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In Pictures: A team of immaculate caravans and horses stop for the night on the green outside Linton Library. The group travel the local area for one week each year and had been trying to reach Newmarket but the animals had become tired. A nearby resident was quick to ask them to leave their horse droppings behind as they were wanted for a rose bed! Photo by David Donnan

Calling women cyclists!

YOU will probably have seen groups of women cyclists, many in their fifties, sixties and seventies, cruising down Linton High Street. If you don't "hate cyclists", and would instead like to learn about bikes, improve your cycling

and your fitness, please get in touch. We have bike rides from five to 50 miles, some starting from Linton. There are no fixed days, just a website listing rides for you to join. There is also no charge. We stick to quiet roads wherever possible, and will never leave you behind. For more information please



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Linton News Team

A walk in the Parquet



THE hall floor at the infant school got some much needed love back in August, and what a difference it has made. Whilst kept immaculately clean by the team there, years of products and polishes had built up to the point where the original wood was covered in a nearly 3mm thick layer of residue.

A Soham company took advantage of the absence of tiny feet over the summer and got the job done, thanks to a grant given by Linton Parish Council. The Hall is used by a number of local clubs, groups and events.

Before... and after

Linton News Team

Balsham Picture House Presents:

THE RESCUE (12)

This is the National Geographic documentary film of the divers' dramatic rescue from the Thailand caves of the youth football team in 2018. *The Rescue* chronicles the enthralling, against-all-odds story that transfixed the world in 2018: the daring rescue of twelve boys and

their coach from deep inside a flooded cave in Northern Thailand. This film brings alive one of the most perilous and extraordinary rescues in modern times, shining a light on the high-risk world of cave diving, the astounding courage and compassion of the rescuers, and the shared humanity of the international community that united to save the boys. The showing is on Saturday September 3rd. Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in the Balsham Church Institute.

Guest visitors are £3 and annual membership just £12 for adults. Dave's bar will be open for pre show drinks and nibbles as normal.

P.S this film is said to be better than the more recent 13 Lives film made only for Amazon and recently released but not available so far for public screening.

Dick Paden Balsham Picture House



Free Church remains open for business

AS reported last month, our building project has made a good start.

We just want to make clear to everyone that our Sunday morning services are still running at 10.30 am every Sunday in the Church hall and also live on Zoom. The third Sunday of the month is our Cafe service which is very informal and where we serve croissants and pastries. If you're not used to Church services, it's a good relaxed way to try it out.

After the school holidays, most of the weekly activities will resume in the Church hall. Twice a month we have two contrasting forms of evening worship; a Praise and Prayer service on the second Sunday with modern contemporary music led by a live band. Then on the third Sunday, a Contemplative Prayer service which is quiet and reflective. Both these services will be at 6.30 pm.

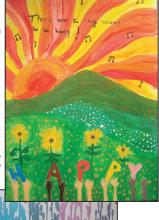
For more details check our website; www. lintonfreechurch.org

Ian Burns, Church Secretary

Show me the Monet

- WINNERS of the Linton Heights Junior School art competition. The annual competition gives students a chance to flex their creative muscles and produce artwork based upon a given theme. The winners and runners up were decided by a panel of established

Linton artists. Several works are now on display in Jim Anderson's print studio opposite Gallery Above. Congratulations to all who took part.





Celebrating a jazz jubilee

LINTON Jazz Was established in 1997 by myself and Stephen Inglis, and September 2nd was our first rehearsal at the Village Hall. Little did we know that 25 years later we would be celebrating our Silver Jubilee. Over the years we have played for more than 100 different charities, both local and national. We have raised over £270,000 for causes including LVC, Heights Junior School, St. Mary's church, Granta Special School, Addenbrookes, Oxfam, Sick Children's Trust, Save the Children and Arthur Rank. We play many different styles of Jazz including swing, big band, ballads and jazz standards, through to Disney, music from shows and pop greats. The main focus is still to have fun and learn together. We rehearse on a Sunday evening at the Heights Junior School from 7-9pm during term time, starting on September 4nd.

We have many concerts booked for the coming year as well as lots of celebration. If you would like to join us, please contact me at lintonjazz64@gmail.com or 07148917513.

If you would like to book us, please use the above details or see www.lintonjazz.co.uk or our Facebook page. Our first concert of the year is Saturday 17th September at 7pm in Kedington to celebrate the new war memorial. Here's to the next 25 years!

Karen Sanderson

Readers write...

Dear Editor

In response to the letter from John Bald in the last edition of Linton News I think the easy answer to his query is, no, an Eng-

lishman's Home is no longer his Castle. We have to brace ourselves for the fact that random incidents of rural crime are unlikely to decrease. The cost of living crisis may fuel this even further. We have seen local policing virtually disappear and that is not likely to improve.

A break in by masked raiders at a home a very short distance from ours only came to our attention, some time after the event, because it was reported in the Linton News.

A close neighbour had her car broken into and items stolen, and was forced to do her own house to house enquiries because, it seems, the police are no longer able to offer that basic service. The days of the local 'copper' who knew everyone, and was trusted, have long gone and won't come back. The amount of local crime deterred by such people cannot be overstated. Linton once had a fully functioning police station with 24 hour

local cover from eight constables and a sergeant in charge. Travelling criminals, who always used the tactics that Mr Bald described, were on their guard and never knew when a local police officer might appear and interrupt their activities. Now they would be very unlucky to be disturbed going about their unlawful business.

I have taken up the subject of local crime with our M.P. but her response, when it eventually came, gave me little hope.

So, the best we can do is to be extra vigilant to any suspicious activities, but don't have nightmares!

> David Rose Brinkman Rd

Dear Editor.

The Balsham Singers rehearsals restart 15th September after the summer holidays. We rehearse once a week on a Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9.30 pm and our rehearsals take place in the Pavilion near the Balsham Church, at the very end of the parking space in front of the church (The Church of the Holy Trinity, CB21 4DS).

We are a friendly bunch and have a lot of fun. New members are always very welcome to join us: no audition is required, and the ability to read music is not essential, although useful. We sing a wide range of music from sacred works and classical anthems, to more contemporary works and musical theatre medleys. Please contact balsham singers@hotmail.co.uk for more information. A Christmas concert is planned for the 17 December 2022.

Friederike Schmidt-Tremmel

Dear Editor

I was walking the dogs this morning (30th July) and found that a young Rowan tree behind the fire station had been destroyed, probably last evening. It is very disappointing that people are unable to appreciate our local environment, as this incident



follows the vandalism in the Church Peace garden.

Brian Grey Lamb Fair Court

the cash



Olga Starobinskaya talks to the walk organising committee

THE 2022 Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk, which took place in May after a two year Covid-induced break, attracted 658 walkers and raised an impressive £14,235 for our three chosen local charities. Cheques were presented at the Three Hills Pub in Bartlow, to representatives of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust,

Granta Charitable Trust and Bartlow PCC. Addenbrooke's are raising £1.5m for a surgical robot. Claire Billing from ACT said that this will allow for more frequent, less invasive operations, with faster recovery times for patients.

Granta has a charitable fund to help patients of Linton Health Centre, and the £4,745 they receive will be added to that fund. Incidentally, Olga Starobinskaya, from Granta, said that they are looking for a patient representative from Linton Health Centre to join the group of trustees to decide how that fund should be spent on an ongoing basis, contact Olga or myself if you are interested. Bartlow's ancient and beautiful church has benefitted from all 17 years of the walk. This has helped with projects such as a new roof, conservation of the mediaeval wall paintings and now the restoration of the North Entrance. We are so pleased to be back after all the trauma and uncertainty of Covid and lockdown, and we are confident that we can build on this year's experience so that the 2023 walk will be even better. So please put Sunday 30th April 2023 in your

Duncan Ogilvy - walk organiser (893644)

Bartlow walk counts | If you love music...

AND would like to learn to play an instrument, play alongside others, or sing in a choir, you'll be hugely welcome to come and join in the delights of "Duxford Workshop" at Duxford village school - which is held on Saturday mornings during school term-time.

Duxford Saturday Music Workshop holds group tuition sessions, where adults and children from Year Five onwards can learn to play an instrument.

There is also a 'junior music group' for children from Year 1 upwards, as well as classes for adult beginners and groups both

for 'improvers' and for compe-

tent players. In addition, Workshop also has ers, strings, jazz and wind bands, to folk fiddlers, ukulele players, guitarists, an adults' community choir and a full orchestra. A registered charity, Workshop is all about having fun by learning and performing together in an enjoyable and supportive environment.



The workshop has been providing music education since 1972

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love Workshop so much - and see what you can achieve. Even if you don't have an instrument of your own, don't panic we have instruments for rental on very reasonable terms so will be happy to help you out if we can

Registration for the new 2022/23 Workshop year is on Saturday September 17th from 10-11.30am at Duxford School, St. John's Street, Duxford, and term begins the following week, at 9.30am on Saturday, September 24th

For more information, please see the Workshop website at:

www.duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

MIND

MATTERS

Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team

Have you heard of mantras?

Broadly speaking there are two definitions. The word is originally rooted in Hinduism and Buddhism and means a word or sound repeated to aid concentration in meditation. In a literal translation from the ancient language Sanskrit, it means MAN = mind and TRA = vehicle.

Mantras can be very useful in helping you reach the yogic holy grail of 'stopping the mind chatter.' If you have ever been in the final pose of a yoga practice (in Sanskrit known as 'Savasana' 'corpse pose') or if you have tried to meditate, you might find that you are very easily distracted and can't focus your mind on quieting. Instead you find yourself thinking about mindless day to day hubub such as what's in the fridge for dinner or has this class run over and I'm going

to be late to pick up the children etc.

A useful tool here is a mantra and this can help steer you in the right direction as you begin your meditative and restorative practice. By taking a break from thinking about the busy lives we lead and taking some time out, can really give the mind a rest. It might seem pointless because you are doing nothing, but what is actually happening in this relaxed/meditative state

is that you are creating space. As though the mind itself is taking a breath and a pause. With this discipline comes clarity and perhaps a new perspective. So if you find yourself in

a quiet moment and want to close your mind down and just be, perhaps start weaving in a mantra that can anchor you to keep you there for a little while (even a few minutes is fine).

You repeat this mantra silently in your head over and over as you lie or sit still, imbibing the healing energy this pause will give you. One of my favourite mantras follows below (on your inhale say the first part, after the comma is for the exhale):

'I am here, I am now.' 'Breathe in, breathe out.' 'Positive thoughts, Positive things' I am worthy, I am enough 'My life, my choices'

Try making some for yourself, it's a very personal choice!

Gemma Speakman





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The Hundred Parishes Society

ONE pleasurable autumn task is the harvesting of ripened fruits from trees in your own garden. For most of us, our cooking apple will be a Bramley's Seedling and the dessert apple an Essex-bred Discovery or a Cox's Orange Pippin. Originating from central Asia, apples are incredibly varied with at least 2,000 named varieties! There are 150 named varieties in the gardens at Audley End.

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In the 19th century the skilled horticulturalists at the Rivers Nursery at Sawbridgeworth bred and propagated many varieties of fruit trees, including the prolific Czar plum and Conference pear, both of which are still available today. The Conference pear features in Great Chesterford's 21st-century community orchard.

For commercial reasons, the range available from modern plant nurseries is limited to a few easy-to-grow varieties. However, hidden away in forgotten corners of long-established gardens within the Hundred Parishes there will be specimens of heritage varieties of orchard trees. If you have a flavoursome, but unidentified, variety, then the team at the East of England Apples and Orchards Project would be delighted to hear from you.

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Further information on www.applesandorchards.org.uk, 01328
838403 or info@applesandorchards.org.uk

There is something special about growing a unique or local variety, so if you wish to plant heritage fruit trees specific to your own county, this organisation's catalogue lists a surprising number of varieties for Essex, Hertfordshire or Cambridgeshire apples and pears, as well as local plums, cherries and gages. This wide selection provides an opportunity to continue a long tradition of choosing something rather special to enjoy eating in future years.

The What's On page at www.hundredparishes.org.uk often

The What's On page at www.hundredparishes.org.uk often displays local apple events, for example at Rivers Orchard in Sawbridgeworth on September 4th, 18th and 24th, and at The Gardens of Easton Lodge on September 25th.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee.



Audley End House garden – ripening Pippin apples



Great Chesterford Community Orchard - Conference pear cultivated by Thomas Rivers in Sawbridgeworth

Linton Library News

THE Summer Reading Challenge finishes on Saturday 3^{rd} September, though you can still complete the challenge up until Saturday 10^{th} September. Well done and thank you to everyone who has taken part. The Presentation Ceremony takes place on Saturday 24^{th} September at 11am, for those who have completed the Challenge.

Knit and Natter will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 6th and Tuesday 20th. Bring along your latest craft project, all are welcome.

On Monday 12th at 2pm we have our Engage session - Chris from Wylde Sky will be here talking about the local Brewery. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

If you love stories with a dark twist, it may have been Roald Dahl who first inspired you. Roald Dahl Day is on 13th September, so you'll find plenty of his works in the library plus books by other children's authors with a gruesome sense of humour... If you need help with a Bus Pass renewal our digital buddy

If you need help with a Bus Pass renewal our digital buddy is happy to help - appointments are available on Thursday afternoons from 2pm, please book at the library. Please ask in the library for the latest news on the return of

Please ask in the library for the latest news on the return of Story and Rhyme times. We look forward to seeing you at Linton Library this Sep-

tember.

Lindsay Healy and Ann King, Community Library Assis-

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

General library enquiries: your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 522

Learn something new with Art Makers

WE'RE looking forward to welcoming people onto our courses again here at Cambridge Art Makers. It's been a very quiet summer but we very much enjoyed meeting the local fire volunteers and many of you who visited our Summer Open Studios – thank you for joining us. We are building up our programme of courses for the autumn and winter and would love you to come and experience something new, make time for your own interests and feel joy and a sense of achievement with us.

We have a few new weekly courses including one from Linton artist Cläre Basel. Cläre already teaches an Innovative Painting course with us (currently full) but has added a Drawing Studio course where you can have the opportunity to really delve into your unique drawing practice. The course is suitable for beginners or those wishing to extend their art practice in a new context. We're also really looking forward to seeing Cläre's exhibition at the Gallery Above in Linton from 15th September—22nd October. Other new weekly courses include jewellery and silversmithing, for beginners and the more advanced, and some in textiles: exploring sewing, dyeing, embellishing and more. Weekly courses mostly start from the week beginning 19th September.

Ranging from half a day, to a few days, to regular weekly classes, our courses are great to do with a friend, for meeting new people, and as gifts for friends or family or yourself. We look forward to having you.

Rosemary Bangham Cambridge Makers

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London Through Literature with LALA



London: where fact and fiction come together

LINTON Area Learning Alliance (LALA) starts a new 10 week course called *London Through Literature*, on Tuesday mornings from 27th September.

We meet in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane from 10.00 to 11.45am.

The tutor, Ros Connelly, says that London is one of the most written about places in fiction and much of what many people think about London has been created by the imagination of writers. The course will be thematic, covering several centuries of writing, and will look at how work, the legal profession, crime and punishment, entertainment and pleasure in London have all been portrayed, with the lines between fiction and reality often becoming seriously blurred.

Please contact me for more information or to register interest. Cost for the 10 weeks remains at £50 and includes a coffee break.

> Sue Mudge, 892737 mudges.linton@btinternet.com



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Girlguiding Linton District
WHAT an amazing group of volunteers and girls we have here in Linton District. Our Horseheath Brownies had fun fitting 11 Brownies into a ridge tent after putting it up. Our Linton Brownies visited the Sedgewick Museum, having fun with all things rock.

During the summer holidays we do our camping trips. This year was very special. It was our first East meets West Camp. All the Guides and Rangers of both counties Cambridgeshire East and Cambridgeshire West joined together in a giant camp at our Girlguiding Anglia activity Centre at Hauthois in Norfolk Rainbows and Trefoil Guild members from both counties also went for a day visit. The camp was held for a week and our girls from Linton District slept in Shepherds' huts there. Once there they got up to all sorts: campfires, scrapbooking, blindfold activity trails, paddle boarding, rock climbing, high ropes and many other things too numerous to mention. The sun shone and everyone had a great time.



Paddle boarding at East meets West camp

Much fun was had and many challenges were undertaken: not least the organising, setting up, cooking and running an event like this for so many girls from all over Cambridgeshire. Our leaders are incredible and go above and beyond to give our girls the adventure of a lifetime - meeting friends and people from all around the globe and locally at the same time.

Today, Tomorrow, Together.

Louisa 07711614328 Rainbows 5-7yrs, Brownies 7-10yrs, Guides 10-14yrs, Rangers 14-18yrs, Inspire 18-26yrs and Trefoil Guild 18+ www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved @lintondistrict

Air Cadets

THROUGHOUT August we have several options of summer camp at RAF Cranwell, Leeming and Syerston. We look forward to receiving the camp reports back from the excited cadets lucky enough to get spaces

We continue to achieve across the board. Massive congratulations to Sgt Vellacott on completing a gold level qualification in cyber, graduating the week-long course at No.1 Radio School, RAF Cosford. Congratulations also to Cdt Richards for completing his bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.



Happy holidays

OUR members enjoyed a social evening with wine and nibbles, reminiscing with photos and souvenirs about past holidays. Liz Cox read out a quiz of British place names to which we had to guess a foodstuff (e.g. Melton Mowbray would be pork pies). Sue Smales brought a Tigger jack-in-the-box from Disneyland in Florida where her daughter played several Disney characters. Pat Marshall showed photos of her camping trip to Australia's Northern Territory. Judith Hodgson had brought a metal carving of a kudu from Kruger National Park in South Africa. Sue Ellis went to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and Sue Eaton's travels to Australia and New Zealand were shown in stunning photos in a framed montage. Astrid Whiskin had a photo of Land's End taken on a coach trip. Jill Jeffels brought a glass jar of sharks' teeth picked up on a beach in Florida. Rita Boniface had a book written by her flying instructor called *Spy in the Sky* which included a piece about Rita. Sally Probets' photo of a trip to Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral showed her family seeming to be floating weightlessly. Shelley Ray recalled her camping trip to Norfolk in the recent heat wave with thirty 12 year olds and 3 teachers. Janice Barnett's glass paperweight from New Zealand reminds her of her 3 month round the world trip and of her son who now lives in New Zealand. Liz Cox brought a fan from Thailand which transforms into a hat.

Our next meeting is on 6th September at 7.30pm in the village hall and our speaker, Debbie Mower, will give a talk about an Indian wedding. New members and visitors always welcome. Sally Probets (891021)



L: Exotic Poppy; R: Campanula Pyramidalis

The squadron had a day trip to Biggin Hill airport. It was an informative day out where cadets were able to see, and get aboard, modern business jets. After checking out the comfy seats, there was an opportunity to look around the helicopters from resident company Castle Air, and to learn about the technicalities of operating rotary aircraft.

The visit culminated in a tour

of the Heritage Hangar where the cadets saw 16 Spitfires in different stages of restoration, including The Spirit of Kent.



left and above: Cadets at Biggin Hill

Gardening Club Diary
IT'S mid-August as I write this and a light shower of thundery rain is falling. This is usually an unremarkable event but so far this year has been exceptionally dry, with record high temperatures of 39°C (102°F) in July. Keeping the vegetables, flower beds and tubs alive in such conditions has been a struggle. So just how dry has it been this year? In our own garden from January to July, we had a total of 150mm of rainfall compared to an average of about 300mm in the same period over the previous 5 years. The annual rainfall averages about 580mm per year. Nevertheless, we have

still had some beautiful blooms this summer.

The club's next meeting will take place at Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th where Nigel Start will give a talk on 'A History of Gardening in Britain'. Non-members are welcome to all our meetings for a visitor fee of £2 on the door. Annual memberships for 2022-2023 season will be available from the October meeting onwards.

If the club is to continue beyond 2023, it needs new members and people willing to join the committee which runs the club. We know that there is a keen interest in gardening, allotment keeping and the environment in the village and surrounding areas, so please come and join this informative, enjoyable and sociable

Jim and Helen, Linton Garden Club Igcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, tel. 01223 893577



After a photo opportunity, it was wonderful to hear the sound of the Merlin engine burst into life and see a Spitfire taxi for takeoff.

We have continued with our taster pro-

gramme throughout the summer for new recruits going into year 8 in September, and we look forward to welcoming them as full time cadets at the start of the school year. There is still time to join, so if you are, or know someone who is minimum age 12 and in year 8, please get in touch to join today.

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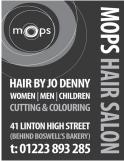
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COUNTRY MATTERS
Guest written by Oren Thorne, illustrations by Maureen Williams



Help out our hogs

IT was not that long ago that a small, prickly creature appeared sniffing around in the twilight of the evening next to our cherry tree. After a few moments of squinting, it was clear what this thing was. A hedgehog. Unfortunately, these mammalian insectivores have declined by about 50% since the turn of the century. Why is this? Well, there are quite a few reasons. One

of these is that modern garden fences often do not have any gaps. If a hedgehog is unable to travel around then it is quite hard to make a living, especially during winter. Insecticide is another hazard, as poison-covered insects are often taken into the digestive system of the hedgehogs. You could put out all kinds of snacks for them, but mainly just

leave the snails and slugs, which are a large part of a hedgehog's diet, to roam around, free of toxic spray. So, if you would care to recognize the precarious position that these spiky mammals are in, and seek to do something to encourage them, then you might just be lucky enough to see

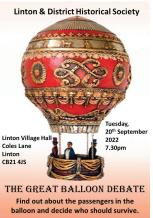
one with your own eyes. If you are an avid observer that has successfully managed to encourage the hedgehogs into your garden home, then you may notice some interesting things about their behaviour. If you are fortunate enough, you might even witness the hedgehog courtship ritual. A male and a

female will encircle each other whilst making snorting and puffing sounds. The hedgehog is usually a highly solitary animal, mainly being active at night-time. Badgers, which are also

nocturnal, are the only serious wild predator that will eat these mammalian insectivores. Now, of course, domesticated dogs and cats wouldn't mind a mouthful of hedgehog, but they may find them a challenging meal to come by. The Tawny Owl will, on occasions, also prey

on these creatures. So, spare a thought for the situation that our dear Hedgehogs are in, as well as also being fascinated by them from a scientific point of view, their anatomy and ethology are some of nature's marvels.

Linton & District Historical Society



AFTER two years of ups and downs, we are pleased to say a programme of speakers is lined up for the 2022/23 season, some of whom had to cancel due to Covid restrictions.

We commence on Tuesday 20th September with The Great Balloon Debate. Find out about the passengers and decide who should survive. We start at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton CB21 4JS. Annual membership remains at £15 and we ask £4 for any visitors attending.

There is sufficient parking in the Health Centre car park opposite the hall.

We look forward to welcoming back old and hopefully new members, in what promises to be an interesting evening. If you require further details about the society telephone 893915 or 678835 or email ldhscambs@gmail.com

Margaret Creek

Your breakfast is in the Dog

FOR the first time since the pandemic, the Linton Men's Breakfast is back! Organised by Linton Free Church and St Mary's Church, Linton, men of all ages, types and persua-sion are very welcome. To mark this return we have exciting news: the Dog & Duck Pub in Linton will host the breakfast for the first time in known history! This is an event not to be

The format will be familiar: full cooked breakfast followed by a short, thought-provoking talk and an opportunity to ask some questions. The whole occasion should last about an

Details are as follows: Date: Saturday 10th September Time: 9.30 am (to conclude around 10.30 am) Venue: Dog & Duck pub, Linton Cost: £10

Speaker: Revd Michael Wilcockson (St Mary's Church, Linton)



The Dog and Duck serves breakfast every Saturday morning 10-11.45

POT POURRI 206

Pot Pourri 207 - Numbers Letters

The calculations given are replaced by letters; n.b. o is not zero! Each letter stands for a digit. (0-9)

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Pot Pourri 206 - Find the End

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Amy-Leigh Academy celebrates six years of excellence

OUR show SIX was a huge success with over 200 spectators, 60 performers and secured event sponsorship. A.L.A.D showcased 20 dances in five different styles. Street, Acro, Lyrical, Rock N Roll and Disco freestyle. The event also showcased singer songwriter Shaun Colwill from Essex. Shaun entertained the guests with songs from Adele to Lional Richie, the crowd had a blast! Through the hard work of securing event sponsorship and in house fundraising events from Easter hampers to non uniform days A.L.A.D ordered over 275 costumes fully funded for the full cast!



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We are very thankful to each and every person who continues to sponsor us or support fundraising events. It's a dream for us and a huge achievement to be able to support our parents as much as possible financially. Amy-Leigh grew up in the competitive and show dance environment and understands all too well how costly the sport can be! The cast included A.L.A.D comp squads who showcased a fantastic display of competitive amalgamations, tricks and partner work. The competition squad train up to four times a week, mastering their dance skills ready for regional and national events. A.L.A.D trains beginner level dance to championship level. All abilities are welcome, so come and join cambridgeshire's leading dance academy. Contact Amy- Leigh on 07758129120 or email us on amyleighacademyofdance@gmail.com.

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urce: Linton Speedwatch Team

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District and County Councillors' report August 2022

Local Plan Responses

The first draft of South Cambridgeshire District Council's local plan has now been commented upon by landowners. potential housing developers and members of the public. The Local Plan is a hugely important document as it dictates where houses can be built in the district over the next 30 years. The proposals were to concentrate all of the development into existing and forthcoming towns - such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town, etc.

The consultation was an interesting exercise as it was the first opportunity for the land allocations to be officially challenged. This has produced 30 new proposals and 180 resubmissions of already rejected projects. The comments will be digested by the District Council and then a final proposal published - time frame TBC. If you are interested, all of the comments can be viewed on the Greater Cambridge Planning website - https:// consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals

LHI Bids

The next round of bids for LHI (Local Highway Improvements) will be opening soon for Parish Councils to bid into, the likely date will be September/October time. If you can think of a small highways project that might benefit the village, please do contact your parish council, as it is they that have to bid for them.

Innovate and Cultivate grant

The popular Innovate and Cultivate grant, administered by the County Council, has had a rebrand. It is now called Cultivate Cambs. The first round of funding has just been announced and bids are open until September 16th. Full information can be found at - https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/ communities-localism/cultivate-cambs-fund

South Cambridgeshire Markets Toolkit and Directory

As part of SCDC's Business Plan commitment to grow local businesses and economies, the Business Kev Projects Team has been working with local traders, communities and businesses to help establish and expand local markets within the district. So far, we have explored how they are run, by whom, and whether they wish to grow. Additionally, we have gauged the mood for the potential setting up of new markets, meeting with groups, village hall users and independent stallholders. A Market Toolkit guide now exists for anyone who is considering starting a market in their village and the online Trader Directory is designed to list the talented marketeers across the district. The goal is to link market organisers with market traders and to help identify additional trading opportunities in the area.

Contact: businesskeyprojects@scambs.gov.uk

Resurfacing

Some of the roads in our area were recently resurfaced, some after many years of persistence by local residents. The larger ones in our area are Chalklands and The Woodlands in Linton.

Update on Ukraine Refugees

The most recent data shows that 594 Ukrainian guests have now arrived in South Cambridgeshire, involving 69 parishes. People who are hosts to Ukrainian guests and/or have interest in SCDC's ongoing work in this area can sign up to the regular community updates by emailing duty.communities@scambs.

Looking ahead past the six-month point, officers recently wrote to hosts to asking them to complete a survey indicating whether or not they plan to remain part of the Homes for Ukraine programme past the initial minimum six-month point. The data will help to plan for the next period. Of the responses so far, there is strong indication that many hosts are planning to continue to provide accommodation beyond the initial six-month point and we are grateful for this commitment. We are awaiting confirmation from Government on the next phase of the programme and as soon as we have clarity, we will let everyone know. In the meantime, we are working on how best we can provide support for guests who wish to move to into alternative accommodation. Further information can be found within the Looking Ahead section on our Information for Homes for Ukraine hosts webpage

Available support for Ukrainian guests

The monthly £350 host payment continues for a period of 12

Grants of up to £300 are offered for events and activities to help reduce social isolation and encourage families to feel involved in their local community and life in Britain. SCDC's free bike scheme is being expanded and more donations of bicycles are needed. TAG Bikes in Huntingdon is joining OWL Bikes and Camtrust in the initiative. The scheme offers to each guest a free, fully refurbished cycle, with helmets, locks and a Bikeability cycle training course, which includes a translator.

Wild Minds invites young people from Ukraine to get involved in the Wild Minds courses which we run at two of the district's country parks. Designed to help improve mental health in young people through outdoor activities, it is supported by a Clinical Psychologist and offers free outdoor activities in small groups in a park setting to make the most of the natural environment.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Erection of a detached dwelling with a new vehicular access 37 Bartlow Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LY Ref. No: 22/03439/FUL | Validated: Thu 28 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Five Day Notice: Lime - Fell

St Marys Church Church Lane Linton Cambridgeshire Ref. No: 22/0816/TTPO | Validated: Tue 26 Jul 2022 | Status:

Installation of stainless steel 904 flue liners in the existing siting room and snug brick flues and new cast iron multi fuel stove in the sitting room chimney breast.

2 Church Lane Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX Ref. No: 22/03328/HFUL | Validated: Tue 19 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

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2 Church Lane Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX Ref. No: 22/03329/LBC | Validated: Tue 19 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey side and rear extension.

6 Pembroke Lane Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21

Ref. No: 22/03094/HFUL | Validated: Thu 14 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey rear extension

10 The Grove Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4UQ Ref. No: 22/03106/PRIOR | Validated: Mon 04 Jul 2022 | Status: Decided

Change of use of existing offices (Class E) to Veterinary Hospital (Class E), including new external lift shaft, new single storey link and retrospective permission for existing detached

Photon House Station Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NW Ref. No: 22/02833/FUL | Validated: Fri 22 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision



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Back to School let's all stay safe!



CHILDREN are returning to school in early September and we would like to take this opportunity to address road safety.

Routes to school in the village are always busy with traffic and children should be reminded of the rules of the road. Hopefully most have spent the summer holidays enjoying their freedom it is essential that parents reiterate the basics. Plan your route, avoiding main roads if possible. Stop, look, listen and be seen! The evenings will soon start to draw in and reflective clothing is advised.

We would like to appeal to all vehicle owners to take extra care, especially near the schools in the village. If you live in the village and are able to walk to school please do so as this will reduce the congestion. If you have to drive, please stick to the speed limits and be mindful of parents and children crossing the roads. Please park considerately, don't block any footpaths or driveways.

Community Events in Linton permission is required!

THE LINTON Parish Council welcomes community events in the village and would like to remind all organisers that events held on public open space require permission from the Parish Council. To meet legal requirements, the Parish Council must be pro-

vided with a temporary event licence, which can be applied for at South Cambridgeshire District Council, a full risk assessment of the event and all activities taking place and Certificates of

Insurance and Compliance.

For events on Camping Close, the open space behind the Infants School, which is the designated village green, permission must also be sought from Cambridgeshire County Council as they own the land. If vehiclular access is required it needs to be arranged in advance with the school.

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The Parish Council office is on hand to guide organisers through the process and we urge you to apply for permission in plenty of time to allow for the correct procedure to be followed. If you are considering an event, please check with the office as soon as you start planning to ensure that your event can go

Dates for your Diary THE NEXT Full Council meeting will follow on 15th September

2022. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with

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The Cathodeon Centre & Village Hall Appeal for trustees

THE CATHODEON Centre and the Village Hall are looking for volunteers to join their respective committees. Our community facilities are essential to encourage parishioners to socilalise and host clubs and activities for all ages and abilities. The general running of these is dependent on voulnteers to help manage the overall running and upkeep of the building.



The Cathodeon Centre, houses the village library, the children's centre as well as community rooms and external play areas. The Cathodeon Centre can be hired for events and has on-site parking and disabled access. A trustee, to be nominated by the Parish Council would be expected to attend no more than two meetings a year and respond to the occasional email. As a representative on behalf of the Parish Council a brief update would be required following a meeting. The Parish Council already has a current councillor on board therefore responsibility for updates could be shared. A willingness to help with very minor day to day maintenance tasks would be a bonus but not essential.



The Village Hall has a large hall downstairs and a small meeting room upstairs. The kitchen is currently being re-fitted. Again, the venue can be hired for events and has a capacity of approximately 200 people. It hosts many regular activites including Yoga, Pilates, Bridge Club and the monthly Farmer's Market. Parking is available at the Coles Lane car park and there is disabled access to the ground floor facilities. The Village Hall also houses the offices for the Parish Council.

It is essential that these facilities remain open to the public and this is made possible by those that volunteer to oversee them.

If you already attend regular classes or perhaps have a stall at the Farmer's Market please consider getting involved. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer please contact the Parish Council office on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or telephone on 01223 891001.

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Planning & Meeting Update July-August 2022

PLANNING Updates

Bartlow Road – Foul Sewer Connection

The Abbey Development has consent to connect their foul wage network to the "new" twelve-inch sewer at the bottom of Fincham's Close. They want to change this consent to connect to the "old/Victorian" six-inch sewer on Bartlow Road itself. The SCDC Planning Committee refused to allow this change in September 2021. Abbey have appealed the decision and the Planning Inspector assigned to make the decision has considered the evidence put forward. He has decided to hold a public hearing to test the evidence. We don't have the date for this at the time of writing but will update residents as soon as we do.

We would like to thank residents who have sent us instances of foul sewage flooding already. If residents have any additional photos of foul sewage problems, or details of incidents reported to Anglian Water and their response, please would you send these to the Parish Office as it will help as we prepare for the hearing. Alternatively, if you have any information about the history of the sewers in Linton, we would really like to hear from you thank you!

Bartlow Road Trees, Ecology and Landscape

In July we were informed that the two horse chestnut trees between the development and Fincham's Close would be felled - residents were informed on a Friday and the tree work was due to happen the following Monday! The trees are now subject to a temporary Tree Protection Order (lasting 6 months) while the need for their removal is further assessed.

Both trees were supposed to be retained on the site according to the Landscaping and Ecology plans. We have been warned that it may not be possible to keep both trees in the longer term but are working with the SCDC tree warden and Ecology Team Lead to try to achieve the best outcome for the village.

Work on site should have started with the planting of a land-scape buffer to the east of the site. Given the dry weather this year, it is perhaps a blessing that this wasn't done as it is likely that many trees would have died. However, this screening should be planted next January or February if conditions improve. There should also be fencing giving a 30m ecological protection zone to the River Granta where no construction activities should take place. This doesn't appear to be in place and is being investigated.

MEETING Updates

Station Road

Following the refusal of an application for Outline consent for a warehouse or commercial development on the site adjacent to Eddyfi, we were approached by the agent for the landowner to look at the next iteration of their plans.

These have not yet been submitted to SCDC and as they are Outline, the detail of the development and its use will be left to the Reserve Matters stage. The location of the site means it can only be developed for commercial properties, so if you (or anyone you know) are looking for business premises in Linton, please let us know - this will help us demonstrate the types of commercial development that the village needs and will inform

our decision making.

Greenways Plans/A1307

Work on the footpath between Meadow Lane and Stantons Lane across the Recreation Ground has started, as has the upgraded

crossing for 'non-motorised users' at the entrance to LVC.

Work on the greenway and A 1307 crossing at Hildersham continues and should be completed soon. We have just been told that the anticipated start of the work for the Bartlow Road roundabout has been delayed and is now likely to start in the spring of 2023.

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Parish Council Minutes

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Acceptance of Apologies for Absence. Apologies for valid reasons received from Clirs Cox, Seaward, Parker and Mannassi.

Clir John Bald proposed that the apologies be accepted. Clir Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Open Forum for Public Participation.

The Chairperson invited the members of the public to address the Parish Council.

Participant I spoke about outstanding issues which had been pre-viously raised with the Parish Council relating to vehicles speed-ing in the village. Cambridgeshire Constabulary had advised on measures to be considered and an update was requested on the following:

Speed Bumps on Back Road leading to Balsham Road to be reas-sessed as they were not adequate in height to ensure a reduction in speed. Cllr Kate Kell advised that the speed bumps were the responsibility of Highways at Cambridgeshire County Council and the matter had been raised with the Highways Officer at the time who is no longer responsible for Linton. The Clerk agreed to

time who is no longer responsible for Linton. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the new Highways Officer at CCC. Application for a reduction in the speed limit on Symonds Lane from 30mph to 20mph. Cllr Kate Kell advised that the reduction in the speed limit in Symonds Lane was part of the Local Highways Improvement Initiative bid. The bid for 2022/23 was unsuccessful, the Parish Council had requested the viability of changing the application to a Privately Funded Highways Improvement (PFHI) which the Parish Council would be required to pay for in due course. The Parish Council is awaying a further undate from CCC. course. The Parish Council is awaiting a further update from CCC Speedwatch signs at the entrances to the village

The Clerk advised that the Speedwatch signs at the entrances to the village had been applied for via a PFHI and the Parish Coun-cil was awaiting a report from the Highways Officer regarding viability and costs.

The Chairperson requested that Agenda item 65/22/23 be moved up the agenda to allow for discussion under the public participa-

up the agenda to allow for discussion under the public participation section of the meeting.

The Lead Youth Worker for the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) addressed the Parish Council explaining her role in the community and the progress made since she started in November 2021. Relationships continue to develop with Linton Village College and Linton Heights Junior School. The Lead Youth worker explained that there was a lack of regular volunteers which was restricting growth of the service. It was suggested that an article could be growth of the service. It was suggested that an article could be published in the Linton News. Monthly and quarterly reports were discussed and the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and the Lead Youth Worker were in the process of designing a new format Lead Youth Worker Were in the process of designing a new format to give concise data to allow for analysis going forward. Cllr John Bald commented on the constructive meeting held with BYT for the first quarter review held on Tuesday 19th July 2022. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds queried the continuity of service throughout the summer holidays. The Lead Youth Worker explained that a summer programme would be running throughout the holidays.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

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Notification of the extension to the Zero-Carbon Grant project to 31st March 2023. The Clerk advised that the extension had been granted and this would enable the project to complete within the

Notification of information regarding the Elm Tree revival project Cllr Kate Kell and the Clerk updated the Full Council that the parishioner had offered to investigate interest for a working group and publish an article in the Linton News to raise awareness of the project

Update on the proposed meeting with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and authorities regarding tackling anti-social behaviour in the village. The Clerk advised that a meeting was being sought with the NPT and local authorities.

Update on the quotes requested for Lighting, CCTV, and redevelopment of the Bowling Green. Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for

In addition to the written report District Councillor John Batchelor

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spoke about the Local Plan, which is expected to now be comspoke about the Local Plan, which is expected to how be completed in 2024. The current land supply was reported to be 6.7 years. District Councillor John Batchelor also gave an update on the recent increase in positive cases of Covid-19, at the time of the meeting most current data showing 500+/100,000 with 130 cases in Addenbrookes and on an increase locally and in the East of England.

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Committees and Council Representatives.

Working Groups Representatives for 2022/2023 – Confirmation of the existing Councillors who represent the Linton Parish Council and an invitation for changes and/or new nominations. Cllr Karen Sanderson requested to join the following Working Groups: Open Spaces, Cemetery, Environment and Glebe Land, Disability, Access & Safety and Youth.

Consideration to set up an Event Working Group and invitation.

Consideration to set up an Event Working Group and invitation to councillors to join.

Cllr John Bald proposed that an Event Working Group be set up.
Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.
The following councillors requested to join the Event Working Group. Cllr John Bald, Cllr Karen Sanderson and Cllr Simon Hill. Planning Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/2501/19/RM.

Cllr Kate Kell gave an update on the development at Bartlow Road stating that there was no further information regarding the appeal at the time of the meeting. Two Horse Chestnut trees had been due to be felled by Abbey Developments despite being on the tree protection plan and marked as "to be retained" on the soft landscaping condition. LPC raised the issue with enforcement, the trees officer at SCDC, and the Planning Officer overseeing the development to stop the felling. A temporary hold has been secured on the work and further updates are expected.

Horseheath Road.

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

Cllr Kate Kell gave an update on the development at Horseheath Road and stated that the Surface Water condition had still not been discharged.

Meeting Update
Update on the meeting held by Cambridgeshire Acre on Wednesday 6th July on the topic of "Building affordable homes for people in your community"
In addition to her comprehensive notes, Cllr Karen Sanderson gave a verbal update and advised that Cambridgeshire Acre would early through further information. The Parish Council could re-

send through further information. The Parish Council could rec-ommend potential sites for affordable housing after the comple-tion of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Kate Kell suggested a walk around the village to identify potential areas for development. Finance

Grant Requests

Consideration of the request for funding of any amount from Magpas Air Ambulance. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed a grant of £140.00 be awarded to Magpas Air Ambulance. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the request for funding of £250.00 received from Cambridgeshire County Council towards the Linton summer reading challenge. Cllr John Bald proposed a grant of £250.00 be awarded for the Linton Summer Reading Challenge. Cllr Chris Linconsonald All Acroscol Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Ouotations

Consideration of the quotations received for the Cemetery rejuvenation project and agreement from Council to use the Cemetery Reserves fund to cover the cost of works that exceed that in the

cemetery maintenance budget. Cllr Chris Hine proposed a budget of £3,000.00 for the initial repair and restoration work in the Cemetery in line with the rec-ommended quotes supplied by the RFO. Cllr Guy Ennew sec-

onded. All Agreed. Consideration of the quotations received for the Bowls Green regeneration project.

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Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the quotes from Local Handyman Services for Lots 1 & 3 be accepted and that the quote for Lot 2, from Chris Markham Home & Garden Services be accepted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Tender Specifications

Consideration of the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the specification of the Leadwell Meadows Paths contract for a 3-year period. Cllr Paul Poulter proposed a one-year contract for the specification for the Leadwell Meadow Paths which would allow for renewal with all other contracts in September 2023. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed. Consideration of the recommendation from the Finance Commit-

tee for the specification of the Leadwell Meadows Annual Cut contract for a 3-year period.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed a three-year contract for the specification of the Leadwell Meadows Annual Cut. Cllr John Bald seconded. 6 in favour with three abstentions. Motion carried.

Cemetery.

Consideration for the request from a parishioner for a contribution towards the damaged fence at the rear of the Cemetery.

Cllr Paul Poulter proposed that no financial contribution be awarded as the Parish Council had seen no evidence to show that the damage had been caused by the trees in the Cemetery. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for two replacement litter bins for the Cemetery. Bald proposed that two Derby E bins, to match those already in the village, be purchased and installed in the Cemetery. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

Disability, Access & Safety Consideration of the request for the Disability, Access and Safety working group to conduct an audit in the village.

The Working Group agreed to assess the village regarding disability and access. Cllr Kate Kell requested to join the group for the audit. The clerk suggested to propose a date once the weather was more favourable.

Open Spaces, Environment & Biodiversity

Consideration for the preferred site of the Commemorative Jubi-

lee Bench. Open discussion and Decision required.
Cllr John Bald proposed that the bench be placed on Parsonage Way green if possible and to also investigate purchasing an additional bench for the Community Garden. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. 7 in favour with 2 abstentions. Motion carried. Recreation Ground

Parishioner request for public facilities to be available on the Recreation Ground.

Cllr John Bald proposed a maximum budget of up to £1,500.00 and authorisation be given to the RFO to negotiate the best possible outcome on cost/service with the LGFC. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for two replacement litter bins and one replacement dog waste bin.

Cllr John Bald proposed that two litter bins and one dog waste bin be replaced with Derby E Bins to match those already installed in the village. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed. Meeting Dates

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on 18th August 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm to which all Councillors will

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