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Julie crowned 'Childminder of the Year' in national awards

JULIE DIXON, owner and manager of Julie & Jo's Child-care, has been named 'Childminder of the Year' at a prestigious awards ceremony in London. Julie was revealed as the winner at the 2022 Nursery World Awards at The Brewery in London. The September event was hosted by TV and Radio presenter Emma-Louise Amanshia and judge Rebecca Martland. Julie was thrilled with her win, especially after being shortlisted as a finalist for the previous three years. Julie said, "This is such an incredible achievement for the whole team, we are humbled and grateful to receive the awards, and as they were open to all childminders and child minding



Julie with Emma-Louise Amanshia and Rebecca Martland

businesses from across the UK, we are particularly proud of our achievement."

To become a finalist, Julie and her team demonstrated outstanding care, leadership and business acumen to a prominent panel of expert judges from across the childcare sector. Julie has worked as a childminder in Linton for over 25 years and is rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted. The business is a real family affair with Julie working alongside sister Jo Wells and daughter Abi Dixon, as well as her husband Tony and the newest member of the team, apprentice Caitlin Seaward.

Julie & Jo's is open from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and also runs breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs throughout the year.

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The winning formula: From left to right: Tony, Jo, Julie, Abi and Caitlin

A sea of poppies for Remembrance Sunday



Poppies on the railings at the cemetery

COMMEMORATION of Remembrance Day is well underway in Chalklands where a new topper has been placed on the post-box at the end of the road. The trees in the Community Garden have also been decorated with crocheted poppies in red and purple. Project mastermind Karen Sanderson said, "the purple poppies are to remember the animals that died in service."

This year Karen has been sent 50 knitted and crocheted poppies made by members of the WI and other volunteers in the village and they have been strung together with another 200 crocheted poppies and placed on the railings at the cemetery, ready for the war memorial service.

Karen said "please enjoy these beautiful flowers and, if you get the chance, add a donation to a collection box in support of all the work done by these wonderful ladies."



Karen and the post box tribute

Linton News Team

Camera Club seeks new members

WOULD you like to hone your photographic skills at the same time as enjoying a social evening in a friendly group? Everyone is a photographer these days, whether with phone or camera, but we could all use a little help in improving our pictures. Covid kept everyone indoors for such a long time and it can be difficult making the move to get out and about again. You may be new to the village since Covid began and possibly be unaware of the Camera Club's existence.

The club has something for every photographer, whether it be technical support or just enjoying the photos of others. You do not need to have a camera. A phone is perfectly acceptable. The venue is such that there is room for several workshops to take place at the same time under expert instruction. There are regular guest speakers and outings. Recently the club hosted a wedding registrar, a wildlife photographer and a presentation of night cityscapes of London.

The star event is the annual exhibition which is open to the village and is a chance for members to showcase their best pictures. In the middle of the session there is plenty

of time to chat over tea and coffee. Members usually bring along 4 or 5 pictures (on a stick) and these are shown and appraised by everyone. So come along and give it a try. Your first session is free of charge. Thereafter membership costs £25 p.a. or £3 per session. Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month between 7pm and 9pm at the Village Hall. visit www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk where you will find information and contact numbers.

Sarah Hurcum
Photo: Tony Smith



Learn what these buttons actually do!

Grant Applications invited for the Anderson Trust

The Trustees of the Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction would be pleased to receive applications for grants for distribution in 2023. The aims of the charity are as follows: To sustain the work and worship of St Mary's Church, Linton. To promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, in particular within the Church School.

Any other charitable purpose for those living in or resorting to Linton. The Anderson Trust, as it is known, is a small Linton charitable trust, set up through the generosity of previous Linton residents, Dr Charles and Mrs Mary Anderson. The annual interest from this benefaction is distributed by the Trustees in the form of grants, decisions being made according to the criteria set out above, and each application is carefully considered using those criteria. The aim is to help as many people as possible so modest requests are positively encouraged. In 2021 grants were made, amounting to £9495 in total, covering varied activities and supporting all ages across the community.

Applicants need to complete the 2023 application form, which contains further details of the application process. The form is available from Gillian Powell, Chair of the Trustees, at powellz@talktalk.net or telephone 893664.

Applications should be received by the deadline of Friday, February 10th 2023. The Trustees will meet in March to consider all applications.

Gillian Powell, 893664
Chair, Charles and Mary Anderson Benefaction

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Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I refer to my recent letter on the subject of local policing. In that letter, I mentioned that I had written to our MP Lucy Frazer with my concerns. Space in the Linton News did not allow me to share the response I received but I have been asked by several residents what that response was. I thought it would be best to provide this additional information so that I don't have to keep repeating myself.

I think my biggest surprise has been that several of the people who spoke to me about this didn't know who our MP was, although they did concede that they had voted for her party in the last election.

I won't be able to share all of Ms Frazer's comments because I'll run out of space again. What I was told was that our MP had consulted with our Police and Crime Commissioner and that we now have 1,675 police officers in Cambs. the highest number ever recorded in our area. Last year Cambs saw an increase of 115 new officers in line with the government manifesto.

She then gave me some budget figures that I don't think you would find of much interest. She also voiced her concern about the incidents I highlighted and was sorry to hear that I didn't feel sufficient back up action had been taken. This would be fed back to the PCC Darryl Preston.

The final comment was that the type of incidents I had mentioned, though very disturbing, are in fact on the decline. You'll have to make up your own minds if you agree with that but that comment, to me, sounded a bit dismissive. I felt there wasn't much reassurance about the subject.

David Rose, Brinkman Road, Linton

Dear Editor,

The Balsham Singers are very glad to confirm that our traditional Christmas concert will be held on Saturday 17 December 2022, 7:30pm, Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. Tickets £10 (under 16's free) will be available from choir members, Balsham or Great Abington Post Offices or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers

Friederike Schmidt-Tremmel

Dear Editor,

Linton Jazz are celebrating their 25 year anniversary by performing in a concert for a number of different charities this year. Every penny raised goes to the charity. But something very exciting has happened - Linton Jazz are taking part in the Big Band Bonanza as part of the Cambridge Jazz Festival with the Cambridge Groove Orchestra.

This is a free event and will take place on Sunday 20th November 4pm - 6pm at Stores Field Centre Cambridge. Please come and support us and support live music! Thank you.

Karen Sanderson

Dear Editor,

In August, ACE had a very enjoyable strawberry tea in Jan and Mike's Garden where there was lots of sun shaded by trees. September 22nd was another sunny day when lots of us had a lovely day at Sherringham. Our next event is on Thursday November 24th at the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, it is our Christmas Buffet which will start at 12.30. We hope to see you there!

Colleen Lockstone

International film award for Linton musician and presenter



Robin receiving the best feature documentary award

THE *Best Feature Documentary* award in the 2022 King's Cross Film Festival was awarded to a film by a local musician and presenter. *Back To The Source* is a jazz and blues motorcycle road-trip music documentary made by artist Robin Phillips, in partnership with ARU Cambridge photography graduate and filmmaker, Domininkas Zalys.

The film follows Robin as he retraces the path of jazz and blues in America, from Chicago to New Orleans, in a once-in-a-lifetime road-trip on a Harley Davidson motorbike, to better understand the art form he has

dedicated his life to.

The film, shot just before the Covid-19 pandemic, has been recognised by other awards including *Official Selection* at New

Creators Film Awards 2021 and *Best Music Documentary* in the December 2021 Parai Music International Awards. Phillips runs Repmusic Ltd, which programmes live music across Cambridge, including the live jazz programme at Gonville Hotel and the Piano Bar at De Luca, and has performed across the UK and Europe over his 16 year career as a professional musician. The film is now available to view by searching *Robin Jazz Documentary* on YouTube and also at www.thejazzpresenter.com. Robin will be showcasing his new album in a Cambridge Jazz Festival performance on November 23rd at the Gonville Hotel, a concept work featuring cello and electric guitar. For ticket information visit www.repmusic.co.uk

Robin also plays at the Dog and Duck on the first Sunday of every month. Linton News Team



The film sees Robin exploring the jazz and blues heartland of America

Cricket club looks back on season



Linton Village Cricket Club

THE club continues to run three senior teams on a Saturday and two midweek senior teams and overall, it has been a fairly successful year for us with both our 1st and 2nd Saturday teams doing well. The 1sts having secured promotion to the senior leagues and the 2nds narrowly missing out on promotion to Junior 2, finishing 3rd. Our 2nd team also made it to Finals day of the Lower Junior cup losing in the semi finals to Fulbourn Cricket Club.

The pitches at both Linton and Weston Colville have been looked after, and continue to provide excellent playing facilities for our members. A huge thanks to those few that put a lot of time and effort into preparing these each week.

The club would like to thank all our sponsors for their continued support this season. We are now actively recruiting players. Whether you are an experienced cricketer or just someone that likes to get an outing every so often on a Saturday or Wednesday please contact us by emailing linton.village.cc@gmail.com or popping down to one of our senior nets. These will be held at Sawston Village College on the following dates:

NOV Wed 16th, 7- 8pm. DEC Wed 14th, 7-8pm. JAN Wed 25th, 7-8pm. FEB Wed 15th, 7-8pm. MARCH Wed 1/ 8/ 15/ 22/ 29- 7-9pm. APRIL Wed 5/ 12/ 19- 7-9pm.

We are a friendly club that welcomes players from all abilities and we would very much like to increase our membership of all teams for the 2023 season.

Guy Ennew

Gallery Above, and Beyond!

NOVEMBER'S show introduces a marvellous ground floor extension to Gallery Above, now known as Gallery Above and Beyond. The galleries are moving into the space previously occupied by Nourish, to whom we say a sad farewell. Case Solved Wines continue to purvey their super range of wines, spirits and beers, including many organic examples. The move gives the Gallery more space but perhaps more importantly a front door onto the High Street.

The ground floor will concentrate on gifts and cards (a lot of cards!) with an eye to the up-coming festive season, while upstairs this change will release more wall space to extend the coverage of art. The first exhibition entitled *The Sea, The Sea*, runs from October 27th to November 26th and brings together a group of artists, some new to the Linton art scene, others popular returnees.

Among the new artists to Linton is Derek Chambers, well known in the Aldeburgh area for his marvellous depictions of the east coast towns and villages to which we love to flock. Ian Welsh is another returner who's work focuses on the many lighthouses that he has stayed in. Melanie Max also returns with her wonderfully evocative depictions of the sea, whilst Ashley Munro Scott demonstrates her versatility with seascapes from Cornwall. These four are joined by newcomer Harry Bowyer, well known in Linton for his loving and detailed depiction of fish, while Ian Wright has used his brilliant eclectic sewing skills to produce fascinating fabric fish in glass cases. The galleries also show the fabric depictions of the sea by Clarissa Cochran who is renowned for her use of the dye plant indigo. Angie Lewins work will also be shown, fine limited edition prints of seaweeds and rock pools evocative of so many seaside holidays. As a reminder of the Galleries' passion for the works of the famous Ravilious dynasty, we keep on a permanent basis the works of these three fine artists; Eric [1903- 1942] painter and print maker extraordinaire whose reputation as a fine recorder of the quintessential English landscape has recently been boosted by the film *Ravilious, drawn to war*. Also his son James [1939- 1999] renowned photographer whose beautiful black and white photography records the vanishing scenes of English rural life. And now Kiran Ravilious, who trained as a graphic designer and now produces beautiful stationery and housewares. Work by these three are always available at the Gallery.



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Schoolreaders needed to spread the joy of reading in Cambridgeshire schools

BEDFORD based children's literacy charity, Schoolreaders, is looking for more volunteers who can help spread the joy of reading to children in Cambridgeshire primary schools (especially around Cambridge).

A recent survey of young people by the National Literacy Trust (NLT) revealed that reading enjoyment had reached a 15 year low, rallying slightly in the pandemic before declining again by 2022, especially amongst those from disadvantaged backgrounds and amongst boys.

Furthermore, the Annual Literacy survey found that fewer than 1 in 2 children aged 8 to 18 enjoyed reading with only 28% reading daily.

Schoolreaders is looking for volunteers of all ages – from students to retirees – who can listen to children read in a local primary school, especially at those schools where children receive support the most.

Worryingly, 1 in 4 children leave primary school every summer unable to read to the expected standard and the Schoolreaders scheme is now more in demand than ever, particularly to help those children most disadvantaged following the education disruption caused by Covid lockdowns.

Schoolreaders volunteers act as trusted role models in the classroom alongside the class teachers, not only helping children improve their reading but also by being a positive influence.

Schoolreaders volunteers are asked to listen to children read once a week during term time and to commit to an academic year. By applying now, new volunteers will be matched as quickly as possible to a partner school and be ready to start once they have completed a mandatory DBS check and virtual safeguarding training.

Jane Whitbread, founder of Schoolreaders, adds, "Children who leave primary school unable to read well can't access their secondary schooling fully, which will disadvantage them for life. One in seven adults have poor literacy and cannot read instructions on a medicine label or a bus timetable or fill in a job application form. Working together we can change this."

"There is no substitute for face-to-face interaction and support when it comes to reading. Our volunteers provide a crucial supplement to classroom teaching and are welcomed by schools – and the children. 95% of children in our scheme improved their reading performance and over 90% their reading enjoyment after time with a Schoolreaders volunteer which is so valuable. If more children gain pleasure from reading from an early age and their reading fluency and confidence improves too, communities and Society will reap the benefits."

To find out more or to apply today to be a Schoolreaders volunteer in primary schools with the greatest need in Cambridgeshire, visit Schoolreaders.org



Volunteer Freda with a young reader

Prunella Murray

Linton & District Historical Society

In September we welcomed members of the Haverhill & District Local History Group to our first meeting since Covid restrictions were lifted, and *The Great Balloon Debate* proved to be a delightful evening.

Each member lightheartedly took on the role of Sarah, Hubert, Isabella, Josephine or Joseph and shared with us their background and gave an insight into how they came to invent early versions of products we take for granted today – ironing board, vacuum cleaner, cooking & housekeeping manual, dishwasher and toilet roll. We then had to decide which product we could live without! However, a twist in the tale meant it did not really matter what we thought we could live without! It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Most probably, events during September may have made for a low attendance. Let's hope further meetings will give everyone time to regroup, and get back to going out and attending social events with like-minded people which has been sadly missed during the last two years.

Having said that, I find there is just enough time to meet the magazine's deadline to add a short account of the October Meeting with David Caulfield *The Semi Pro 60s* which was well received and attended. David's anecdotes of getting together with a group of teenage friends to make music in the 60s brought about a lot of nostalgia and much laughter throughout the evening. A fun evening on recent history, and thankfully, David has written a book for future generations to enjoy.

This brings us to our November meeting which will be on Tuesday 15th November 2022. Entitled '*The History of The Human Genome Project*', our speaker will be Sam Shingles. 7:30pm at Linton Village Hall, in Coles Lane, with parking opposite in the Health Centre car park.

For more details of the society, Tel: 01223 893915 or 01223 678835 or Email: ldhscamb@gmail.com Margaret Creek

welcome connecting science

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November bin collection dates (Linton)

Black bins: Monday 7th, Monday 21st
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Charity Christmas light display to raise money in memory of a grandad who sadly passed away in 2020

We will be having a switch-on night on Friday 25th November at 6pm: please come and support this small event, in Fincham's Close Linton.

The charity we are supporting with this display is the Norfolk Zipper Club. These are ex-patients who have had lifesaving heart surgery and now raise funds to buy additional medical equipment for Papworth Hospital. 100% of your donations get spent on equipment. After attending the 40th anniversary meeting it was clear to us how much the donations meant to them.



The display this year is even bigger than last year's display. The back garden will be open from 5pm to 9pm. Front lights on from 4:30pm to 10pm. There also will be plenty of giveaways throughout the month and a naughty elf hunt every day!

Our goal this year is to raise £1000. Last year we raised £1350 – it would be incredible to beat that. Thank you.

The Cooper family

Please follow the Facebook page for all the latest updates: www.facebook.com/CoopersChristmasLights
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I LIVE in Stansted Mountfitchet. The name is an interesting one: Stansted derives from Saxon language meaning stony place; Mountfitchet is a corruption of Montfiquet, a village in Normandy. A man from there fought with William the Conqueror and was rewarded with land in Stansted.

Several of the Hundred Parishes have names ending in the Saxon STED, STEAD or TED. THAXted refers to the thatch that could be obtained there; BROXted seems to come from BROCK, the old name for badger.

Many of our towns and villages were recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086. Duxford appears as Duchesuorde, or Duc's Enclosure. Duxford has a number of locations where ancient travellers could FORD the River Cam. There are several more FORDs.

Domesday includes the manor of Pelham, possibly the home or farm of a man called Peola. The Norman family De Furneux added its name to establish Furneux Pelham, while part of the manor was destroyed by fire in the twelfth century and became 'burnt' or Brent Pelham. Stocking Pelham seems to have adopted an Old English word meaning 'made of logs', perhaps referring to the parish church. HAM appears at the end of more parish names, suggesting that they also arose from someone's home or farm.

The parish of Quendon and Rickling was created in the 1940s, bringing together two settlements whose names related to an ancient queen. Quendon is recorded as Kuenadana in Domesday and may come from Old English words meaning a valley owned by the queen. Rickling was recorded as Richelinga and may be derived from Ricula who was the wife of Sledd, a 6th-century ruler of Essex.

Ten parish names end in ING, a Norse word for meadow or enclosure

More origins are discussed in the parish introductions on our website.

Ken McDonald, Secretary

Photos – village signs



Linton Gardening Club Diary

WE apologise that the Club's October meeting had to be cancelled at very short notice. The AGM and my "Looking at the Garden Close-up" talk will be rescheduled for December.

With autumn in full swing, multi-coloured leaves are tumbling from the trees. If you can, add these leaves to your compost bin as they will quickly decompose to give a useful boost of rich organic matter to the soil.



Liquid amber

Dahlia

Autumn Leaves

November is the best time to plant tulip bulbs for a burst of late spring colour but it is not too late for planting other bulbs such as narcissi, crocus and iris. Pots containing tender herbaceous plants are best given some shelter from winter rain and frost in a cool shed or garage. If hard frosts are forecast, wrap the pots loosely in newspaper, fleece or any other insulation you have to hand. In a relative's garden we have been entertained by a squirrel who has been harvesting the seed heads from tall sunflowers. It jumps onto the stems from a six foot tall fence, bends them almost to the ground, chomps through the stem and bounds off with the seed head in its mouth.

Our next meeting on the 8th of November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall will be *Tales from Parks & Gardens*, a talk given by Malcolm Busby who describes himself as a gardener, ecologist and storyteller.

Membership cards for the 2022-23 season will be available (£15) and visitors are welcome (£3). Come along and join the Club.

Jim, Linton Garden Club, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, 893577

News from the Infant School

IT'S hard to believe October half term has been and gone and we are into the swing of the autumn term. Routines are embedded, and everyone has settled into the school way of life.

We are already thinking about the intake for September 2023 as the admissions window is open, and we are pleased to be able to offer some small group tours on Tuesday 8th November at 10am-11am, Thursday 10th November at 10am-11am and Monday 14th November at 1.30pm-2.30pm. The places on each session are limited, so please phone the school office to book (01223 891421).

In October, all the children took part in a Sponsored Walk to raise some funds for the school projects. Thank you to everyone who sponsored us.

As some of you may be aware, just before we finished school in July, HM Inspectors decided to pay us a visit. I am delighted to be able to share with you that the school was graded as Good. We are very pleased with the report and feel that the ethos and spirit of the school is fairly reflected. The first lines of the report read "This school is true to its aim that 'happiness and achievement go hand in hand'. Pupils learn and play happily and safely. A typical parent comment describes their child 'running into school every day, excited and keen'. Parents praise how staff 'nurture' their children."

Thank you to the staff, children and parents for making our school the fantastic place it is.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher

Quiz for Christian Aid

MILLIONS of innocent people in East Africa are taking desperate measures to survive in the face of extreme hunger, caused by failed harvests, livestock deaths and water shortages.

The severe conditions are being made worse by the climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. Now Russia's invasion of Ukraine had amplified an increase in global food prices that has turned a tough situation into a dire crisis.

From investing in water purification kits to dispersing animal feed and medicine, Christian Aid is supporting over 300,000 people.

Working through local partners, Christian Aid is responding to the severe drought in Ethiopia and Kenya and helping by:

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- *providing fodder and medicine to keep valuable livestock alive



Remember, Christian Aid supports people of all faiths and none.

Linton's response is to hold the *Not Quite General Knowledge Quiz* and High Tea on Saturday 26th November at St Mary's Church, Linton. Doors open 2.30pm ready for the Quiz at 3pm. Prize for the winning team. Raffle. Tickets £12. Sign up as a team of six or individually by contacting Pam Richardson at justpam1@hotmail.co.uk or ring 890921.

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I SUSPECT I am not alone in taking too little interest in flora, fauna, soil, biodiversity and related issues till well into middle age. But young people now suffer from worries I never had, and one of these is eco anxiety.

In 2019 writer and producer Mary Colwell, perceiving a gap in education, started the long process of garnering support for a new GCSE. 3 years later, following a parliamentary petition with 10,000 signatures, and contributions from scores of organisations and individuals, the Oxford, Cambridge and RSA exams board have agreed a syllabus. Schools are due to start offering Natural History GCSE in September 2025.

Of course many organisations have been involved in nature education for decades. This year Wandlebury celebrates 20 years of teaching primary school groups about the natural world. There is now a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers, and Linton has several projects to improve our environment. But this is different – it is national, more academic and designed for older pupils.

Trawling through the minefield of long words, big ideas, and expressions like 'rollout of carbon literacy training' and 'upload your progress on the National Educational Nature Park's digital mapping service', it might be helpful to quote the agreed starting point definition. Natural History focuses on the understanding of the rich and diverse world. Through observational study and investigation, natural history seeks to understand the diverse complexities and interconnectedness of life on Earth in contrasting habitats. It explores how our world has been shaped, and how it continues to change, both by natural processes and human intervention.

We have all listened to David Attenborough and his apocalyptic warnings. Bits of the natural world are collapsing due to the action of humans. There is a disconnect between the natural and the human world. But rather than plunge into the slough of despond, there is in all senses a nettle to be grasped. Details are still being finalised about the syllabus, but here is a list of the essentials. Pupils will have the opportunity:

1. to study the detail of specific organisms and their environments
2. to develop knowledge of the forms, functions and behaviour of wildlife through the study of real plants and animals across a range of settings
3. to develop an understanding of critical interdependencies and relationships with other species and between specific organisms and their environment, locally, nationally and internationally
4. to learn how to understand and help tackle future environmental challenges

Some of the ways to achieve these aims include a Climate Leaders Award, a project to deliver change within the local community, a project to increase biodiversity in the local park, a Duke of Edinburgh type scheme for nature, and a plan to build greener and cleaner net zero schools.

Future generations can learn to play a part, however small, in making a cleaner, safer and greener world. This is part of a wider package of climate education, including the existing Environmental Science A level and a key part of the Government Sustainability Strategy. A career in the natural world might open up to those trained in observation, description, recording and analysis of structured field study. Whatever the career path chosen, ensuring the natural world is part of students' mind-sets must surely be a positive step.



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What was the score for each of the 5 rolls?

Pot Pourri 208 - The Magic Square that is less than One

The fractions are:- (All rows/columns/diagonals add to 5/8)

1st. Row:- 1/6 3/8 1/12
2nd. Row:- 1/8 5/24 7/24
3rd. Row:- 1/3 1/24 1/4

Linton Crafty Café

Linton crafty Café meets on the last Saturday of each month at the Chalklands community room. We meet to share crafts we have been doing at home and to share in a new project. Friendship is important and you would be most welcome to join us for refreshments and a bit of crafting.
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Sunday 4th December – Christmas gift workshop

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Advent will soon be upon us, and this year, it is a time of preparation before the 'busyness' of Christmas. This year we would like houses and businesses along the High Street to make a large star to be displayed, using any materials of your choosing. Hidden in the star will be a number and a letter for people to find. If you would like to take part please contact Cathy Watts who will put the trail together for us to enjoy in the Advent season.

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Wednesday 23 rd	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Friday 25 th	World Cup – England vs USA	7pm
Saturday 26 th	Live Music – Jennifer Em	8pm
Tuesday 29 th	World Cup – England vs Wales	7pm

Tuesday - Sunday Happy Kebab Burger van from 6pm

District and County Councillors' report October 2022

Cost of Living

Many people are now feeling the pinch of the cost of living crisis. In the Cambs magazine this month there is a 2 page spread of information that may be of use, as well as content on the website that points people towards support available – including with energy bills or ensuring that people know what they are entitled to (Universal Credit, childcare costs, Disability and Carers benefit etc) and then encourages them to claim these entitlements – specifically aimed at Local Council Tax support and Discretionary Household payment. www.scams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/

Stagecoach Service Withdrawal

Last month Stagecoach announced several cuts and scaling back of bus services in Cambridgeshire. We were hoping not to be affected in our area, as the number 13 bus service is one of the most profitable for Stagecoach in the county. However, some changes have been announced to this service. There will be a new service introduced called the 131, which will solely serve Haverhill and remove the need for the 13 to do multiple laps of the town. In doing this the idea is that it will speed up the journey times between Haverhill and Cambridge. The routing of the 13 has slightly changed too, so please do familiarise yourselves with this, if it does affect you or anyone you know.

One large negative is that the 13B service, which starts in Haverhill and serves The Camps and Bartlow, has been announced to be removed, essentially leaving people that rely on that service, particularly those needing to attend sixth form college in Cambridge, stranded without any public transport service. The number 19 bus service, which is run by Star Travel, is unaffected. Full detail of the service changes can be seen here - www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/east-bus-network
The issue here is that ever since buses were de-franchised several decades ago, the bus companies operate on a commercial basis so can remove/alter services as they wish. Saying that, the local authority that has responsibility for public transport is the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority. So, our suggestion, is that everyone affected by the changes need to write to the Mayor, Nik Johnson, of the Combined Authority as he has the ultimate remit for providing public transport in the county - <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/>

City Access Consultation

A 'Sustainable Travel Zone' road user charge has been put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (the body currently implementing the upgrades to the A1307) for private vehicles between 7am and 7pm on weekdays. The plans are part of a package to improve public transport, reduce congestion in the city and help the environment through lower emissions. A £5 congestion charge to drive into and around Cambridge is being considered as part of a 'once in a generation' plan to shake up how people travel during the working week.

Whilst driving in the city could be more expensive, the GCP has revealed plans to make buses cheaper. Flat fares have been proposed to be introduced. In Cambridge, a bus ticket could cost £1 to travel in the city with a ticket in the wider 'travel to work' area (where we are) to cost £2.

The Executive Board of the Greater Cambridge Partnership has recently made the decision to take these proposals to public consultation and our recommendation on this is to encourage as much public engagement as possible.

What this could mean for us, is cheaper, more frequent bus travel. We would like to hear your thoughts on this, as we represent the views of the electorate here, so please do let us know.

A1307 Update

You may have seen that the, long-awaited, safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction is now complete. The next steps to be implemented will be the finishing of the improved foot/cycle path between Abington and Linton. The majority is already done but the link between Hildersham and Linton needs to be joined up, as well as the stretch between Hildersham and Linton Road, Abington.

The other schemes that are confirmed to be completed in the spring of 2023 are the new roundabout on the A1307 at the end of Bartlow Road, Linton and the remodelling of the highly dangerous Dean Road junction, again, on the A1307.

Local Highways Improvement Scheme

The Local Highways Improvement scheme (LHI) is due to open for bids around the end of October. The scheme allows parish councils to bid for small scale schemes that will improve the local highway network, such as reduced speed limits, double yellow lines, re-modelled junctions etc.

It's worth noting that this year the criteria scoring the schemes has slightly changed. The simpler, more straight forward, schemes, such as reduced speed limits, mobile speed cameras etc, will be looked at separately to the more complex, expensive schemes so that they aren't in direct competition – in theory increasing their chances of success. Full detail of this is yet to be released but we will circulate once it has been.

Appeal for Foster Carers

The County Council are putting an appeal out for more foster carers to add to their network. If you know anyone that might be interested, the full information can be viewed here www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/urgent-appeal-for-foster-carers-across-cambridgeshire.

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Beacon Youth Trust Volunteers needed!

BEACON Youth Trust (BYT) is the only youth work provision in Linton, founded in 2016. It exists to deliver and promote youth and community work within the local community. BYT works with Linton Parish Council, local schools, churches and other organisations to serve young people in Linton.

Like many other organisations, BYT was affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic and this year has focused on rebuilding youth work in the village. There is a lot of work taking place through the Beacon team, with more opportunities to develop with the help of volunteers; read on to find out about the ongoing work and how to get it touch with the youth workers to join in the mission to invest in the future of the village through youth work.

BYT is currently working with Linton Heights Junior School and Linton Village College. With the schools at the moment, the team engages with young people through lunch time detached work, youth clubs, 1-2-1 support and targeted group sessions.

In the community, there are weekly youth clubs on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school and in the evening at the Drop-In Youth Centre in the Recreational Ground. Across the year there are also creative projects, sports sessions, self-development projects, trips, events and many other activities.

During the summer holidays, Beacon Youth Trust provided a very successful summer programme, being open for 3 days during the week and taking the young people on a trip each week. We saw 67 young people across the summer, supported by a team of 3 staff and 5 volunteers. It took immense dedication and commitment for such a small team to achieve that.

The hope is to do more; Linton has 400+ young people to reach, and in order to engage more young people BYT is appealing for volunteers. There is no experience required, just your time and willingness to help and support young people. We are looking for volunteers for the following roles, but are not limited to these areas:

- Supporting youth workers in delivering a regular programme of activities and youth clubs
- Planning and organising activities, events and trips
- Cleaning and providing food and snacks to the young people
- Sports coaching (basketball and football)
- Admin
- Fundraising
- Minibus driving
- Marketing and advertising
- Photography / Videography
- Blogging
- Facilitating workshops

For more information, please contact the Youth Development Worker, Cynthia Mukoko, at cynthia.mukoko@romseymill.org or 07821 797181.

Cynthia Mukoko

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT Full Council meeting will be held on 17th November 2022. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with the Linton Parish Council please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk Clerk

Remembrance Sunday All welcome, Sunday 13th November



A BIT OF history - Remembrance Day is a Memorial Day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. This tradition was started by George V (King Charles' Great Grandfather) in 1919. The day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. In the USA they call it Veterans Day.

In most countries, including the UK, on Remembrance Day, 11 November, a 2-minute silence is observed at 11am to recall the end of First World War hostilities. Hostilities formally ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918. This was the time the Armistice became effective in the UK.

Then, on the nearest Sunday to that date, a Service of Remembrance is held, as we shall do in St. Mary's Church and by the War Memorial in the Cemetery on 13 November this year.

The lovely thing about this Service is the familiarity. The Last Post will be played. Traditional hymns sung, for example, "Jerusalem" or "I vow to thee my Country" and the so evocative Ode of Remembrance will be read.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them."

This is the fourth stanza from a poem called "For the Fallen", written by Laurence Binyon, first published in The Times newspaper in 1914. The National Anthem will be sung, where we now must get used to singing "God Save the King".

The Service is held in the afternoon, at 2.30pm in St. Mary's Church followed by the ceremony at the War Memorial in the Cemetery around 3.15 pm. Our dear Laurence Kidman will have placed out the little crosses, one for each person inscribed on our Cenotaph. The Army and Air Force Cadets play a significant role in church and at the War Memorial, but it is also satisfying for the community to see other organisations participate such as Scouts & Guides, Brownies & Cubs, all of whom swear allegiance to our Sovereign.

This Remembrance Sunday will be a joint service with the United Reform Church. Everyone is made to feel welcome, even non-churchgoers, and especially now it is a time to remember the fallen in all subsequent and present wars, because sadly, WWI wasn't the war to end all wars.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact the Reverend Michael Wilcockson (associate.priest@stmmaryslinton.org.uk)

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Planning & Meeting Update September - October 2022

PLANNING Updates

Bartlow Road

Thank you to the residents who notified us when the horse chestnuts were being felled on the Bartlow Road site. The transparent, democratic process we were anticipating was not followed. Residents in the village were not given the opportunity to raise their material concerns – and the officers at SCDC ignored our calls.

We were eventually told that UK Power Networks had exercised their right to remove the trees to install electricity cables. It is particularly disappointing that a couple of months ago, the UK Power Networks preferred route for this cabling was through Flemmings Field. The landowner had sent written confirmation that he agreed in principle with this installation route to UKPN, SCDC and Abbey. Why then did the preferred route switch?

We are awaiting an invitation to contribute to the plans for trees to "replace" the horse chestnuts to mitigate the damage caused.

Our ecological concerns have received the following explanations: The removal of the trees closest to the A1307 was carried out under a felling license by the tenant farmer as these trees formed part of the "cricket bat willows" planting (most of which are on the other side of the A1307). These trees are planted and felled on a cyclical basis. The trees that have been removed on the site are to allow for the installation of the surface water drainage scheme. This now appears to be in place.

The mounds of soil should have been moved by the end of September. As we write they are still there and have not been moved further from the river as they should have been.

Land off Station Road

An outline application has been submitted for the land behind Crofton Engineering. The Parish Council believes that this site could accommodate a commercial development, but we are concerned about the scale of the building currently proposed in this outline application.

If approved, it would pave the way for the development of a large warehouse/factory, with the anticipation that HGVs would be entering and exiting Station Road regularly to service this. It would be great to hear from businesses in the village about the size and type of development that would be of most benefit to local enterprises.

Horseheath Road

We are awaiting an update from SCDC about the completion of the Surface Water Drainage Scheme. The infiltration pond is nearly complete, although Croudace are awaiting the liner that will ensure the water drains through the base of the pond (and not through the sides towards Lonsdale).

Changes to the road at the entrance to the site and to the Eastern boundary to prevent overland surface water flows adding to the water in the pond are still to be delivered.

Reports of sewage smells affecting areas of Lonsdale were investigated by Anglian Water. The investigation has been passed to the SCDC environmental health team.

Complaints from residents affected by the very bright street lighting at the southern end of the site have also been reported to the environmental team and are under investigation.

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Linton Speedways - Monthly Summary

Month: September 22

Date	Time	Location	Track Direction	Speed Limit	Track Volume	Vehicle Spacing	Spurring %	On Track Spurt
24 September	10.15am	High Street	anti-clock	20mph	100	12	7.20%	24 Spurt
25 September	10.15am	High Street	anti-clock	20mph	135	2	1.8%	24 Spurt
28 September	8.15am	High Street (jokers school)	anti-clock	20mph	120	1	0.9%	24 Spurt

Source: Linton Speedways Team

Green Machine Tracks supports Linton Speedways

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Councillors' Declarations of Interest Existence & Nature regarding items on the agenda.

Clr John Bald – Agenda Item 115/22/23 (d)(ii)

Clr Kate Kell – Agenda item 114/22/23 (a)

Chairman's Comment.

The Chair thanked Clr Kate Kell for the completion of the Call for Sites, especially due to the complexity of the task with a difficult online submission system.

Clr Helen Lawrence-Foulds advised that she had attended the recent Flood Group meeting and provided a brief update. Clr John Bald had attended the recent Policing in South Cambs meeting and stated that changes were being proposed for S106 funds to be potentially used for traffic and speeding issues.

To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 18th **Matters Arising/Clerks Report.** Linton in Bloom project proposal.

Clr Carl Cieluch gave an overview of the project and advised that an article to generate public interest would be included in the October edition of the Linton News. A meeting was held with the Clerk to discuss practicalities. It was suggested that delegation to individual community venues, schools and businesses would ensure that the level of responsibility for ongoing maintenance, after the initial launch, was manageable. The Gardening Club and Open Gardens teams would be approached to support the project. Funding would be requested in the precept under the village Enhancement budget to support the project.

Warm Hubs in South Cambridgeshire. Concerns had been raised by two potential venues regarding operating costs if the project was not subsidised by SCDC, the Clerk advised that a further update was expected.

Greenways Plan

The Clerk updated the Full Council on the Greenways Plan. It was agreed between Martin Meehan (GCP) and Clr Guy Ennew that turf would be laid adjacent to the new pathway in the recreation ground.

Concerns were raised about the temporary bollards and the collection of water at the driveway to the house immediately next to the entrance to Meadow Lane, which had only been occurring since the new path was installed.

A site meeting was held on Wednesday 28th September with the Clerk, Clr Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Clr Chris Hine and Martin Meehan (GCP) to discuss the issues raised and to find alternative solutions to the design of the entrance.

The Clerk had been assured that improvements to the temporary bollards and the drainage issues would be addressed on Friday 30th September 2022.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for August 2022. Written report available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM.

Clr Kate Kell updated the Parish Council that the two horse chestnut trees have now had the temporary Tree Protection Order (TPO) removed.

The Planning Committee have voted to send a letter to SCDC stating that a variation of condition to landscaping needs to be submitted if the trees are to be felled to comply with the democratic process. SCDC have stated that Abbey will plant replacement trees if the horse chestnuts are to be felled. It has been noted that the negative impact to those living adjacent to the site would not be sufficiently compensated by replacing the horse chestnuts with two smaller trees, therefore additional screening would be required. The ecological buffer – the mounds of earth are still on this area and would be reported to SCDC as this is a compliance issue.

Horseheath Road.

Update on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM.

Clr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that the surface water scheme is still under construction and there were concerns regarding the structural design of the infiltration basin. It was also reported that no work had started on the eastern boundary, or the entrance road and it was requested that the office request an update from Stephen Kelly.

Also, a parishioner reported serious safety defects on the play equipment at the new development which the office will report to the developer.

Conservation Area

Notification of the confirmation and final maps of the revised Conservation Areas of Linton and Little Linton.

The chairman remarked that the Conservation Area addition of Little Linton was a significant and welcome adjustment and thanked Clr Lawrence-Foulds for her commitment.

Compliance, Policies & Procedures 2022-2023

Compliance

Consideration of the notification from the Finance, Risk and Compliance Committee (FRCC) for the required adjustment to the Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Terms of Reference for all committees and re-adoption of the same. Clr Chris Hine explained that voting via email was not transparent as per advice from CAPALC and that this would be removed. Clr John Bald proposed the changes be accepted. Clr Simon Hill seconded. Agreed.

Risk Management

Consideration of the recommendation from the FRCC of the elements on the recent Annual Risk Assessment completed on play equipment at the Meadow Recreation Ground by RoSPA that are considered high priority.

Clr Merrie Mannassi proposed a maximum budget of up to £700.00 be allowed to cover additional works which may be required on the initial quote provided by LHS. Clr Chris Hine seconded. 6 in favour, 1 against with 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

Finance & Accounts

Consideration of the recommendations from the FRCC regarding the notice of conclusion of Audit and review of the External Audit Report. Clr John Bald proposed the conclusion of audit and review of the external audit be agreed. Clr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Contracts

Consideration for the quotes received for the Leadwell Meadows Large Areas contract.

Clr Kate Kell proposed that Herts & Cambs Grounds Maintenance be awarded the three-year contract to cut Leadwell Meadows. Clr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Grants & Funding requests

Consideration of the recommendation from the FRCC for Make Lunch Linton, Summer Holidays update and request for funding. The Clerk gave an update that funding sources had been recommended to the group along with a reminder to apply to the Parish Council in October for the annual grants. In addition to this it was highlighted that the LGFC had charged £80.00 to the community group for the hire of the Pavilion during the Summer Holidays. Clr John Bald proposed that the Clerk formally send a request to the LGFC that the community discount be applied, and refund be awarded to Make Lunch Linton. Clr Caitlin Seaward seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 01.08.2022-17.08.2022. Written reports available in the Councillor packs. For information.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in August 2022. Written reports available in the Councillor packs.

For information. Noted.

Update from the Traffic Working Group meeting held on Monday 22nd August 2022. Written reports available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Recreation Ground

Consideration for the quotes received for CCTV at the Recreation Ground. Open discussion and Decision required.

Clr John Bald proposed that the quote from Advance Security along with the annual maintenance programme be accepted. Clr Caitlin Seaward seconded. All Agreed.

Community & Sport Venue

Consideration for the request to set up a Linton Community & Sports Association in relation to the future use of the sports facilities at the Recreation Ground. Verbal update from Clrs Hine and Mannassi. Open discussion and Decision required.

Clr John Bald proposed that the Linton Community & Sports Association be formed. Clr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Village Enhancement

Consideration for the request for a commemorative bench for the Chalklands Community Garden and to set a budget for the project, providing permission is granted by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Open discussion and Decision required.

Clr John Bald proposed a budget of £500.00 to purchase and install a commemorative bench at the Chalklands Community Garden. Clr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Events

Consideration for a representative from the Linton Parish Council for Remembrance Sunday service in conjunction with St Mary's Church to be held on Sunday 12th November 2022.

Clr Merrie Mannassi proposed to nominate Clr Kate Kell to represent the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday. Clr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Youth

Consideration of the Monthly Report for the Beacon Youth Trust for August 2022. Written reports available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Clr Carl Cieluch noted that there were targets missed in Quarter 2.

Meeting Dates

Consideration of the change of venue for all Full Council and Committee meetings to the Cathodeon Centre from 1st October 2022 to ensure inclusivity for all. Verbal update from the Clerk. Open discussion and Decision required.

Clr John Bald proposed to accept. Clr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on 20th October 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm to which all Councillors will be summoned. For information. Noted.

Market Square

Update on the first registration of the Market Square and further advice from Holmes & Hill. Verbal update from the Clerk and documents available at the meeting. Open discussion and Decision required. No decision required.

The Clerk updated the Parish Council that the latest documents had been circulated to all and that the solicitor would be in contact once a response was received from the Land Tribunal.

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website. Clerk.

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