



Open Studios 2023

THE village continues to be a hotbed of artistic endeavor, and this year's Open Studios is an opportunity to meet the artists and see their work in the flesh. Kaela-Ann Cooper returns to the event with her vibrant land, sea and cityscapes, her Finchams Close studio will be open on the weekends of the 8th/9th, 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd of July (look for the yellow flags). Clare McEwan creates quirky and humorous multimedia pieces that celebrate her love of animals, and she will be exhibiting at Burwash Manor alongside a number of other artists on the first four weekends of the month; Linton residents get 10% off if they quote the code: "Linton Rocks!" Cambridge Art Makers at the Grip are open on the 22nd and 23rd for a grand exhibition and display of all things artistic and creative. They welcome you to come along and try your hand at various crafts and techniques as well as viewing and purchasing work from makers and creators. Full details of all participants in Open Studios are available online and brochures can be found in various shops, pubs cafes and libraries.



Pictures top to bottom: Landscape by Kaela-Ann Cooper, Baa and Wabbit by Clare McEwan and abstract work by Clare Basel

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this custom made attachment gave Eilian his mobility and quality of life back

48 hour closure for A1307

THE Greenway works from Hildersham to Dale-Head Foods has been substantially completed, and the pathway and road are fully open. Greater Cambridge Partnership's original intention was to complete the planned carriageway surfacing by closing the A1307 between Haverhill and Fourwentways roundabout weekdays overnight, and diverting traffic to National Highways roads. However, they have now been advised that it is only possible to use this diversion at weekends.



The greenway project aims to create a network of safe sustainable transport routes centred around Cambridge

Due to this, they now plan to complete the carriageway surfacing work over a 48 hour window. This will involve closing the A1307 between Haverhill and Fourwentways roundabout, from 6am on Saturday 15 July until 6am on Monday 17 July.

To avoid diverting large vehicles such as HGVs through small village roads, the diversion uses other available A roads, including the A143 and A11.

A contingency weekend has also been booked for 22 - 24 July for further possible overnight closure, but it is hoped that the works can be completed in full the previous weekend.

All efforts will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. A spokesperson for the Partnership said "We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause.

Warning boards and digital signage were installed on site from Tuesday 20th June to inform road users of the upcoming closures."

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Lockdown dogs and the need for training

WITH the Dogs Trust receiving 18,000 requests to take in pets so far in 2023, and almost a third of owner-surrendered dogs linked to 'unwanted behaviours' as the reason, it is important to consider we may now be experiencing the impact that lack of socialisation and training may have had due to Covid.



Anglian Dog Works spoke on the importance of dog training on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire in May in response to a series of suspected dog attacks on livestock in our area.

Emma, who is the owner and head trainer at Anglian Dog Works, said: "Without an appropriate channel, energy and unmet natural instincts come out in all sorts of problematic ways. It's not enough to teach them they shouldn't do these behaviours; to 'scratch the itch' you must find dogs safe opportunities to express natural behaviour". Training and agility in their classes gives dogs a job and keeps them active, thinking, and busy.

In classes, owners of energetic dogs are helped to work through their training struggles by providing their pets with physical and mental stimulation so that they can achieve the dog-owning life they envisioned.

Dogs Trust's latest findings from their second National Dog Survey say more than 1 in 10 owners hadn't invested in training with experts because they couldn't afford it. Emma feels strongly that financial circumstances shouldn't be a barrier to accessing professional advice, so resources are freely available on their website, including a 5-day recall challenge. Within the law, effective control goes further than being confident your dog will return on command. The Countryside Code states dogs must be kept on a lead or in sight. Always put dogs on a lead under 2 meters long around livestock (The Countryside Code, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000).

Not abiding by this not only risks farmers' animals, but Emma believes pet owners might unknowingly be taking a risk as well, as the legal consequences are a £1,000 fine and farmers can legally shoot the dog if it is threatening livestock. (Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, Animals Act 1971, section 3, Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)

Believing that interaction overcomes distraction, Emma recommends a good place to start is focusing on rewarding every time your dog looks at you on a walk because that is the basis of engagement. Dog training science tells us that anything you reward will happen more often. Now that you know that, for the next 7 days start rewarding what you want on walks with treats your dog loves.

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Could Cambridge Remap help you?

WHAT is REMAP? REMAP stands for: Rehabilitation Engineering Movement Advisory Panels. Let's elaborate... What does REMAP do? REMAP volunteers design and make bespoke equipment for people with a disability or impairment. They custom-make equipment where nothing is commercially available. They help anyone from tiny babies to the very elderly, whether they have simple or complex needs. REMAP can make equipment to facilitate all areas of life, including mobility, personal care, hobbies, communications and sports. Here are a couple of examples: Eilian needs to use a three-wheeled rollator to get about, but having an amputation meant he could not use one safely with one hand. A bespoke 3D printed solution got him on the road again, creating a device for him that is simply not available to buy.

Linda is a singing and piano teacher who lost the ability to support her wrist at the keyboard. Her occupational therapist Heidi, asked REMAP to make a wrist support. This has enabled her to get back to work and enjoy music again.

Who can get help from REMAP? The answer is simple - anyone who is struggling with a physical task due to a disability. Each piece of equipment is custom-made to suit the specific needs of one individual, because everyone's needs are differ-

ent. REMAP engineers often work with health professionals, such as occupational therapists, to make sure that the equipment provided meets the specific needs of the individual. Carers and individuals can contact REMAP directly; the referral doesn't have to come from a health professional, simply get in touch yourself.

Does REMAP charge? No! This service is provided free of charge. They undertake fundraising to cover expenses such as materials to make the equipment and mileage costs. REMAP also receives donations from people we have helped, although this is of course not obligatory.

Give us a call on the number below and one of our volunteers will get in touch to arrange a visit and assess the problem. An engineer will then develop a solution in consultation with the client, the referrer (if different) and other engineers (if required).

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A small army descended on the church to help clean up

Disaster averted at the Free Church

ON Sunday 11th June we had a service of adult Baptism planned at the Free Church. Adult Baptism is where someone shares that they believe and follow Jesus Christ by being fully immersed in water. This was going to be the first time we would use our portable Baptistry in the newly refurbished church.

All was going to plan until early Saturday evening when the person monitoring the pool spotted the liner had slipped and water was leaking onto our lovely new carpet. After some quick phone calls and within a very short time, around 20 people were at the church armed with mops, towels, wet-vacs and dehumidifiers. We had turned the water off by this point! Although they did a great job, it was clearly not going to be dry enough for Sunday. With a hot sunny day forecast a quick decision was made to move the Baptistry pool into the Church garden.

What a glorious day it turned out to be. The sun was shining and 170 people joined us, the highest number we've ever recorded on a Sunday, to witness three people get Baptised. So often we find that something potentially disastrous turns into a time of real blessing.

Some would call that a coincidence or good luck but, as Christians, we certainly believe God had a helping hand in there somewhere. Several other people have now asked for Baptism and so we have another Baptismal service planned for 8th October, and you would be most welcome to come along. We hope to have a new Baptistry by then!

This month, we celebrate our Minister Revd. Chris Kemsell's 10 year anniversary at Linton Free Church. The Church is honouring Chris by granting him a three month sabbatical (July, August and September) during which time he plans to finish writing a book. If you see him around the village, probably walking his dog, by all means say hello but do bear in mind that he's taking a well deserved break from his work and Ministry!

Please check our website for details of services and for other information: LintonFreeChurch.org.uk

Ian Burns, Church Secretary

A little early but...

St. Mary's Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on 2nd and 3rd December 2023. If you or a group would be interested in taking part please let Charlotte Ellis know via events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

St Mary's events

Join the ACES

The Activities and Care for Elders (ACE) annual garden party will be on Thursday, July 27th at 2.30, 7 Symonds Lane. Cream teas, bookstall, bric a brac and raffle (donated prizes welcome), and above all, a chance to meet and chat with friends and our young volunteers, and to suggest ideas for the coming year. All welcome, admission £3.50. If you need a lift, please contact me on 01223 891069.

John Bald

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Helping Hands needs another driver. This organisation provides vital support for residents to get to appointments and other events when they don't have their own transport. Please email o.laws@btopenworld.com or text/whatsapp 07932 405541 if you live in Linton, have a car and a half day free most weeks. Thank you

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Camsight VIPs

The Cambridgeshire charity supporting local people of all ages with low vision and blindness.

In June we were delighted to welcome to our meeting Anna McMahon, the Library Development Officer in Cambridge who used to work in Linton Library. Anna's aim is to encourage as many people as possible to have access to the library, and she gave us a very interesting and informative talk on the different ways people with sight impairment can access books (often also with mobility and hearing problems.) These included large print books, talking books and the mobile library which have been available for some years, but also home visits and various online access methods which can make a great difference to people's lives by enabling them to continue enjoying reading. Our talk was followed by a strawberry shortcake afternoon tea and raffle. Our next meeting will be at Chalklands Community Hall on Tuesday 11th July when we will hold our summer lunch and will meet at 1pm instead of the usual 2pm. We do not have a meeting in August.

If you or anyone you know would like further information, please contact us through the Cambridge office on 01223 420033, or on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595

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JULY

Tue 4	Story, Rhyme & Duplo, 10.30 - 11.30am	Library
Tue 4	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 11	Duplo time, 10.30 - 11.30am	Library
Tue 11	Camsight VIPs lunch, 1pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre
Tue 11	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Thu 13	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Thu 13	Friends of St Mary's Afternoon Tea, 3.00pm	37, Back Rd.
Sat 15	A1307 closed from 6.00am	
Sat 15	Tots in Tow Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Sun 16	A1307 closed	
Mon 17	A1307 re-opens from 6.00am	
Tue 18	Story, Rhyme & Duplo, 10.30 - 11.30am	Library
Thu 20	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 21	Daylight Readers Book Club, 10.30am/2.30p	Library
Sat 22	Cambridge Makers Open Studio, 10 - 5pm	6, Lintech Court
Sun 23	Cambridge Makers Open Studio, 10 - 5pm	6, Lintech Court
Wed 26	Arts Project taster session, 10.30am - 12pm	Library
Thu 27	ACE Garden Party, 2.30pm	7, Symonds Lane
Thu 27	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Sat 29	Crafty Café, 2 - 3.30pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre

AUGUST

Tue 1	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
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Picnic in the Park 2023 Feeling hot, hot, hot!

WELL, we prayed for good weather and that's exactly what we got. A few degrees cooler would have helped, but with the light breeze it was the most glorious day for our Picnic in the Park.

Firstly, a huge thank you to you all for coming along and supporting the event. Everyone we spoke to said they had a fantastic time. Secondly, but just as importantly, thank you to all the volunteers, activity providers, entertainers, food vendors, the kitchen crew and the Pavilion bar. What a team!

We started the Picnic with St Mary's and the Linton Free Church service and prayers of thanksgiving. Reverends Paul and Chris got the show on the road and reminded us all of the importance of our community.

Helen Juckes' fantastic Linton Village College orchestra hit all the right notes, playing many well-known pieces. The orchestra was followed by Helen Frost's immensely talented LVC dance team, who made all the right moves. These two performances showed just how important the arts are in the curriculum, giving young people confidence and encouraging commitment. Our teachers, who had only just got back from an enrichment week, went above and beyond to entertain us, supporting their brilliant students. Well done all.

Linton Jazz were pitch perfect, playing many of our favourites. Karen, who founded the band 25 years ago, sang her heart out. Her husband Mark, and her Dad were close by, giving the band their support as always. Karen and Mark have raised over £320,000 for charity over the last twenty-five years, an inspiration to us all.

While all the music and merriment were taking place, the activities were in full swing. Linton Infant school were painting faces to be photographed by Linton Camera Club. Linton Heights played Splat the Rat, Tin Can Alley and Hook the Duck. Chestnut Playgroup held a Teddy Tombola and the children enjoyed treasure hunting throughout the afternoon. Beacon Youth Trust, our local youth group, provided outdoor fun with Zorb balls and table tennis, in addition to providing a chill out zone at the hub for the teens to relax.

Churches Together entertained the little people with arts and crafts during the afternoon. Sarah and her team made keepsakes with plenty of colouring, sticking and pasting going on. The theme was community, teaching the next generation the importance of showing love to our friends and family. Prestige Sports, now famous locally for inflatable fun, added in soft play for the little ones and kept the children bouncing all afternoon.

Thank you to our food vendors: The Cakes and Bakes stall with Linton Girl Guides had sweet treats available all afternoon. Boho Kitchen, Papa Locas and Andy & Mandy Prentice kept us fed with the tastiest menus. Special thanks to Andy, who was up at 5am to ensure the hog roast was cooked to perfection. It was delicious. The Pavilion bar, Ginside the Box and the Pavilion Kitchen kept everyone hydrated all day. We didn't sell a huge amount of hot chocolate, but cold drinks were a must. Colleen, Sue and the teams did a sterling job.

The fantastic crew from Leaps & Bounds organised and judged the Dog Show and Agility Ring. It was a little bit warm for four paws, so a cool off zone went down well with paddling pools for the pups! Tam and her team have so much fun with the dogs and their owners. They are highly trained professionals who are based in Bartlow. Do get in touch if you need any advice and training for your pet, these people know their stuff.

The raffle, with fantastic donations from so many local businesses, was a resounding success. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraising. We raised over £600 from the raffle, which will be added to the total funds made from the event. Bringing the day to an end were the amazing local band, Hoarse With No Name, who played us home. Our heartfelt thanks to Ralph, Robyn, Kim and Alastair for rocking our world.

A huge amount of work goes into the event. Expertise and goodwill is required from the team of volunteers to bring everything together. A special mention to Maria and Nadine from the Parish Council office and the councillors who helped us throughout the day starting early in the morning and still rolling up dance mats at 9 pm. Last but certainly not least, Ian and Martin - what would we do without these two guys? A solution to every problem and muscles to match, they were the power behind the production, thank you both so much. As we close the door on the Picnic in the Park 2023, we open another to start planning for 2024. We need a committee, a strong team to make this a much-loved annual event. Please get in touch with the Parish Council office to sign up with the most amazing team of people who work so hard to make the magic happen.

Jenny Seaward - Linton Parish Clerk



Royal Greetings from Her Majesty

ON Thursday, 1st June Linton Beavers, Cubs and Scouts met Her Majesty the Queen at the National Horseracing Museum. Along with scouts from across the Newmarket District, the Linton group received the hush hush invitation just two days before the half term event.

Those that were able to attend enthusiastically cheered the Queen's arrival, carefully following the police's strict instructions. The Linton group were delighted when Her Majesty stopped to speak to them.

Queen Camilla thanked one of the Beavers for his bouquet of flowers, asked others if they had a summer camp planned, and commented on how many badges they had.

Always inquisitive, the Beavers and Cubs in the front row spotted that the Queen wore a very apt brooch for the occasion.

Her majesty was there to unveil a painting - The Belvoir Huntsman, John Holliday, on 'Edward' in Belvoir Woods by Charles Church. As Duchess of Cornwall, Her Majesty was Patron of the British Sporting Art Trust which commissioned this painting to hang in the Palace House within the National Horseracing Museum.

Before welcoming the Queen, the scouting groups were given a brief tour of the museum's outside areas, where they said 'hello' to a few of the four-legged occupants and watched some horse jumping.



Queen Camilla



At the National Horseracing Museum

This might be one of the more regal events the Linton Scouts have attended, but the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have a varied and fun-packed programme of activities. In order to provide this the group relies on its voluntary leaders and helpers. If you are interested in helping or have a child who would like to join, please contact:

Group Scout Leader Barry Holman: barrydholman@googlemail.com

Linton Granta football club Winter Warm Hub

THE above was suggested by the chairman of the football club and permission was given for their clubhouse to be used if volunteers to run it could be found. Drew & Sheila Wilson offered to run the hub and donated the refreshments. The chairman, Robin Williams also donated games, books etc. for the visitors to use.

This was held on Wednesday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm from the 8th March to 26th April and was well attended, varying from six to 19 people every week who all had a good time catching up with people they hadn't seen for a long time. After a few weeks visitors asked if they could leave a small donation each week which added up to £116, which we had pleasure in donating to their chosen charity which was the Arthur Rank Hospice. Many thanks to all those who supported us Linton Granta F.C. / Drew & Sheila Wilson.

Linton Heights Science Day 2023

ON 13th and 14th June, Mr Wilson, science lead, organised a wonderful two-day celebration of science at Linton Heights. Day one comprised a carousel of activities, for instance making lava lamps and bridges. Day two involved scientists from Cancer Research. Methmi and Jimi (Y6) write: Today we learned about cancer and how it can affect the human body. Cancer Research scientists came into school and planned a



lot of fun activities as part of our Science Day. We have made DNA bracelets and extracted DNA from strawberries using household products like washing up liquid!

As they had just completed a Virtual Reality project to help people understand how cancer is formed, Cancer Research brought a machine in and let us try it out. It felt very strange to be walking around in a cancer cell! We had lots of fun doing the activities they had planned for us and learned so much more about this terrible disease.

Methmi and Jimi (Y6) students.

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ones in the group, who are all aged four and under, will be doing a sponsored toddle, aiming to reach an impressive collective total of 20 km walked around the village. There will be routes from the Church Pavilion, ranging from 0.1 km to 2 km (a bit like a mini Bartlow walk). Even if you haven't been to Tots, if you know a little one who would like to join in and add to our total it would be great to see them!

We would love your support so, if you feel able to, please call by and sponsor us. Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TotsinTow> will have more information on how to donate. In the words of Tesco - every little helps!

If you would like to know more about Tots in Tow, our fundraising, or other ways St Mary's supports the children and families of Linton, please contact caf@stmarysinton.org.

Sarah Thorne
Children and Families
Minister
St Mary's Church



Gardening with climate change - what we can do!



12th August 2023

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For full details, please go to: www.climatechangegardening.org

Linton: exploring where we live a creative mapping project

HAVE you got any Linton memorabilia (e.g. maps, photos, artefacts) and/or arts materials that you would be able to donate to a local arts project?

Linton: exploring where we live is an exciting new community project (being run in collaboration with Arts and Minds, a local arts and mental health charity, and Linton Library) bringing local residents together to explore the village through arts-based activities. The project aims to develop social connections and a sense

of community through creating together with others. Thank you to Linton Parish Council for funding this project.

Want to find out more? Pop in to our taster session on Wednesday 26th July 10:30am -12noon at Linton Library. The project will run for six weeks, starting in September. If you have items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the taster, or email admin@artsandminds.org.uk to arrange collection.

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Summer term fun for Infants

HERE we are, nearly at the end of the 2022/2023 academic year, a time to reflect on the year and look forward to September!

Our PTFA have done an amazing job this year, along with our staff team who have supported the various events we have held. I must mention our Olympic Breakfast which was a chance for parents to join the children for a healthy breakfast before our Sports Day events. The kitchen team did an outstanding job of providing breakfast for nearly 100 people. At the time of writing, our Summer Fair is yet to happen but judging by previous events, and the weather forecast, I have a feeling it's going to be a success.

We have a whole school trip to BeWILDerwood organised which I am sure will be amazing! This trip is only possible due to the PTFA making a huge contribution to cover the cost of the coaches.

Our school wouldn't be the place it is and be able to offer the opportunities it does without the support of our parents and the wider school community. Thank you for the support you give the children and staff.

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.

We sadly say goodbye to our Year 2 children who leave us to move on to the next stage of their education. They have grown and achieved so much during the last 3 years. However, we are looking forward to the children who will be joining us in September!

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 of the children into school on Monday 4th September.

Linton Infant School

My Photographic Story



OUR members had a brilliant evening with Kevin Pigney, our speaker, showing us some superb photographs – landscapes, buildings, wildlife and pet dogs. Shooting wildlife is his first love, especially brown hares – it took him 5 years to get his shot of hares boxing. He had to have special lenses and lie down to make eye contact about 20 metres away.

Birds are another of his favourite subjects and he uses a farmer's old tractor cab as a hide to photograph little owls. He eventually captured a murmuration of starlings with a white egret in the foreground.

He set up a studio in his garage and showed us some captivating shots of dogs. Horses however are more difficult to take – he had to get more equipment to get the required standard. He studied Rembrandt at the National Portrait Gallery to try to recreate his traditional lighting style.

Kevin belongs to the Ely Camera Club and has won several international competitions. He is a licentiate member of the RPS and loves teaching. During Covid he gave talks on zoom all over the world. Kevin gave us some tips for better photographs – get close to the subject, get good quality light, and use a professional quality printer – Kevin does all his own printing. His greeting cards for sale were snapped up by members.

Our next meeting is on 4th July at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall – the speaker will be Marion Leeper, her talk entitled 'Winnie Cobb's Car' about Cambridge's first woman taxi driver. Ladies, why not give us a try and make new friends?

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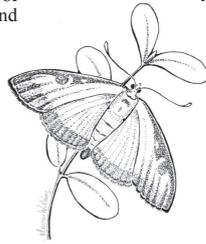
COUNTRY MATTERS
Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams

Box Tree Moths

THE otherwise mild-mannered Ben turned bitter and twisted this week on discovering that our much loved and nurtured box hedge was under attack. This followed weeks of garden ravages by badgers, rabbits and muntjac, and any attempt by me to stick up for wildlife was instantly silenced.

So who is the culprit this time? It is the box tree moth, *Cydalima perspectalis*. It may be small, but it is certainly deadly. In a very few minutes' research, it seems the game was up. I sat by the hedge and picked out the small green and black caterpillars, and it just went on and on. There were hundreds of them, their beady black eyes laughing at you, knowing they were in charge. Even the garden birds turned their noses up at them.

It seems they were first found in 2007, almost certainly on imported box plants, and by 2011 they were spreading throughout the UK at an alarming rate. One piece I read said it was the top garden pest in Britain, and it is the same throughout Europe. The Royal Horticultural Society conducts surveys on 5 species and it is one of them. There are



70 types of box and the box moth likes them all. The female moth, white with a purple brown edge, lays her eggs in batches of 5-20 on the undersides of the evergreen box leaves. The eggs are about 1mm in size. They lie dormant throughout the winter, but hatch in February as juvenile cocoon larvae, protected in what is called a hibernarium made by 2 box leaves solidly joined by silk. These larvae produce webbing over the feeding area, and as the weather warms, they emerge as caterpillars and start to feed. Like some speeded up horror movie they begin with the leaves but move to the woody stalks. The leaves die off as they are eaten. The process of eating the leaves to the point where the plant can no longer survive is called defoliation. Left untreated, the caterpillars will spread to any nearby boxwood till all the plants have been consumed. The solution – spray them with pesticides, spend hours picking them out, hack at them with shears, or just accept the inevitable and plant something else.

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Lynn Nuttall

Abington to host collection for Ukraine

A DIRE need for basic food, household items, toiletries and health supplies.

A collection for the people of Ukraine will be held by Saffron Walden Rotary on Saturday 15th July from 9.00am until 12.30pm on the Abington School playground, as in the previous two collections. As the war continues families are losing their homes and possessions and are often without a breadwinner for the family. This creates a need for everyday food items, shoes, clothes, especially underwear, toiletries, all types of personal washing and shampoo items, sanitary towels and sanitary pads. Items for children include nappies for babies and colouring books and school supplies for young children. 'The aid which the Rotary Club has been collecting over the last year is delivered to the Felsted based charity UK-Aid who in turn takes it to distribution centres in Moldova and Ukraine for the benefit of refugee and dispossessed families in those countries. Many hundreds of families have been helped, although many more are still in need' says Rotarian local organiser Tony Collett. Cash donations to assist in transportation costs are also accepted and these can also be made at the Rotary collection point in cash or by credit card on 15th July. Tony said 'The collections at Abington have received tremendous support from local people and those from surrounding villages so it is hoped that we will get a good response again for those living in such hardship'. Rotary Saffron Walden is very appreciative of all the support it gets in its many different fundraising efforts.

Tony Collett



Photos from Linton Open Gardens 2023. The event was a resounding success with delightful weather and good attendance. Exact details of the money raised are yet to be finalised but it's safe to say it was a lot! Photos courtesy of Rosie Wellings



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District and County Councillors' report

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Greater Cambridge Partnership – Sustainable Travel Zone Consultation Results

The results of the consultation were published at the end of May. With more than 24,000 responses this has been a mammoth task and has produced a mountain of data. The headlines are: over 70% want to see improved public transport. 58% are against the charging fee for the proposals as they stand. What happens now? The GCP Assembly and Board will review the results and look at options for changing the proposals in the light of the consultation results. There will then be further discussion with the Mayor, who has responsibility for transport policy, and with the County Council who are the Highways Authority. This will take some time, probably running into the Autumn. We would hope that this will result in new proposals that will be more acceptable to the public. The Government also has to agree the way forward so that the initial funding of £50 million can be released so that the improvements to the transport system can start going ahead. The total funding available will be around £200 million. This is an opportunity that is unlikely to come again if some form of congestion charging is not adopted. All the information is available at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022

A1307 Works

Work continues on the upgrades to the road and the next scheme to be implemented is the roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton crossing, which started in early May and is due to go on for about 40 weeks.

For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The popular ZCC grant from South Cambs is open again for bids until June 2nd. There is a pot of £125,000 available for community groups and parish councils to bid for up to £15,000 for a project

that will help with the reduction of carbon emissions in the district. Full detail and application form can be seen here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/zero-carbongrant>

Four Day Week Trial

The District Council has recently taken a decision to extend their 4-day week trial to its bin crews, meaning that they would only collect bins between Tuesday and Friday each week. This will mean, for our area where the bins are collected on a Monday, a change in collection day. This will be actioned at the end of the summer and will be heavily communicated, so please do keep your eyes peeled for the notices.

Councillors Henry Batchelor and Geoff Harvey Resurfaced Roads

Some of our communities have been lucky enough to get roads in their parishes resurfaced. If you're wondering why yours hasn't been, it's likely that the roads selected were either in a very bad state, or had preventative work done to them, to stop them falling into serious disrepair.

If you feel that your road should be included in the forward plan to be resurfaced, contact Henry and he can put a proposal forward to the local Highways Department on your behalf.

Potholes

We reported last month on the pothole situation and the pressure that the Highways department were under. This month we have some figures for you. Since Christmas, Highways have filled in 27,000 potholes with another 10,000 to go and are fixing roughly 2,500 per week – so if no more reports came in then we would be pothole free in a month (although, in reality, this won't be the case). New reports are, of course, coming in all the time but due to the better weather, this is at a much slower rate.

Contact Details

District Council – John Batchelor – johnbatchelor23@gmail.com
District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submission of details required by conditions 3 (construction environmental management plan), 4 (contractors parking plan), 5 (surface water and foul water), 6 (carbon emissions), 7 (ecological enhancements) and 9 (water efficiency) of planning permission 22/01037/FUL
Land To The Side Of 16 Chalklands Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JH
Ref. No: 22/01037/CONDA | Validated: Mon 19 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Remove all new growth and reduce 4 x Lime by approx 1m-2mtrs. Marked T1 - T4 on plan.
2 Church Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX
Ref. No: 23/0601/TTCA | Validated: Fri 16 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Cypessus Leylandii - to fell as tree is dying Prunus Cherry tree - remove all branches to leave trunk for climber. 4 out of 5 limbs dead.
6 Little Linton Farm Barns Cambridge Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JD
Ref. No: 23/0597/TTCA | Validated: Wed 14 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

1) Plum - cut remaining stem to about 2.5m (ie. to just above the sprouting regrowth above the rip wound. The main stem of this tree failed (over half of it ripped off due to included bark) earlier this year falling on the wall and the neighbour's lean-to. This has left a long thin stem which is structurally compromised by the rip wound. Ms Sargeant would like to keep the tree so we intend to cut the remaining stem to just above the epicormic sprouts (see picture 1) to reduce stresses on the wound area. 2) Elder - remove stem leaning over neighbour's outbuilding by cutting back to second upright from base (leave remainder) - see picture 2
122 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT
Ref. No: 23/0569/TTCA | Validated: Mon 12 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

1) Rowan - fell - this small tree's roots are lifting the path and causing a trip hazard 2) Maple - Reduce crown by up to 2m to allow light and water to bed underneath 3) Maple - Reduce crown by up to 2m to allow light and water to bed underneath
18 The Grip Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NR
Ref. No: 23/0563/TTCA | Validated: Fri 09 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

1) Purple Plum - reduce crown by up to 2m 2) Fastigate Lawson cypress - fell - this tree has now outgrown it's position, and is starting to look unsightly (see photo)
14A The Grip Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NR
Ref. No: 23/0565/TTCA | Validated: Fri 09 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Group at pavement end of 10 The Grip's front garden comprising: 1) Cherry lauel -fell 2) Yew -(v.small) -fell 3) Holly - fell 4) Holly - fell Although none of these trees are large they have overgrown their use in this small front garden.
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Ref. No: 23/0560/TTCA | Validated: Thu 08 Jun 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision



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Draft Linton and Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan - Public Consultation - Deadline Sunday 23rd July 2023

THE CONSULTATION launched with two exhibitions in Linton over the weekend of 27/28th May and in Hildersham on 3rd June, and has been live on our websites since 12th June.

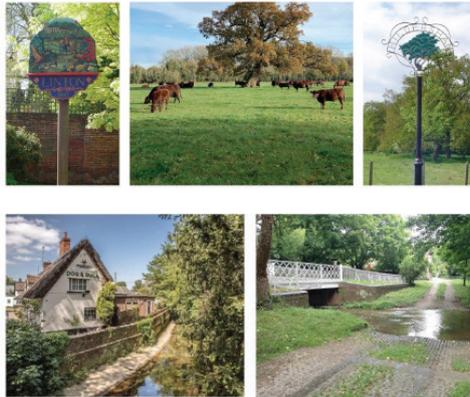
The current Consultation provides the opportunity for local people to comment, and will be open from 1st July 2023 until 13th August 2023.

Please go to our Neighbourhood Planning website <https://linton-pc.gov.uk/neighborhood-plan> or <https://hildershamparishcouncil.org.uk/neighborhood-plan/> to read the plan in detail.

The Neighbourhood Plan sets out planning policies and allows people who live and work here to identify what is special about the locality and to plan for protection, development and growth that matches local needs and priorities.

These were identified as:

- Location and Housing
- Character and Heritage
- Environment, Biodiversity, Local Agriculture and Flood Protection
- Public Spaces, Allotments, Footpaths and Recreation Grounds
- Road Safety and Pedestrians



The project was led by the two Parish Councils and five working groups of volunteers. More than 30 working group meetings have been held to date.

Once authorised, these policies will be the basis of planning decision making for the Neighbourhood Plan area and will complement the National and Local Planning policies.

We really need your input to be sure that the plan delivers what you would like to see for our villages. Please either use the form here to respond, or print it from the websites – if you have more to add, please continue on additional paper, ensuring all pages are stapled together!

Once all the responses are in and considered, the updated final Draft Plan with supporting documents and evidence (this will include the comments we have received and how we have responded to them) will be submitted to the District Council, who will publish and consult on the Plan and appoint an independent examiner. Once agreed by the examiner, it is subject to a parish-wide Referendum and if a majority agree, the Plan becomes adopted planning policy.

Please return your completed feedback form to the Linton Parish Council office. **Neighbourhood Plan Team**

Feedback Form for the Draft Linton & Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan

Name (not mandatory):	
Street Name or Postcode: (Please supply your street name (house number useful but not mandatory) so a record can be made of the areas in the village that have been represented)	
Do you agree with the plan? (Please circle)	YES/NO
Which section(s) are you commenting on? (Please tick)	<input type="checkbox"/> Location and Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Character and Heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Environment, Biodiversity, Local Agriculture and Flood Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Public Spaces, Allotments, Footpaths and Recreation Grounds <input type="checkbox"/> Road Safety and Pedestrians
Comments: (If you are commenting on multiple sections please could you clearly identify each section with your comments)	
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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Annual Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18th May 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Election of the Chairman

Cllr John Bald proposed Cllr Merrie Mannassi to continue as Chairman of the Linton Parish Council. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Election of the Vice-Chairman

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed Cllr Kate Kell to continue as Vice Chairman of the Linton Parish Council. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.

Valid apologies received in advance from Cllrs. Cox, Ennew and Poulter.

Open Forum for Public Participation.

No public present.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Notification of a parishioner raising concerns regarding H&S breaches by Grounds Maintenance contractors employed by LPC and SCDC.

The Clerk advised the Parish Council of a parishioner complaint in relation to the use of anti roll bars by Grounds Maintenance contractors and confirmed that the contractor employed by LPC had been advised of the complaint. Noted.

Update on the allotment waiting list.

The Clerk gave an update and explained that due to the age of waiting list for allotments the office was experiencing delays in communication. However, the task was progressing and was expected to be completed soon. Noted.

Update on the ongoing works on the Rivey Bridlepath.

The Clerk updated the Parish Council that work was continuing on the Rivey bridlepath. Parishioners with concerns had been advised to contact the Rights of Way Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council as CCC is responsible for the bridlepath and the works taking place.

Update on the issues of the Churchyard paths.

The RFO, Kate Dyer, updated the Parish Council to advise that Cobbs were due to visit and carry out remedial work by April 2023 but have not been able to do so. It was stated that conversations are ongoing to confirm dates in the near future and that additional concerns of cracking and weeds in the newly laid path would be raised.

District Councillor John Batchelor gave apologies on behalf of County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor. In addition to the written report Cllr John Batchelor advised of the resurfacing works taking place on Coles Lane, Back Road and Joiners Road.

Cllr Carl Cieluch requested that a "dragon patcher" be utilised in Linton for a day to fix the pot-holes. Cllr Batchelor explained that this was not possible due to the high demand in South Cambridgeshire.

Planning

Bartlow Road

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

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that compliance would be contacted regarding Condition 6 (Planting) as the developer had not adhered to the condition. A request would be made for an update on the hedges at the front of the development.

Bartlow Road Planning Appeal held on 13th April 2023.

Cllr Kate Kell confirmed that the Planning Inspector had to defer to the statutory consultee (Anglian Water) comments which stated there was capacity and therefore approved the appeal.

Anglian Water did not attend the hearing, therefore could not be questioned on the matter.

The Planning Inspector stated in the report that SCDC should have withdrawn from the appeal when they decided not to provide a consultee to present at the hearing. It was noted that the reason for refusal should have related to the increased risk of flooding as this would have been valid.

Cllr Kate Kell advised that no further update had been received and that this would be pursued by the office. Noted.

Auction of Land

Notification of the land adjoining 19 Wheatsheaf Way, auctioned

by Savilles on 10th May 2023 with a guide price of £3,000.

It was noted that the land adjoining 19 Wheatsheaf Way had sold at auction on 10th May for £10,000.00.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update from the Neighbourhood Plan meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 11th May 2023. Consideration of recommendations from the Planning Committee on future actions to be taken. It was noted that a parishioner had raised concerns at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting regarding the recent closure of two businesses on the High Street, namely Tourmants Electrical and Jigsaw Bakery. Cllr Kate Kell stated that the Parish Council policies must remain mindful of supporting all businesses and look to maintain commercial enterprise.

Cllr John Batchelor confirmed that SCDC Business & Enterprise Unit was able to assist with established businesses. Contact details are available on the SCDC website.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Finance

Internal Audit 2022/23

Consideration and approval of the Internal Audit Report.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed to approve the Internal Audit Report following receipt and consideration. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the appointment of Mrs Victoria Waples as the Internal Auditor for the financial year 2023/2024. Council discussed the appointment of Mrs Victoria Waples and it was noted to evaluate the need for a change in Internal Auditor for the following year. Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Parish Council employ Mrs Victoria Waples for the financial year 2023/24. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

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 2022/2023.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the Chairman sign Section 1 of the AGAR. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. Agreed.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the Chairman sign Section 2 of the AGAR. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. Agreed.

Quotes Received

Notification of a quote received for supply and install of the disabled access ramp for the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) court at the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk was requested to liaise with Cllr Karen Sanderson on the specification for the access ramp to ensure the gradient is acceptable for all users.

Traffic & Highways

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 24.03.2023-07.04.2023, 07.04.2023-21.04.2023 and 21.03.2023-05.05.2023. Written reports available.

Highways

Update on the formal complaint raised with Sue Proctor, Head of Highways at CCC regarding outstanding issues in the village. The Clerk advised that an initial response had been received from Sue Proctor, Head of Highways and further correspondence was expected in due course.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI)

Consideration for the response received following the request for evaluation of the installation of the traffic calming measures in the LHI bid 2019/20 from CCC.

The Clerk was requested to contact James Toombs to ascertain whether the data resulting from the seven day survey conducted in February 2019 be made available.

Notification of the application for the 20mph zones throughout the village submitted on Friday 28th April 2023.

Cllr Kate Kell thanked the Clerk for completing the application.

Events

Picnic in the Park 2023

Notification of the application for a licence to hold a raffle at the Picnic in the Park.

The Clerk advised the Full Council that a Lottery Licence had

been awarded and was valid for 12 months which would enable future events to hold raffles.

Consideration for the funds raised from the Picnic in the Park 2023 to be allocated to the redevelopment of the Bowls Green project.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the funds raised from the Picnic in the Park be allocated to the re-development of the Bowls Green. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground & Play Equipment

Bowls Green

Update on progress of the redevelopment of the Bowls Green and consideration for the terms to apply in relation to accepting donations towards the redevelopment.

The Clerk advised that the project was progressing well. Due to delays with the contractor employed to install the line marking it was required that members of the Bowls Green Working Group assist with the measuring and marking of the courts. Cllr Chris Hine and Kate Kell offered to do so on Monday 22nd May before the meeting with the LGFC at the Pavilion. The Clerk was requested to invite other members of the Bowls Green Working Party to also attend.

The Pavilion

Review of the final draft of the short-term lease agreement with Linton Granta Football Club for the Community and Sports Pavilion on the Meadow Recreation Ground. It was noted that the term lease should read licence in relation to the agreement.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed to approve the final draft of the short-term licence agreement. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Review of the draft proposed Building Management document submitted as appendix B. Cllr Kate Kell proposed to agree the draft of the Building Management document. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Agreement to implement the new short-term lease from the 21st May 2023.

It was noted that the term lease should read licence in relation to the agreement.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the implementation of the short-term licence be delegated to Cllrs Hine, Kell and Lawrence-Foulds to sign. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Paynes Meadow

Consideration for the offer of a donation from funds raised by the sale of the goalpost by a parishioner.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed to thank the parishioner but politely decline the offer and suggest funds be spent on new kit or equipment for personal use. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of awarding a parishioner with an Outstanding Contribution to the Community in relation to the goalposts at Paynes Meadow. Verbal update from the RFO. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald proposed to award the parishioner in relation to the goalposts at Paynes Meadow. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for April 2023 from the Beacon Youth Trust. Written reports available.

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

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