams, Ginside the Box, Lols Pizza, The Linton Kitchen and Haverhill Ice Cream and Desserts for supporting the event despite the threat of rain. The queues were long at times but everyone was patient and it was lovely to see the stalls so busy.

Most of the village schools took part in a competition to decorate crowns and these were judged by the Linton Parish Council.



Linton Heights Crowns

There were so many to choose from and we certainly discovered that we have some talented young artists in the village.

From feathers and flags to gemstones and ribbons, the designs were full of imagination. Even the youngest joined in and we were pleased to award books for the children at the Chestnut Playgroup.

Well done to all those who took part.



Linton Infants - Crown Competition Winners

The Dog Show very popular with every class full. Overall Best in Show was presented with a voucher for one to one training with Leaps & Bounds, thank you to Tam and the team for hosting the event. Runner up received a Pamper Hamper from Purrfect Pooches in Abington and all dogs received treats supplied by Take the Lead in Linton.

Most importantly, the event was well received and everyone enjoyed the day. Thank you all for coming along. The Parish Council is planning to make the Picnic in the Park an annual event and this is where we need your help. It is quite a feat to organise an event for the village and we need a team of volunteers to help us. We have already had offers from some of those who attended this year and are looking for some willing parishioners to help us. We have already saved the date on 10th June 2023, if you are free and keen to be involved please contact the Parish Council Office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk. Next years' event will be bigger and better with your help and support.

Just one last memory of the day to share, as we removed the last of the bunting at 8.00pm we were treated to a full rendition of the National Anthem from a group who were enjoying the last of the evening light, it was a little out of tune but it made my day!

Clerk.

Weather Warnings? Let's get prepared!

NBODY can forget the storm which hit the village on 20th July 2021, least of all anyone who was directly affected by the flooding in the village. It is that time of year again when we must expect to get flash flooding if heavy rainfall is forecast. The Parish Council would like to remind everyone to be prepared in case we have a repeat occurrence.

If you need advice please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email the team on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

Sign up for weather warnings from the Met Office, you can receive these by either text or email. Flood Alerts are available on 0845 988 1188. Prepare an emergency kit and organise sandbags and air brick covers. Put your flood defences in place as soon as bad weather is forecast.

If you have anyone vulnerable in your family or living close by, talk to them about getting prepared. It was apparent how well the community helped each other, let's continue to look after Linton. If you need help during a flood event please call 07541 650567, the Village Hall is a designated place of safety. In case of an emergency, please don't hesitate to call 999. We hope that the village will not experience the same levels of disruption as last year but it is best to be prepared.

Clerk

Planning and Meeting Update May - June 2022

Greenways Plans

WORK on the footpath between Meadow Lane and Stanton's Lane across the Recreation Ground is due to start early August - this is the wide path that runs past the football and cricket area. The work will involve resurfacing and creating a dual-purpose route for pedestrians and cyclists. Please note that diversions for access to the Rec will be in place during these works. In addition to the resurfacing, the gate at the entrance to the Recreation Ground, from Meadow Lane, will be replaced with bollards which will make access much easier and smarten up the area. Work on the greenway and A1307 crossing at Hildersham continues and should be completed over the next couple of months. The route through the Abingtons has been put on hold while a review of the Pampisford Road option is carried out. The GCP team have listened to the concerns of the residents and have agreed to re-evaluate the alternative route.

Foul Water Condition - Horseheath Road

We met with the SCDC Planning Director to discuss the suggestions we had put forward to help alleviate our concerns with this scheme. Croudace do not want to offer the scheme to Anglian Water for adoption, and it is not within the gift of the Planning Authority to make this happen. There have been two blockages in the pumps since January. Croudace reported that this was due to rags, wipes and nappies blocking the pumps. These are all considered to be "un-flushable" items, so shouldn't be put into the sewage system. We suggested that a macerator could be included to pulverise any solid waste before it is pumped uphill. The response from Croudace and Durapump (the supplier of the pumping system) was that this would be very expensive and they considered it to be "overkill" for a residential development of this size. We also requested that the controls for the pump could be set to prevent the discharge of sewage from the tank during storm events so that the risk of flooding homes downstream with foul water was reduced. We have received no comment regarding this suggestion.

The condition was considered again by the new Planning Committee on 16th June. It was passed by 7 votes to 2. Three councillors were new to the committee and three changed their vote from the previous refusal despite there being no changes to the plans that had been submitted. The only additional document provided was a Consultants report paid for by Croudace that said they could see no reason for the scheme to be refused. When LPC asked a Drainage Consultant whether they could review the pumped part of the scheme to allay our concerns, they were unable to even provide a quote for the work as the drawings on the Planning Portal do not have sufficient detail for the scheme to be assessed. We only hope that additional drawings were provided to the Drainage Consultant from SCDC to carry out their assessment as the scheme has not been evaluated by Anglian Water.

Our concerns for the remainder of the network (and indeed the Surface Water scheme) are that the pipework in the ground does not match the approved drawings. This was confirmed by Croudace in their written response to LPC. Two changes were made to the foul network while carrying out the installation over a year ago, but the drawings have not been updated to reflect this. The surface water and foul water plans also have a lot of contradictions in manhole heights, but as none of the technical consultees to SCDC have assessed both schemes, this has only been picked up by residents and the Parish Council.

The Planning Officer told the Committee on 16th that they would verify that the schemes had been laid according to the plans. We will write to ask for a copy of the survey that demonstrates this.

Cllr Kate Kell - Chair of the Planning Committee

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th May 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre.

#### Election of the Chairman.

Cllr John Bald nominated Cllr Merrie Mannassi for the position of Chairman. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. 9 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

#### Election of the Vice-Chairman.

Cllr John Bald nominated Cllr Kate Kell for the position of Vice Chairman. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. 9 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

**Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that apologies received from Cllr Brian Cox and Cllr Sharron Parker for valid reasons, be accepted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

#### Chairman's Comment.

The chairman expressed her remorse at losing another councillor following the resignation of Lee Gardner. She also congratulated the District Councillors in their absence on their recent success in the local elections.

#### Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Update on the investigations into CCTV and Lighting for the Recreation Ground. Verbal update from the Clerk. For information. The clerk updated the Full Council that multiple meetings were taking place with contractors and companies regarding the lighting, cctv and surfacing requirements for the Bowling Green and that quotes would be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

**Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for May 2022.** County & District Councillor, Henry Batchelor informed the Full Council that Abington are disputing the route of the Greenway as it planned to go directly through the village. He advised that the Babraham Road traffic hub will be discussed at the June Planning Committee meeting.

Work on the Bartlow roundabout would be starting in July 2022 and Cllr Batchelor advised that he would send through the documents showing proposed work to the office along with the CCC Transport strategy, for comments.

District Councillor John Batchelor advised that SCDC had issued 514 visas to Ukrainian refugees and 267 had arrived to date. He also gave an update on Covid-19 positive cases, which were currently 111 per 100,000.

#### Working Groups for 2022/2023.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi to join the Churchyard Working Group. Cllr Guy Ennew to join the Recreation Ground Working Group. Cllr Carl Cieluch to join the Youth Working Group.

#### Parish Council Representatives for 2022/2023.

Cllr Guy Ennew to represent the Parish Council at the Linton Granta Football Club. Cllr Caitlin Seaward to represent the Parish Council on Public Transport.

#### Planning

##### Bartlow Road

Chair of Planning, Cllr Kate Kell advised that the S73 appeal presentation had been submitted and included a request to be considered as a hearing, rather than written representation.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee to request that the Planning Inspectorate consider the appeal for the S73 be held as a public hearing rather than written representation. This item was covered with the appeal submission **Horseheath Road.**

Cllr Kate Kell, nominated Chair for the May Planning Committee meeting, advised that a public meeting had taken place with residents and future residents. LPC will be requesting that Anglian Water adopt the Foul Water system on the Horseheath Road development and if they refuse, query why. Also, questions be raised with Croudace as to why the system has failed at least four times, with only partial occupancy. It will also be requested that the pumping system is time controlled so that it would not pump at unsuitable times, including during heavy rainfall.

Consideration for the recommendation for the nomination of a councillor to represent the Parish Council at a meeting to be arranged by Stephen Kelly, Joint Director of Planning with Anglia Water, Croudace and District Councillors.

Cllr John Bald proposed to accept the recommendation from the Planning Committee for Cllr Kate Kell to attend with one other councillor, to be decided in due course once the meeting date and time were confirmed. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

#### Finance

Consideration and approval of the Internal Audit Report. Cllr John Bald proposed that the Internal Audit Report be accepted and delegated to the Finance Committee to review recommendations. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the supporting report from the RFO regarding points for consideration, and the delegation to the Finance Committee for points that have arisen from the Internal Audit.

The Full Council accepted all points raised in the audit report and advised that action would be taken, following a detailed review of the recommendations from the Internal Auditor, by the Finance Committee and the RFO.

Annual review of the effectiveness of the audit arrangements, including the scope of the audit, independence and competence included in Councillor packs. Cllr John Bald proposed that the audit arrangements, including the scope of the audit, independence, and competence, including audit planning and reporting be agreed as effective. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the appointment of Mrs Victoria Waples as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022/2023.

Cllr John Bald proposed the appointment of Mrs Victoria Waples as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2022/2023. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the End of Year Financial Account reports The Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2022. For Information. Noted.

Confirmation of the adjustment in assets value from £1,572,023 in the financial year 2020/2021 to £1,672,803.96 for the financial year 2021/2022 due to the addition of the new playground equipment, wheeled skate park facility and additional street furniture installed throughout the village in the period 2021/2022.

To review the end of year accounts and sign the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), to be sent to the external auditor for the period 2021/2022.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Review of Section 1. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

The Chairman signed Section 1 of the AGAR. The Clerk & RFO, Mrs Kathryn Dyer, signed Section 1 of the AGAR.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Review of Section 2. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. All Agreed.

The Chairman signed Section 2 of the AGAR. The Clerk & RFO, Mrs Kathryn Dyer, signed Section 2 of the AGAR.

#### Service Level Agreement

Consideration of the new proposed Service Level Agreement with the Beacon Youth Trust for the period 2022-2025.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the Service Level Agreement be accepted with the following amendments. 1. To remove the personality on the SLA, Appendix Item 2 and 2. To remove the match funding element of the agreement on page 7. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. 8 in favour with 2 abstentions. Agreed.

It was noted that concerns were raised through discussions regarding value for money of the agreement and it was requested that this be brought to an agenda in twelve months to assess the service level.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

#### Disability, Access & Safety

Consideration for a parishioner request for improving access in the village and the suggestion of restriction limiting parking in Church Lane.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds gave a brief update on the Greenways project following a meeting with Martin Meehan, Cambridgeshire County Council, which would address some access issues at the Recreation Ground. Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Clerk set up a new working group to focus on disability and accessibility in the village. Cllrs Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Cllr Paul Poulter and Cllr Chris Hine offered to join the group and members of the public would also be welcome.

Parking restrictions in Church Lane were discussed and it was felt that this was mainly residential parking for those living on Church Lane. The Parish Council would not have any way of enforcing parking restrictions at the location and therefore this would not be considered further. The clerk suggested that the PCC or St Mary's church could advise those living locally to the Church of any events that may restrict access if they do not already do so.

#### Traffic & Highways

Update on the TTRO and Greenways project for the pathways leading to and on the Recreation Ground following a meeting with Martin Meehan, Project Manager for GCP.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds updated the Full Council that the Greenways project would proceed excluding the pathway running from Stanton's to the Recreation Ground due to the status of the path being pedestrian only. The pathway adjacent to the Recreation Ground would be re-surfaced and the gateway leading to Meadow Lane changed to bollards as previously advised. The Clerk advised that further information on design and a deadline would be requested from the project manager, Martin Meehan. Cllr Guy Ennew advised that he would submit cricket fixture dates to the office and requested that these be sent for consideration to avoid disruption to the Cricket Club.

#### Events.

##### Platinum Jubilee.

The clerk gave an update on the costs to date for organising the Picnic in the Park.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed a further £250.00 in extra funding for the Picnic in the Park event. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

##### Bowling Green

Update on the future use of the Old Bowling Green following a remote meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 and site visits by potential suppliers for multi-sport surfacing. Verbal update from Cllr Chris Hine and Cllr Merrie Mannassi. For information. Cllr Chris Hine gave a brief overview of the recent meeting with representatives from Basketball and Netball and advised that quotes were being sought. It had been discussed that a specific charitable organisation be set up for a multi-sport facility to ensure that the area benefits all parishioners.

##### Open Spaces, Environment & Biodiversity

Consideration for the request from a parishioner for support in re-introducing elm trees to the village.

Cllr Kate Kell and Clerk, Jenny Seaward agreed to work together in support of this request.

Consideration for the request to fish in the River Granta. Cllr John Bald proposed that no fishing be allowed in The River Granta due to the recent efforts by the FROGS and Wild Trout Trust to encourage an increase in the trout population. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

##### Crime & Police Liaison

Consideration for the request from Crimestoppers for volunteers for the South Cambridgeshire district.

Cllr John Bald volunteered to respond as the representative for the Parish Council on Police matters.

##### Meeting Dates

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm.

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