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SLOWLY but surely: The Bartlow road roundabout begins to take shape. This drone photograph was taken by Les Redhead and shows the giant piece of infrastructure begin to emerge from the dirt. The roundabout is due to open in Spring 2024 and will be a vital step forward in safety for what is one of the most dangerous junctions in the area. LNT

No Linton crew at High Street fire

THE dramatic fire that engulfed a truck on the High Street back in August was sadly left to Cambridge Fire and Rescue to attend, as the Linton Station were unable to crew their appliance due to a lack of firefighters. The station urgently requires more on-call firefighters who are based in Linton, five minutes from the station and ideally work from or close to home. To find out more visitwww.cambsfire.gov.uk or pop along to the station on a Wednesday evening training night. The fire caused significant damage to the road, phone box and another vehicle, but thankfully nobody was hurt.

Linton News Team



This paper needs you!

The Linton News urgently requires a new editor; could you be the person to drive this much loved community publication forward?



Going through letterboxes since 1987

THE Linton News is produced and delivered entirely by volunteers, and the Editor is only one member of a friendly and supportive committee including a delivery manager, advertising manager, treasurer and secretary. The job requires no previous experience, but would suit somebody who is confident with email and word processing and who would like to take a greater part in the community.

Any candidate coming forward would be fully supported by the committee whilst they found their feet, and would of course be provided with any equipment needed to do the job. The time commitment is relatively light, and the work can be done entirely remotely with a computer or laptop. More than one issue of the Linton News has been sent to the printers from

If you are interested in finding out more, please email: editor.linton.news@gmail.com

a beach on the Mediterranean!

Cheryl is an Iron

WHEN she's not taking care of the village's pets as a locum vet at Belgrave House, Linton's Cheryl Keen has a passion for putting herself through gruelling feats of physical endurance. She recently took this to new heights, completing the Kalmar Iron Man event in Sweden consisting of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile cycle, and then a 26.2 mile run, only stopping to change shoes.

Finishing in a time of 12 hours 47 minutes, Cheryl qualified for the Kona Iron Man World Championships in Hawai. "I've only been doing triathlon since 2019, and I had intensive surgery earlier this year," Cheryl said, "so I didn't even think I was capable of completing it, but to finish in under 13 hours, I have proven that my body and mind are capable of anything!" Most Linton residents will probably know Cheryl by sight, as she spends most of her free time running around the village with her three border terriers in tow. Cheryl went to Sweden accompanied by her mum, partner, and two of her best friends, who were all there to cheer her along and calm the pre-race nerves. On her return to work, she was greeted by a banner outside Belgrave House that read "Congratulations Cheryl, Linton's very own Iron Woman!" We can only heartily echo that sentiment



her bike, and still smiling at the end of the marathon several hours later

Linton News Team

Back of the net



Danny's patience and maturity were praised by the Parish Council

GOALPOSTS have recently been installed in Paynes Meadow and on the Recreation Gound. The goalposts were supplied by the Parish Council following a request from a young parishioner, Danny, who had the sup-

port of many parishioners.

The supply and installation of the equipment on Paynes Meadow was agreed after Danny, who is a keen footballer, was asked to remove his own goal due to it being unsuitable for use in a public play area. The Parish Council was reluctant to remove Danny's equipment but, due to safety concerns, had no choice.

Danny spoke with the councillors, explaining the need for the play equipment and suc-cessfully negotiated two safety compliant goalposts to ensure a proper game could be played. He even offered the proceeds from the sale of his own equipment to help with the costs! His kind gesture was politely declined by the councillors, who advised he purchase himself the latest kit instead.

In addition to the goalposts at Paynes Meadow the Parish Council were also approached by the Linton Aztecs. The two goalposts on the Recreation Ground, belonging to the club, had been deemed unsafe. These were removed by the club and have now been re-placed by the Parish Council. Thank you to Danny, for his patience and for the maturity he has shown throughout the entire process The work is now complete and was just in time for a kick around before the end of the summer holidays.

Jenny Seaward, Clerk Linton Parish Council

Net Zero Now to run more free local courses

FOLLOWING on from the successful Spring Programme of Net Zero Now, applications will open on Monday 11th September for another Net Zero Now course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. This is a free, 6-week community climate action course designed to provide you with the knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero. This challenge to net zero is a unique opportunity to build communities that are not just more sustainable but also healthier, happier, and more resilient. "Really enjoyed the course and found it very beneficial. ... great speakers and interesting, inspiring participants. It has been very informative and always interesting and engaging."

- Spring 2023 Net Zero Now Participant. Run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council and the National Lottery Community Fund, Net Zero Now will give you the opportunity to connect with others working on community climate action in the area and discuss a range of themes including: how to communicate climate action effectively; engaging with volunteers; working towards a clear goal; and what support is available locally to you. Applications will close on Sunday 8th October. Find out more and apply now by calling 301842 or visiting www. cambridgecarbonfootprint.org

Alice Vodden

Readers write

Dear Editor, and supporters and friends of the LGFC family,

It is with an element of sadness that I bring you the news that the board have taken the decision to fold the first team ahead of the current season. Due to a lack of numbers in the first team squad we have decided to rebuild from Senior B, with the aim of entering a third team back into the league system hopefully as early as next season. In the first team folding we are left with the beating heart of the club, with the Reserves and the A Team. Looking at the current crop of players that our swelling our ranks we have a very bright future, and certainly have our rightful place in the Kershaw League well within our sights. As a club, we are blessed with a wealth of support, and this season will be imperative for our future. Hopefully we can still count on everyone's support throughout the season. As always, we are looking for sponsors, donors, volunteers and supporters to ensure the regeneration of our great club.

Sam Herbert

Dear Editor,

In relation to Monday Gang Report in August's Linton News, I would like to emphasise that the churchyard, although owned by the church, is, very much, a village facility. Every day children, parents, walkers - with and without dogs - cyclists and people seeking somewhere to relax or reflect pass through. The Monday Gang will welcome more volunteers, who do not have to be members of St Mary's congregation, so if you are interested in helping maintain this lovely area of the village, please contact me. Margaret Cox 891231

Can you play Whist?

LINTON whist group is looking for new members. We are a friendly group and would welcome anyone who enjoys playing whist. We meet on the second Monday of the month for a whist drive in the Village Hall from 7:15 for a 7:30 prompt start. Come and join us for an evening of cards and fun. For more information contact Val or Sue

> Val@valbennett.com 07885887447 suemellis@hotmail.com 07851142431

Macmillan Coffee Morning 29th September at the Linton Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground from 11.00am -2.00pm ALL WELCOME

Hosted by Lesley Williams and Sheila Wilson

Belgian pickleball



The winners podium

PICKLEBALL, you say - what's that? Pickleball is the UK's fastest growing sport and is a cross between several types of racket sport. It's played on a badminton court, with a tennis-type "paddle" which looks like an oversized ping pong bat and a hollow plastic (wiffle) ball. It's fast, can be very technical and tactical but the great thing about it is that a complete beginner can be up and playing after half an hour or so. In July one of your sub-editors on the Linton News (Helene) and husband (Mark) headed to Brussels to represent Cambridge Pickleball at the inaugural Belgian Pickleball Open. Although it was their first international tournament, they made it through the round robin heats, fought a close semi-final and ultimately won gold in 2 straight sets. Mark said, "We lived in Belgium for 18 years so it was wonderful to come back and win gold in Brussels of all places. It was great to compete against players from so many different countries and

the whole event was really friendly and supportive".

Pickleball is played at Netherhall School in Cambridge and at Lord Butler Fitness Centre in Saffron Walden. For further information, please email: CambridgePickleball@outlook.com

Linton News Team

LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programme for 2023/2024

2023 September 19th

Cambridge American Cemetery & Memorial Suzie Harrison

October 17⁶ The Victorian School Room (Sturmer History Group)

Linda Bevan & Jo Porth

November 21"

Joanna Hudson

1" George Brewster (The last climbing boy Chimney Sweep)

December 19° Stories and songs from the 60's and 70's (History of his career in the music scene)

David Caulfield

2024

January 166 History of the Dogs Trust

Paige Pone

February 20° Cambridge's Sporting Revolution impact thanks to a local tobacconist)

Nigel Fenner (the global

March 19th Arsenics Toxic Legacy

Neil Dickerson

April 16

The Homes of William Morris (Amongst many other things he was a Textile designer and social activist associated with the Arts and Crafts movement)

May 21' Foul Murders in East Anglia

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September bin collection dates

Black bins: Monday 11^{th} , Monday 25^{th} Blue bins: Monday 4^{th} , Monday 18^{th} Green bins: Monday 4th, Monday 18th

Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition For entries, email: diary.linton.news@gmail.com

Tue 5	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Thu 7	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Thu 7	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Sun 10	The Well', Candlelight reflections, 6 - 7pm	St Mary's Church
Mon 11	Whist Group, 7.15pm	Village Hall
Tue 12	Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 13	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30am - 12pm	Library
Thu 14	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 15	Daylight Readers Book Club, 10.30am/2.30pm	Library
Sat 16	Coffee Morning with Sewing Repair, 10am -12pm	St Mary's Church
Mon 18	Friends of LVC AGM, 6.45pm	LVC
Tue 19	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Tue 19	Historical Society, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 20	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30am - 12pm	Library
Thu 21	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Thu 21	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Thu 21	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Sat 23	Summer Reading Award Ceremony, 11am - 12pm	Library
Tue 26	LALA Film Music course, 10.15am - 12.15pm	Village Hall
Wed 27	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30am - 12pm	Library
Thu 28	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 29	MacMillan Coffee Morning, 11am - 2pm	Sports Pavilion
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Wed 4	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30am - 12pm	Library

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Update from Speedwatch June - August 2023

I JOINED the Linton Speedwatch Team 18 months ago with the objective of contributing to making the roads of Linton a safer place for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. I was part of a small but dedicated team who operated on a regular basis

In June 2023, an opportunity arose to take on the role of Linton Speedwatch Coordinator and this was an opportunity not to be missed. Here is a summary of the first two months in my new role.

One of the first objectives was to increase the number of volunteers from six to nine. A higher number of volunteers gives additional opportunities to complete more sessions and at different times of the day. Jenny, Sharon and Juliet are now fully trained and will participate alongside Neil, Mick, Kate, George,

Sarah and myself. More volunteers would be welcomed. Please read below to see how you can join the team.

The locations where you will see the Speedwatch team operating are High St, Hadstock Rd, Balsham Rd, Horseheath Rd and Back Rd. Each location has an inbound and outbound check and this is rotated resulting in each location being checked at least twice per month. Checks are completed at different times of the day, early/late morning, afternoon and evening. Here is a summary of the 27 sessions completed mid June to mid August:

Location	No of Sessions	Times	No of Sessions
High St	8	Early/Late Morning	13
Hadstock I	Rd 5	Afternoon	11
Balsham R	.d 6	Evening	3
Horseheath	n Rd 4	Č	
Back Rd	4		
Total	27		27

During the same 2 month period, 3527 vehicles have been checked and 316 have been recorded for showing excessive speed (8.96%). Now take a look at the following locations with a significantly higher % than the average:

Location	Vehicles	Exc Speed	% With Exc Speed
Hadstock Rd	461	81	17.6
Balsham Rd	391	99	25.3

If you can spare one hour per week or even just one hour per month, please consider joining the Linton Speedwatch Team. The training required is all done online and takes only 30 minutes. Then you are ready to start. Please contact c.cieluch@linton-cambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk for more details.



On Saturday 16th September 2023 we will hold the Linton Speedwatch Marathon. This is a great opportunity to experience what a Speedwatch team member does and will include ALL locations being monitored at different times during the same day. If you would like to attend a session on this day, please make contact to the email address above and confirm which session you would like to attend starting at 10.00am through to 5.00pm

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Carl Cieluch - Speedwatch Co-Ordinator

NGS Open Gardens Autumn 2023



Garden at 20 Mill Lane, Linton.

THREE gardens in Linton will open for charity on Saturday 30th September this year, from 1pm to 5pm, as part of the National Gardens Scheme (NGS). After successful group openings in May 2022 and June 2023, showing the late spring and early summer flowers, this will be the first time people can visit Linton gardens in the autumn. Tickets for all three gardens will cost £5 each for adults (children free) and can be bought on the day at any

The three gardens are 20 Mill Lane, opening for the first time and known for its display of dahlias, and two gardens with year-round interest: 4 Church Lane, and 14 High Street. In addition to dahlias, star flowers appearing at this time of year should be asters and sunflowers, colchicums, cyclamen, with fuchsias, tobacco flowers, some roses and many late summer flowers continuing to add to the displays. Light refreshments will be served at 20 Mill Lane, and Linton Kitchen's pop-up tea and botanical bakes stall will be at 14 High Street.

The June opening raised nearly £2800 for NGS charities including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, The Queens's Nursing Institute and many others. Thank you for your support.

Contacts: Yali Xue and Chris Tyler-

local National Gardens Scheme coordinators

Save the Date for St Mary's **Christmas Tree Festival**



ST MARY'S Church are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on 2nd and 3rd December 2023. We are inviting groups, in-

dividuals and families to take part. If you or a group would be interested in providing and decorating a tree (battery lights only) please let Charlotte Ellis know via events@stmaryslinton.org.uk (by 1st October).

Trees can be decorated to reflect your organisation or interests and setting up will be on Friday 1st December from 10am onwards. During the weekend

the church will be open to view the trees and vote for your favourites. We will also be serving refreshments throughout the weekend.

Charlotte Ellis Chair of St Mary's Events Committee

Autumn Litter Pick Sunday 8th October 2023

JOIN IN Linton's Autumn Litter Pick on Sunday 8th October! Thank you to everyone who joined in our litter pick on 15th July hosted by Linton Parish Council at the village hall. Despite the changeable weather we had a good turnout of volunteers who collected 10 bags of litter collected from around the village, including a football, a stop/go sign and 83 cigarette butts!

Our last village-wide litter pick for this year is on Sunday

8th October – please do join us. Pick 'HQ' will be the village hall 10:00am until 2:00pm.

We have a supply of bag holders, litter pickers for adults and children and plenty of bin bags. Please bring your own gloves if you can.

Pick litter wherever you like in the village and bring your full bags back to HQ for sorting. Free refreshments will be available for everyone who takes part.

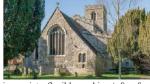
If you wish to be involved in another way e.g. taking official photos or sorting the litter that can be recycled, please do get

For queries and to register your interest please email us.

lintonfrog@gmail.com or call Helen Brookes on 07812 988917.



News from St Mary's ..a chance to join the team



IF YOU enjoy variety, flexible working (often from home) and working with people then you might be interested in the new post of Linton Parish Co-ordinator, part of the team at St Mary's Church.

We are a busy local church and need someone who can help co-ordinate the many different activities we offer, supporting and encouraging all sorts of people in our community.

You don't have to be a churchgoer to apply, but good IT skills

and an eye for detail would be an advantage and equipment will be provided. Hourly rate to be agreed, based on experience, for ten hours a week (with holiday entitlement).

If you'd like to know more or have an informal conversation about the post - which we need to start in September - please email Revd Paul.

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Coming up in the Garden...

After our summer break, the next meeting of the Linton Gardening Club takes place on Tuesday the 12th of September at 7.30pm in the Linton Village Hall. Margaret Nimmo-Smith will give us a talk on 'Fashions in Plants and Gardening'

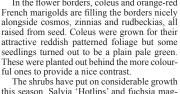
What a contrast between this summer and last! After planting out in May and 'flaming' June, it was a bit of a struggle to get the annual and tender plants established until the cooler, damp conditions arrived in July. Since then, conditions have been fine for plant growth but a little more sunshine would have been welcome. The flower and tomato seeds sown indoors in April are now repaying us for all the pricking out and potting on we did in the spring. We started harvesting greenhouse tomatoes in early July and outdoors ones a week or so later.

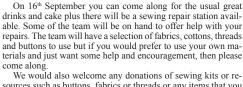
In the flower borders, coleus and orange-red French marigolds are filling the borders nicely alongside cosmos, zinnias and rudbeckias, all raised from seed. Coleus were grown for their attractive reddish patterned foliage but some seedlings turned out to be a plain pale green. These were planted out behind the more colour-

this season. Salvia 'Hotlips' and fuchsia magellanica have not only regrown from the roots after last winter's harsh frosts but are now freely flowering. With hydrangea 'Annabelle', dahlias and hardy hibiscus also blooming, we hope you are enjoying your gardening as much as we are.

Jim and Helen, Linton Garden Club

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Everyone is welcome to come along to the regular St Mary's Coffee Morning, 10.00am - 12 noon on the third Saturday of

each month.

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sources such as buttons, fabrics or threads or any items that you no longer use or need at home.

sue.filby@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Welcome to the Well

The Well is a new space for candlelit reflection which begins on Sunday 10th September at 6pm at St Mary's, our ancient parish church. Every month there will be an hour of stillness, music, and only a few words – including poetry and you can come and go as you like. There's no charge and you are most welcome to join us, whatever you believe.



French Marigolds providing vivid colour in the borders

Coming up at the Library...

Congratulations to all those who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge! It was lovely to see you all and talk about the books you enjoyed reading. If you haven't finished yet, don't worry there's still time before our ceremony on Saturday 23rd, 11am -noon. If you took part in the Summer Reading Challenge but cannot make the ceremony, please let us know and we will put your medal and certificate aside for you. From 13th September for 6 weeks, the library

will host 'Linton: exploring where we live – a creative mapping workshop' on Wednesdays 10.30am-12.00. Meet up with other residents to consider the history and character of the vil-lage and create artwork inspired by what we discover. These free sessions are held in collaboration with Arts and Minds (artsandminds.org uk) and will be led by local artist Clare Basel No previous experience required and no need to book. The theme of the first session is 'Our local stories'

Stop by to find out what's new, browse the shelves or use our free Wifi. You are always welcome at the library!

Have some time to spare? Like reading stories? Rhyme-time/story-time volunteer sought for Tuesday mornings in term time.

What's happening this month:

For adults, bring along your latest craft project to Knit and Natter, 2pm on Tuesday 5th and

Daylight Readers, our two Book Groups, meet on Friday 15th at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Justine from Reach Community Projects will be here to offer advice and help 3.00-4.30pm on Thursday 7th and 21st

> Ann King and Melanie Symonds, Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

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a creative mapping project

bringing local residents together to meet new people and explore our village through arts-based activities

Project Launch - Wednesday 26th July 10:30 - 12:00

drop-in to the Library to find out more about the project and create a map of how you connect to Linton

The project will run for 6 weeks, on Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:00 at Linton Library. Join as many sessions as you like - just drop in! No previous experience necessary and no need to book.

Our Local Stories - 13th September

puzzles and patterns to explore our local heritage & memories

The High Street - 20th September creating concertina books to connect with local buildings

Growing Spaces - 27th September illustrations and paintings inspired by the natural environment

> Lanes & Roads - 4th October weaving a map of stories and images

Layers of History - 11th October creating a washing line of Linton's history

Social Gatherings - 18th October developing a spiral of village connections

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



Apps for wildlife

ONE might have thought that this slot in the paper would be clear of technology, but progress marches on, and there are now only a few purist naturalists who choose steadfastly to avoid the latest digital assistance in their wanderings. There are two apps I would like to look at, out of a huge selection available.

Picture This: This is for plant identification, and is absurdly easy to use, unlike those wretched parking apps. It costs I think £24 per annum, but is a great investment. Many other flower ID apps are free, but I suspect not as good. It does loads of stuff, but I only know about the ID feature. You just open the app, click the green camera button on the bottom of the screen, and the camera opens. You take a pic of your first victim, making sure it's within the yellow frame. If you have good mobile reception, it will tell you within seconds what it is, what its alternative names are, give you other pictures of the same plant, and describe it in detail. Best of all it saves it in your snap history, along with the date you found it. If you don't have reception, it will wait till you have, then do its thing.

I have hundreds of garden flowers, weeds and wildflowers in

my snap history, though I fear a lot of duplicates, and it is great for perusing in the train or on the sofa, remembering expeditions to reserves, other people's gardens or the Botanics, and drumming the names into my increasingly forgetful brain. Though I still use reference books, gone are the days when I brought home crumpled samples from roadside verges which I should not have been nicking, laid them on a tray, and tried, usually in vain, to identify them, flicking through, searching for something similar. The app is not 100% accurate, but in general I think it is a massive

asset. The second choice is newer and free. It is called *Merlin*, and is definitely the world leader. It is designed for beginners and improvers, and is a new kind of tool created by Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and powered by Ebird, the world's largest database of bird sightings, sounds and observations. Merlin uses "deep learning" to identify birds based on training itself with literally millions of archived photos and sounds. It has four different ways to identify birds; by you answering its simple ques-

tions, by uploading a photo, by record-ing a singing bird, or exploring birds in a very specific region. I have used only the sound recording. I have downloaded only UK and Irish birds, 1054 in

all I think, but you can choose other areas if you're off somewhere exotic. You open the app, choose Sound ID, and click the red button. It listens and as long as there's birdsong about it will show you the frequency at the top half of the screen, and then list the birds it has detected. As each one sings, its name and photo is highlighted, and if it stops, the highlighter is removed. Extraordinary. I can start from our garden in the Grip, catching all the various tits, robins, blackbirds, woodpigeons and finches. Then I can walk up towards Hadstock and it will catch

goldcrest in the tall conifers, and when I turn right up the footpath I get the arable and hedge loving yellowhammer, skylark, whitethroats, linnet, goldfinches and last week's excitement, 2 corn buntings, which I would never have recognised without my friendly Merlin. It has got a bit confused by avian noises from the zoo, but that is understandable. It really has transformed birding for me. Purists will say it's cheating, but I am very happy to cheat. Don't wait - you really can try these at home.

Whilst you're here! Maureen Williams, who has been providing incredible illustrations for the Linton News for over 35 years, will be exhibiting a number of her works from at Gallery Above's Birds of a Feather Exhibition, which will run from the 27th September to the 4th November. Do pop along for a chance to view and buy these original illustrations that have featured in this paper over the years

Come join the Brownies

A LOT has changed since 1st Linton Brownies first met on 9 June 1960 but Girlguiding continues to provide an opportunity for girls, aged 7-10, to have fun, learn new skills and have adventures. During lockdown we met online and when restrictions were eased we held our meetings outside, within the village and at Wandlebury Country Park. The Brownies really enjoyed these outdoor meetings and so we held our meetings outdoors again during the summer term. One of the highlights was a fish and chip picnic with our dads for Father's Day. Another highlight of the term was a visit from Helen Brookes of FROGS. Helen met us at Pocket Park and explained the conservation work that has been undertaken. We also had the opportunity to carry out some sampling. This activity counted towards the RSPB Feel Good in Nature Badge that we earned this term.

In addition to our local activities we have also enjoyed a campfire and bring a friend evening, as well as our annual Brownie Holiday, which this year had a Faith, Trust and Pixie Dust theme

Brownies is all about exploring your creative side and getting outdoors. We follow the Brownie Programme to ensure that girls develop a range of skills, indoors and outdoors, but the actual activities are chosen by the girls and the emphasis is on having fun. Feedback from the Brownies will help with the planning of activities next term: 'I have enjoyed sleepovers at Brownies. I want to do more woodland activities.' 'I liked going to Camping Close and eating fish and chips with my dad for Father's Day.' 'I liked making sock puppets.' 1st Linton Brownies meet on a Monday night from 5.45 to 7.15pm. If you would like more information or to register a girl for Brownies please visit https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/ register-a-child/

Karen Perry

Gardening with Climate Change event

THE Gardening with Climate Change event took place at West Wickham village hall, on Saturday 12 August 2023. The event was organised by a planning group drawn from West Wickham, Balsham, Wickhambrook and Linton gardening clubs, with many more volunteers helping the event to run smoothly.

The morning session took place in a packed village hall, and consisted of three fascinating presentations. Jim Paine of the Walnut Tree Garden Nursery in Norfolk explained the reasons why global temperatures are rising, and why extreme weather is becoming more common. Sharka Baxter from Utopian Gardens dis-cussed the changes we can make to our gardens to adapt to climate change, while Cathy Smith from the Suffolk Wild-life Trust covered how garden wildlife is impacted by climate change, and the steps we can take to support them. Pippa Heylings, Chair of South Cambridgeshire District Coun-cil Climate and Environment

Committee, rounded off the morning with an empowering message on climate change and community action. The afternoon session comprised 23 different stands, all related to gardening and climate change. Many stands were familyfriendly, with interactive activities and quizzes. There were demonstrations about garden ponds, scything, peat-free compost, garden wildlife and many more topics, as well climate-change tolerant plants, wildflowers, and gardening books being available to buy. Sue Boase, chair of the event planning group, emphasised that: "Thanks to the hard work of our planning group, the volunteers, and the support of our sponsors, the event was larger and more successful than we originally thought. We are now considering how to develop the group's aims in the future.

Photographs of the event will shortly be available to view on: www.climatechangegardening.org

Clive Boase



Visitors watch a scything demonstration

Film Music – with LALA

LINTON Area Learning Alliance (LALA) starts a new 10 week course looking at Film Music, on Tuesday mornings from September 26. We meet in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane from 10.15 to 12.15. Come and explore the development of music in film from 12.15. Collie and explore the development of missic in film from the earliest silent movies to the present day. Join composer and writer Christopher Budd to look at the work of many great film composers, with clips from King Kong, Once Upon a Time in the West, Psycho, Jaws, The Third Man, The Day The Earth Stood Still, 2001: A Space Odyssey and more. Alongside the Hollywood giants, we'll also enjoy and study the work of some of the great British film composers, some sophisticated sounds from across Europe, a bit of Hammer horror and some very silly comedies. Please contact me for more information or to register interest Cost for the 10 weeks remains at £50 and includes a coffee break

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Government Announcement

For those that keep up to date with the news you may have seen a recent announcement from Michael Gove, the minister for 'Levelling Up' and house building. He announced plans for major development in 3 cities around the country, the first being Cambridge. The plan is to build something in the region of 250,000 houses to encourage life sciences and R&D companies to move to the area, turning Cambridge into the UK's 'Silicon Valley'. To put the numbers into context, Cambridge City currently has circa 50,000 houses, meaning that the proposals would quintuple the size of the city.

Locally, we think this is a non-starter, but do keep tabs on this, as I'm sure it will be getting many column inches over the next

4 Day Week

The trial of a 4-day working week at the District Council is to be extended to the waste collection crews. This will mean that, from September, they will only be collecting bins between Tuesday and Friday each week. For our area this will mean a change in bin collection day. This will be communicated directly to all those affected but please do spread the word. The frequency of collection will remain the same - blue & green one week and black the next - it's just the day that they are collected which is changing.

A1307 Works

The A1307 was closed between Hildersham and Linton over the weekend of the 15th and 16th July to complete the works to that remodelled section of the road – the GCP are asking for any feedback from the closure - anything that we experienced locally that we think maybe could have been handled differently i.e., signage, amount of warning etc. If you do have comments, please do let Henry and John know.

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

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

The County Council have updated and rebranded the Communities Capital Fund that they ran a few years ago. The fund is designed to support local communities in projects that enable them to upgrade community buildings and assets. There is up to £40,000 available in each bid. The Council are currently asking for an 'expression of interest' from those community groups/parish councils that are thinking of applying. Full information, plus an application, can be found on the website - https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/ cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund

Community Gritting Scheme

Each year the County Council offers communities the chance to volunteer to assist with gritting the roads in our area. The scheme allows people the chance to identify specific roads/ paths in their parishes that might benefit from some gritting, but which currently aren't treated. Full detail of the scheme can be found at - https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/ travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roadscycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow

District Council - John Batchelor - johndbatchelor23@ amail.com District and County Council - Henry Batchelor - henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submission of details required by conditions 4 (Foul Water), 5 (Surface Water), 6 (Carbon Emission), 7 (Water Efficiency) and 16(CEMP - Construction Environmental Management Plan) of planning permission 23/00885/FUL 4 Beech Way Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LA Ref. No: 23/00885/CONDA | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2023 |

Walnut - Reduce height by 2m down to previous pruning points, reduce spread on all sides by 2m back to previous pruning points and shape round, remove deadwood, Reasons - cyclical management to previous pruning points to maintain tree to appropriate size for area

Status: Awaiting decision

3 Stantons Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4FD Ref. No: 23/0948/TTPO | Validated: Wed 23 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 Pear. Oversized for location. Crown reduce in height by up to 2m and spread by 1m. T2 Cherry. Oversized for location. Crown reduce in height by up to 2m and spread by 1m. 57 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS Ref. No: 23/0939/TTCA | Validated: Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 -Taxus baccata against NE house wall - Fell 21 Green Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JZ Ref. No: 23/0922/TTCA | Validated: Mon 21 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T2 - Chamaecyparis lawsonia malformed multi stemmed -Fell T3 & T4 Two drive flanking Fagus sylvestris - crown raise by 700mm - to balance out approved major limb removal approved in application Ref. No: 22/1482/TTPO 21 Green Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JZ Ref. No: 23/0916/TTPO | Validated: Fri 18 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Beech - crown lift to 2.5m, 1.5m - 2m crown reduction Cherry - 1m - 1.5m crown reduction 15-17 The Grip Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NR Ref. No: 23/0881/TTCA | Validated: Thu 10 Aug 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 3(External Material) of planning permission 23/00912/HFUL 16 Market Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HU Ref. No: 23/00912/CONDA | Validated: Fri 04 Aug 2023 |

Single-storey rear extension to the existing detached house. The Beeches 21 Green Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21

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Parish Council Matters

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A Year as a Councillor & what it takes to make a difference!

35 years ago this month we moved into Linton as a young married couple with a young son, Ben who was 18 months old. We lived on the High Street in an old cottage which we rented and fell in love with Linton.

While packing up to move from the High Street we had another son Daniel. He arrived the day we moved into a house on Wheatsheaf Way. From day one we realised how

lucky we were to live in such a beautiful and friendly village. Over time the boys attended all of the local schools and both Mark and I worked at Linton Village College for a num-ber of years, 25 years ago I started Linton Jazz. Since retiring through ill health I had been thinking that

there was more I could do to protect our beautiful village and also 'pay back' for all the years we have lived here. Being disabled and a wheelchair user, I see life from a dif-

ferent perspective and felt l needed to use what l had learnt from being disabled to give a different take on things.



This last year has been a steep learning curve. The other members of the Parish Council have been so welcoming and supportive.

It is easy to forget that the Councillors are all volunteers, giving up their free time to try and make things better for the residents of Linton.

Cllr Karen Sanderson

l am incredibly lucky that l am retired, but some of the other Councillors work full time and have families. There are so many ongoing projects, meetings and courses but they all work together to do the best they can.
The rules and strict regulations are a minefield and every-

thing has to be checked and double checked. I have learnt so much but I realise there is still so much more to learn.

We all need to do something to protect our village for our children and grandchildren and this was another of the reasons why I volunteered. There is so much work to do and everyone has something they can do to make life better and to help provide for the future. We cannot do much individually but working as a team we can certainly try.

This has been one of the most challenging years personally so far with the death of my Mum in tragic circumstances and the death of a number of family members but it has also been one of the most rewarding too.

One of my mum's favourite sayings was, "Put your money where your mouth is." Which means if you are someone who is quick to say what you think is wrong with the 'world,' do

Cllr Karen Sanderson.

something positive to change it. That's what I did a year ago by volunteering to be a Parish Councillor, what about you? For service & quailty

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Local Highways Improvement & Civil Enforcement Update

Linton Parish Council is pleased to advise that the Local Highways Improvement Bid submitted to Cambridgeshire County Council in January 2023 has been successful. With parishioners concerns about speeding, inconsiderate parking and congestion, the focus has been on putting measures in place to alleviate these issues.



In consultation with CCC the Parish Council will now look to oversee delivery of the project.

To support the Linton Speedwatch group and allow more focus on speeding hotspots, a second mobile speed indicator unit has also been requested. Whilst discussions are ongoing as to the exact specification of the unit(s), it is hoped that any additional traffic calming measures will be welcomed

With notable concerns regarding parking in the High Street, additional signage to Coles Lane car park has been applied for, to encourage visitors to use the facilities which are often overlooked. It is only a short walk to the shops in either direction, and remains free to use. Parking bays will also be installed at the Dog & Duck to ensure best use of the available space, also ensuring access is kept clear for Meadow Lane



Civil Enforcement planned for Linton!

Additional double yellow lines will be placed on the east side of the High Street from Coles Lane, south towards the A1307. Double yellows have also been requested at the entrances to roads leading onto the High Street, including, Horn Lane, Market Lane, Meadow Lane, Parsonage Way, Symonds Lane and Mill Lane. In addition to these, it is expected that parking restrictions will also be applied from Hillway to the High Street, on both sides of Symonds Lane to prevent parking near the junction with the High Street. We await final confirmation.

We are conscious that many drivers choose to ignore the restrictions already in place and are pleased to report prog-ress towards civil enforcement. Soon all the double yellow lines will be repainted in the village, this is in preparation Cambridgeshire. It is hoped that by the end of 2023 we will have a traffic warden, visiting the village on a regular basis to award parking tickets to the offenders!

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Planning & Meeting Update July/August 2023

HORSEHEATH Road

South Cambridgeshire District Council has now issued an Enforcement Notice on this development that relates to Condi-Emotechnein Notee of this development that retails to Contient tion 11 (Surface Water drainage) of the original Outline Consent. The full details can be found in the "Compliance" section of the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Portal under enforcement number EN/00475/23. The notice states that the development has not been undertaken in accordance with the plans required by the condition.

The notice was issued on 27th July and becomes effective on 29th August unless Croudace lodge an appeal against it. At the time of writing (mid August) we have not heard of any intent to appeal, but we won't know for sure until after this issue has gone to press! Assuming no appeal is lodged, the enforcement notice gives Croudace three months to rectify the parts of the development that have not been built in accordance with the plans, so you are likely to see works occurring again on the site and around its boundary.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Many thanks to everyone who has replied to the consultation held for our Neighbourhood Plan. We are collating all the comments that have been received from residents and the other consultees (including SCDC, landowners, etc.) and will then be working to respond to the comments and further improve the plan. We anticipate a meeting with the SCDC Neighbourhood Planning Team in September, so should have more news next month on the remaining steps to be taken.

Station Rd

The Outline Application for commercial development of the land off Station Road was refused as the access to Station Road was not considered safe for the number of HGV arrivals and departures anticipated. Although this was an outline application, meaning that all the details of the development (such as its size, layout, materials, etc.) would be agreed under a later "reserved matters" application, the plans submitted showed the intent to use the site for warehousing.

The land off Station Road, like all land South of the A1307

in Linton, is covered by a separate policy in the SCDC Local Plan. It is only considered suitable for commercial development. The Parish Council hope to see plans for commercial use that are in keeping with the old Station buildings and that meet the needs of local businesses.

20 Cambridge Road:

Work is still continuing on this site despite the fact that the pre-commencement conditions are yet to be discharged. As development is underway, these conditions can no longer be discharged and their details will be "agreed" when they meet the requirements. Given the re-work now required on the site at Horseheath Road, we hope that any of the services that have already been constructed under the ground for this site are deemed

A1307 Works including the Bartlow Road Roundabout

For those with access to the Community Pages on Facebook, there have been some excellent photos showing the status of

these works from above.

We have been asked to provide feedback about the closure of the A1307 at the end of July, so that the GCP team can plan improvements in time for the full closures anticipated in the next phase of these works. If you have any suggestions you would like us to pass on, you would be welcome to join the next Traffic Working Party meeting on Thursday 7th September 2023. Please contact the office for more details.





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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday $20^{\rm th}$ July 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman stated that whilst vacancies were noted at each meeting it had been raised by councillors that a strategy to encourage applications to join the Parish Council would be proactive.

Open Forum for Public Participation

Participant 1 spoke in relation to the grounds maintenance opportunities in the village and expressed interest in immediate and future contracts. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) agreed to send full specification of the available areas to the participant and liaise with them regarding tender for the same Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Update on the requested meeting with Gigaclear to discuss remedial works in the village.

Clir Chris Hine updated the Council on the following points.

Grass areas to be addressed in September as the weather must be

suitable for the grass seed to germinate. Topsoil will also be added.

•The contractor working on behalf of Gigaclear was advised to use chalk-based spray paint for marking utilities, this will be checked and marking removed at Chalklands as requested.

•It was agreed in the meeting that the grit bin on Parsonage Way will be re-instated to the original position.
•It was also raised that the letter drops to residents had not been

received and/or were not time sensitive resulting in lack of awareness of the works schedule. Gigaclear advised that they will address the issue with their contractor.

It was confirmed by Gigaclear that most of the disruptive work

had been completed.

Update on the Community Interest Company (CIC) Hope Mobile Food Hub.

The Clerk informed the council that the CIC Hope Mobile Food Hub would be holding the first session at the Village Hall on Tuesday 1st August between 1-2pm and advised that the Village Hall Trustee Committee had been keen to support the project. Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for July 2023. Written report available in the Councillor packs. For information.

County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor added to the written report with the following advisories.

•A Priorities Capital Fund was now available to Parish Councils and Community Groups. This funding to be applied for in relation to the improvement of public buildings, such as Sports Pavilions. Village Halls etc. Expressions of Interest to be sent to CCC.

•Feedback had been requested regarding the A1307 road closure and was required before the work on the Bartlow Road roundabout

commences.
Initial reports of HGV's using unsuitable roads had been noted and further feedback would be welcomed.

External Meetings

Update following the A1307 Forum meeting held on 13.06.2023. In addition to the written report Cllr Kate Kell advised that the £2 bus scheme had resulted in increased usage but not by sufficient

enough amounts to continue at present.

Safety issues had been raised by Bartlow Parish Council in relation to the works on the A1307 which Martin Meehan had addressed. Update on the Cambridge ACRE meeting held on 04.07.2023. In addition to the written report Cllr Karen Sanderson added that

In addition to the written report Clir Karen Sanderson added that many people are finding it impossible to secure housing. Clir Kate Kell raised the Neighbourhood Plan and connections to housing needs and cited the 2019 Housing Assessment. Update on the Coffee with a Cop held on Tuesday 11th July 2023. Verbal update from Clirs Bald and Kell.

Cllr John Bald and Cllr Kate Kell gave an overview of the recent Coffee with a Cop session.

Concerns raised included traffic and parking issues, E-Scooters and dangerous dogs. It was reiterated by the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) that crimes must be reported to ensure awareness at Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

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

The Planning Committee advised that Condition 6 - Planting Scheme was still being pursued as outstanding to date.

Undate on the progress of the allocation of allotments from the waiting list. The Clerk advised that the allotments are now allocated to parishioners from the waiting list.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Finance - Accounts

Update following the recommendation from the FRCC to review access of the funds from the Old Bowls Team which were due to be transferred to the Parish Council in 2020.

The RFO updated the council and advised that the investigation was ongoing. Issues with signatories were still ongoing. Cllr Paul Poulter advised that Barclays Bank had stated previously that funds from dormant accounts would be redistributed to charity. The RFO advised that Barclays has recently advised that the account was not closed and that the funds would still be secure. Cllr John Bald advised that he would help with the investigation as he had a similar situation with an unrelated account.

Consideration for the recommendation from the working group for the Main Grounds Maintenance contracts and the interim

period to cover. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed that the interim contract for grounds maintenance be awarded to Chris Markham Home & Garden Services and that the main contracts be re-aligned to commence April 2024. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Grants & Funding

Consideration for the grant request received from Linton Heights

Cllr Paul Poulter proposed that the application be regretfully declined due to the restrictions which apply to the Parish Council in relation to education. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed. Update on the grant application to the Hundred Parishes Society in relation to the Heritage Trail and Linton Handbook project following the working group meeting held on 6th June 2023.

Cllr John Bald gave an update and advised that he would com-plete the further information required for the application. The Clerk advised that quotes had been received from Falcon Printing to re-print copies of the Heritage Trail booklet once revision were confirmed. The clerk also advised that initial investigations into a website had been positive and related costs could be discussed.

Traffic & Highways Speedwatch

Notification of the change of the Speedwatch Co-ordinator and contact for Linton.

Cllr Carl Cieluch was welcomed as the new Speedwatch Co-ordinator for the village. He uinformed the council that volunteer ordinator for the viriage. The dimorine the counter that volunteer numbers had increased to nine and 16 sessions had been held to date with 30% on the High Street, and the remainder in other locations including Balsham Road, Hadstock Road, Horseheath Road and Back Road. 2222 vehicles had been recorded with 166 speeding, equating to a 7.5% violation rate. It was noted the Speedwatch Co-ordinator for Cambridgeshire Constabulary had attended a recent meeting of Speedwatch volunteers for a Q&A session and advice.

Local Highways Improvement (LHI)

Update on the result of the LHI Application for 2023/24.
The Chairman congratulated the members of the Traffic Working Group and the Clerk who had been successful with the application for the LHI. It was noted that a Traffic Working Group meeting was required to discuss the next steps.

Picnic in the Park 2023

Consideration for request to permit the Picnic in the Park to be held on Saturday 8th June 2024.

Cllr John Bald proposed the Picnic in the Park be held on Sat-



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visit initial locations to discuss the project. Further updates will be given in the next full Council meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 17th August. **Licence Applications** Update on the Premises Licence Application for the Cambridge Rock Festival at Horseheath Lodge and confirmation of comments submitted

urday 8th June 2024. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Update from the Linton in Bloom working group meeting held

on Monday 12th June 2023. Cllr Carl Cieluch updated the council on the meeting held on

Monday 12th June and noted a positive reception and enthusiasm from those present. Cllr Cieluch confirmed that a working group had been formed. Cllr Cieluch and the Clerk had scheduled to

ments submitted.

Clir Merrie Mannassi proposed that Clir John Bald represent the Parish Council at the hearing scheduled to be held on Tuesday 25th July to reiterate concerns previously agreed by the Parish Council. Clir Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground

Linton in Bloom

Bowls Green

Update on progress of the redevelopment of the Bowls Green following the internal working group meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2023.

Cllr Chris Hine confirmed that the basketball goalposts had been successfully installed. The Clerk confirmed that the netball posts and tennis net had been received and that the line marking had been completed. It was noted that further work is essential at the Bowls Green prior to the area being available for use. Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC in relation

to the quotes received for the installation of the access ramp at the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA).

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the quote for the access ramp from CW Fencing be accepted. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

The Pavilion
The RFO updated the council that the facilities at the Pavilion

would be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer holidays between 12-4pm. The Council expressed their thanks to the volunteer from Linton Granta Football Club for their support.
The Cathodeon Centre

Consideration for the request from the Cathodeon Centre Trustee Committee to install a notice board on Parsonage Way following further information received. Cllr John Bald proposed the installation of the notice board be

agreed. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for June 2023 from the Beacon Youth Trust.

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Cllr Carl Cieluch gave a verbal update on the recent quarterly review with the Beacon Youth Trust. He advised that the meeting was positive but that the session hours target had not been met. To achieve both the session hours and one-to-one hours targets were a stipulation of the current Service Level Agreement (SLA),this would need to be monitored going forward.

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