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Linton Fireworks 7th November

THE countdown is on! Saturday 7th November 2026 will be here before we know it, and this year's Linton Fireworks display is shaping up to be one to remember.

We're running a raffle celebrating local businesses for the first time this year, and the response has been brilliant. So many businesses around Linton have stepped up to support it. Tickets will be on sale on the night for £5 a strip, so bring some change and be in with a chance to win.

Fireworks night makes a real difference. As Josie Symons, PTFA Linton Heights Junior School, puts it: "Fireworks night is one the biggest events in the PTFA calendar, raising an incredible amount to support the school and the children of our community. We're so grateful to the dedicated fireworks committee for all their hard work and to everyone who comes along to enjoy the evening and help make it such a success every year."

Sadie Harrison, Chair of Friends of Granta School, adds "The incredible amount raised through this event to support our school and other local schools makes a real and lasting difference to the experiences and opportunities available to our pupils. In recent years, funds have helped toward providing an additional school minibus and have supported improvements to our swimming facilities for hydrotherapy and early swimming skills. We are immensely grateful to the committee for their dedication and hard work in making the event such a success, and to everyone who supports it through sponsorship, attendance, or donations. Their generosity continues to have a meaningful impact on local schools."

As ever, none of this happens without volunteers, and there's still time to join in the fun. If you can spare some time before or on the night, we'd love your help. Get in touch at info@lintonfireworks.co.uk.



A reminder of last year's blaze

Kerstin Klein
The Linton Fireworks Committee

Bonfire safety

WE urge people to think twice about having a bonfire at home. Our advice is to support your local community this year by going to the organised firework display, instead of holding one at home.

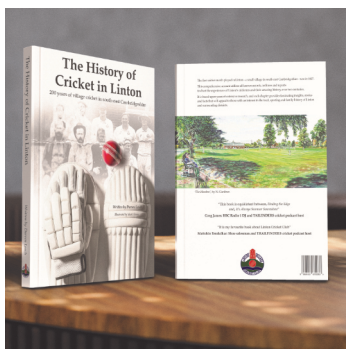
Lighting a bonfire in a garden presents significant risks to residents if they get out of hand. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate respiratory problems for people nearby.

If you do decide to have a bonfire, please follow our top five tips:

- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire and never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture, or batteries
- Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it must be left, damp it down with plenty of water
- Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire
- Check the weather – avoid lighting bonfires in high winds

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Linton cricket history book



THE Dog and Duck pub is hosting a book launch on Thursday 19th November from 6pm. Local resident and author Darren Leech, along with illustrator Mark Green, will unveil *The History of Cricket in Linton: 200 years of village cricket in south-east Cambridgeshire*.

The book utilises all known records, archives and reports to chart the history of Linton's cricketers over two centuries. Examples include:

- The era in which Linton had multiple rival cricket clubs
- The significant role of the church in local cricket
- Cricketing links to the pubs of Linton
- Linton's first-class cricketer who played against the West Indies at Lords
- Bill Frindall (from *Test Match Special*) playing against Linton
- An Italian cricket team that played in Linton and was later disbanded for Mafia links
- A team selection decision that resulted in assault charges and a court case
- The local doctor and cricket captain who climbed the church tower to hoist the union flag and the French *tricolore*
- Soldiers playing cricket in Linton and the cricket club's record fund raising efforts for war weapons
- Lord Carmarthen, Tutankhamen and their links to cricket in Linton
- The 1950s radio and music star who opened Linton's first sports pavilion
- Pop star sponsors and celebrities who have helped Linton's cricketers to 'go viral'
- All-time records and statistics (for both individual players and teams)

If you are missing the warm summer months, or looking for a perfect pre-Christmas purchase, pop along and pick up a signed copy.

Darren Leech

Cricket Club receives prestigious award

LINTON Village Cricket Club's efforts to generate greater interest in playing cricket were formally recognised this summer. On Sunday 6th September, the Sunday XI captain and club chairman, Phil Ball, were invited by *The Cricketer* magazine to Lord's, to receive the 'Cawston Press Village Cup Community Legends Prize'.

The cricket club has introduced a new Sunday XI team for non-cricketers and those thinking of returning to play. The team has been organising friendly fixtures since 2024 and the aim is to provide a friendly, fun and welcoming atmosphere in which people can practice and enjoy the game at their own pace. The results have started to bear fruit: new players have since progressed to play for the more competitive Saturday and Midweek sides. This summer has seen the Sunday XI play 13 different fixtures, with 45 different cricketers involved!

The national award was presented by David Sharman from *The Cricketer*, along with England cricketer Will Jacks. Phil Ball was also invited by the MCC to ring the bell at the start of the National Village Cup final (see picture below), played on the same date at Lord's.

Darren Leech



Cherish your local church

OUR village church has been the heart of the community for generations, not just for Sunday services, but as a place of comfort, celebration and community gatherings. A few examples of which are on this page.

To keep our doors open, our building warm and our local projects running, we rely entirely on the generosity of people like you. We receive no state aid or church funding. Setting up a regular monthly gift is easy, no matter the size. It gives us the stability to be able to plan for the future and keep serving the village. If you value having the church here for everyone, everyday, please seriously consider this appeal for your help. One of the easiest ways is to sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme using the website www.parishgiving.org.uk. Our Parish code is 140614077.

Sue Ellis Church - Treasurer
treasurer@stmaryslinton.org.uk

New Cambridge Singers return

FOLLOWING their well-received performance here two years ago, New Cambridge Singers will perform again in St Mary's Church on Saturday 31st October at 7.30pm, singing works by seventeenth century composers Carissimi, Melani, and Domenico and Alessandro Scarlatti, whose rich, expressive style brought liturgical music to vivid life. Domenico's ten-part Stabat Mater ranges from the lusciously lyrical to the vivaciously virtuosic, accompanied by organ and theorbo.

There will be a retiring collection for the Caring Together Charity which supports unpaid carers of all ages across Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and Norfolk.

Tickets are £16 and £8 for students, available from events@stmaryslinton.org.uk.

Barry Roberts



New Cambridge Singers in full flow

Hadstock Silver Band returns

MUSIC lovers are in for a treat as the Hadstock Silver Band returns to St Mary's Church on Saturday 17th October, concert starting at 7.30pm. This delightful evening promises an enchanting selection of music from the acclaimed band, known for their captivating performances and rich sound.

Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are available from Sue Ellis at 01223 892257 or Charlotte Dodd via email at events@stmaryslinton.org.uk. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy a magical evening of music in the charming setting of St Mary's Church, Linton.

Charlotte Dodd

150 years of the Mothers' Union

DURING the summer, Linton Mothers' Union at St Mary's Church celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the movement with a coffee morning and special cake.

The Mothers' Union was founded by Mary Sumner because she was concerned for the wellbeing of the mothers in her local village, who were bringing up their families under difficult circumstances. Together, as a Mothers' Union, they were able to support each other. We continue to do the same today, not only at home but worldwide.

Margaret Smith (Branch Leader)



Right: Linton Branch members of the Mothers' Union

Light Party

LINTON Churches Together once again invites families with children aged 11 and under to the Light Party on Saturday 24th October, 5–6.30pm in the Free Church grounds. There will be crafts, games, fun activities, a 0–4s play area and hot dogs for all as we celebrate light the darkness.

To sign up to this free event and for more information, please go to www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/light.

Debbie MacBean

Sing choirs of angels

DO you sing? Or would you like to sing in a friendly and supportive environment with others in a choir? St Mary's church choir meets on Friday evenings between 7–8.30pm to prepare music for our Sunday services in church. The choir sings regularly at the 10am service on the first and third Sundays of the month, meeting at 9.15am to warm-up and get ready for the service.

We are a group singing a wide variety of music from plainsong and 16th century through to the 21st century. There are also special services including the Christmas Carol Service, on the Sunday evening before Christmas day, as well as come and sing events during the year.

The choir is open to all ages subject to the church's safeguarding practices. The church is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, which supports us with training and musical resources.

If you are interested to find out more, please contact me, David Parry-Smith, Director of Music and Organist at directorofmusic@stmaryslinton.org.uk. The choir is not auditioned but it is helpful if I can hear you sing and understand your musical background (if any).

David Parry-Smith
Director of Music

The Crown Inn – part of our community

HAVING lived in Linton for the past nine months, it's been wonderful to see the village's amazing community spirit. From local groups and clubs to village events and gatherings, there always seems to be something bringing people together and we're pleased to be part of it.

At the Crown Inn, we're a friendly and welcoming place for everyone. Whether you're popping in for a drink, enjoying some food, catching up with friends or meeting with a local group, you'll always be made to feel at home.

We provide a welcoming space for societies and clubs to hold their meetings. Our regular keep fit group comes in for a well-earned drink after their evening exercises. The discussion group also meets here regularly and local teams call in after their games. If you are a local club, society or community groups with regular meetings or get-togethers, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you and would be happy to provide a space for your group, with food and drinks available.

We can also host christenings, baby showers, birthday celebrations and wakes, providing a comfortable and welcoming setting for you, your family and your guests.

We're delighted to support the Linton Fireworks this November and look forward to being part of a community event that brings the village together.

Here's to the wonderful people who make Linton such a special place to live.

Adam Nichols

Headscratcher

Number 24
A workman is paid exactly £1 for his day's work at the end of each week. There are only four different value £ notes in circulation. What are the values of these £ notes if he receives 2 notes in week 1, 3 notes in week 2 and 4 notes in week 3?

Answer to 23
The angle between the hands on the watch face is 7.5°.

Aspasia

Halloween Hijinks

DEAR children of Linton,
It's party time for one and all,
Do come to Hadstock Village Hall.
Ghosts and ghoulies will be here
To celebrate this time of year.
Bats and rats for everyone
And lots of games -so much fun.
So many things to do
We look forward to seeing you.

Hope you can come to the Hadstock Village Hall on Saturday 31st October, 6–9 pm. Admission free for all, but small children please bring an adult.

The Green Skippers

Come and sing with Balsham Singers

BALSHAM Singers are organising a come and sing day at Holy Trinity Church, Balsham, on November 7th, raising funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to support Veterans and their families. The theme is Remembrance, Peace and Forgiveness, and the programme includes the glorious Fauré Requiem and music by Barber, Stainer, Ireland and Rutter.

We hope to have around 80 singers. It will be an opportunity to sing and enjoy. If you've always wanted to sing in a choir, this is your chance to give it a try. You might get hooked!

If you want to join us or need further details, contact Jo Stinton jonotnits@gmail.com, or John Clenaghan john.clenaghan@sky.com for a booking form. Booking in advance is essential. The ticket price is £20 and includes all music.

Balsham Singers rehearse every Thursday evening from 7.30–9.30pm in the Sports Pavilion, Church Lane, Balsham. New voices welcome.

Jo Stinton

Big breakfast and brunch

ROTARY Saffron Walden is organising its annual Big Breakfast and Brunch at Hadstock Village Hall, CB21 4PH on 16th October, from 7am until 1pm.

Ideally placed for walkers as a stop-off point, a truly traditional English breakfast of bacon, sausage, black pudding, beans, egg, mushrooms and tomatoes with toast and marmalade will be available. All the purchasing and cooking will be done by Rotarians, their partners and friends.

The Big Breakfast normally attracts well over 100 people, and this year it will be in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK and local charities.

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Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition
For entries, email: diary.linton.news@gmail.com.
Please check with organisers before attending weekly events.
For more details of village events see https://www.villio.co.uk or https://www.lintonvillagedirectory.com/events calendar.

OCTOBER			
Thu 1	Linton Roots Meeting, 6pm		St Mary's Pavilion
Fri 2	Festival of Angels Concert, 7pm		St Mary's Church
Sat 3	Farmers Market, 9–11.30am		Village Hall
Tue 6	W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm		Village Hall
Wed 7	Ukulele talk, 2–3.30pm		Library
Sat 10	Linton Camera Club annual exhibition, 10–4pm		Village Hall
Sun 11	Wildlife Trust Annual Fair		Ramsey Rural Museum
Tue 13	Scrabble Club, 10–12pm		St Mary's Pavilion
Wed 14	Coffee Morning, 10–12pm		Free Church Hall
Wed 14	Big Life Talk, 6.30pm		Abington Institute
Fri 16	Big Breakfast Brunch, 7am–1pm		Hadstock Village Hall
Fri 16	Daylight Readers, 10.30am & 2.30pm		Library
Fri 16	Mary's Community Kitchen, 12–2pm		St Mary's Church
Fri 16	Bingo Night, 6–8pm		Hildersham Village Hall
Sat 17	Friends of St Mary's Coffee Morning, 10–12pm		St Mary's Church
Sat 17	Hadstock Silver Band concert, 7.30pm		St Mary's Church
Mon 19	W.Wickham Gardening Club meeting, 7.30pm		W. Wickham Village Hall
Tue 18	Historical Society, 7.30pm		Village Hall
Thu 22	Granta Grapevine AGM, 7pm		Chalklands Comm. Centre
Sat 24	Children's Light Party, 5–6.30pm		Free Church Hall
Tue 27	Scrabble Club, 10–12pm		St Mary's Pavilion
Sat 31	Halloween Party, 6–9pm		Hadstock Village Hall
Sat 31	New Cambridge Singers concert, 7.30pm		St Mary's Church
NOVEMBER			
Tue 3	W.I. Meeting, 7.30pm		Village Hall
Thu 5	Linton Roots Meeting, 6pm		St Mary's Pavilion
Sat 7	Linton Firework Display		Camping Close
WEEKLY			
Mon	Mini Movers, 10–11.30am		Cathodeon Centre
Mon	Junior Netball Club, U12s 5–6pm, U14&16s 6–7pm		LVC
Mon	Netball Club, Adults 7–8.30pm		LVC
Mon	Men's Keep Fit, 7.15pm		Comm. Sports Centre, LVC
Tue	Rhythm and Rhyme, 10.30–11am (term time)		Library
Tue	Granta Bridge Club, 2–4pm		Village Hall
Tue	Knit and Natter, 2–4pm		Library
Tue	Linton Lionesses Kick-about, 7–8pm		LVC
Wed	Tots in Tow, 9.30–11am		Village Hall
Wed	IT Drop In, 5–7pm		Library
Wed	Let's Run Girls, 7pm		LVC
Thu	Stay and Play, 10–11.30am		Cathodeon Centre
Thu	Baby Group, 1–2.30pm		Cathodeon Centre
Thu	Games Afternoon, 2–4pm		Library
Thu	Balsham Singers, 7.30–9.30pm		Sports Pavilion, Balsham
Fri	Lego/Duplo, 10–11am (1st 2nd & 4th Fri)		Library
Fri	Badminton Club, 7–9pm	C	Comm. Sports Centre, LVC
Sun	Church Services 8am & 10am		St Mary's Church
Sun	Church Service 10.30am		Linton Free Church

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The Marsh Mail

OUR Linton Learner values of care and independence have shone through at the start of this academic year, with students demonstrating exceptional leadership across the school.



A strong team of 8M8s (as in mates in Year 8) have helped our newest cohort of students to settle into life at LVC by supporting Year 7s to find their way around, joining their tutor time sessions and leading orientation activities. Meanwhile, sports leaders have acted as role models at the Jubilee Cup athletics event, at which LVC came 7th of those competing in the district. Sports leaders are also involved in stewarding Abington's upcoming Festival of Running.



We have recruited a new team of Year 11 Head Students to our Junior Leadership Team (JLT). Maddie, Joseph, Ish and Maja have ideas for a range of initiatives to enhance student wellbeing, house events and personal development opportunities at LVC. We have also recruited Deputy Head Students and House Captains to add leadership capacity to the JLT.

It was great to hear student representatives share their pride for the school at the open evening at the end of September. Their speeches highlighted the range of the enrichment that they have engaged in during their time at LVC, as well as their subject and learning highlights.

We are offering morning tours for prospective parents to be able to see the school in action ahead of the secondary school application deadline at the end of October. Please get in touch via reception@lintonvc.org to sign up for a visit.

Helena Marsh

News from the Heights

THE summer holidays were a busy and productive time at Linton Heights Junior School, with several improvement projects completed across the site.

The most significant development has been the refurbishment of the school hall. This has included a full redecoration, new noticeboards, electrical upgrades and the installation of a brand-new projector and screen. While there are still a few finishing touches to complete, the transformation has already made a huge difference. The hall is now brighter, cleaner and more welcoming for pupils, staff and visitors alike.



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Anderson Trust and our wonderful PTFA for their generous financial support, which has made many of these improvements possible. Their continued commitment to the school is greatly appreciated and benefits all our children.

The hall is also available for community hire and provides an excellent venue for parties, meetings and other gatherings. Anyone interested in hiring the space can contact office@lintonheightsjunior.org for more information.

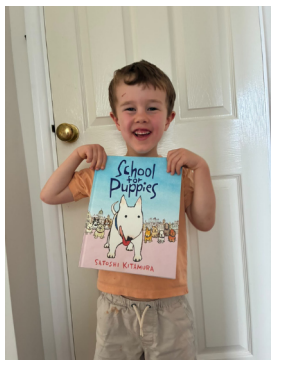
Looking ahead, we are now beginning fundraising to repair and improve our much-loved swimming pool, an important resource for pupils and the wider community. If you would like to support this project or find out more, please visit www.goodhub.com/go/lhjsswimmingpool. Every contribution, no matter the size, will help secure the future of this valuable and unique facility.

Caroline Webb

Linton Reads

WELCOME back to Linton Reads, a place for young readers to share book recommendations and encourage a love of reading throughout our community.

This month's review comes from Ben, aged 5, who has reviewed *School for Puppies* by Satoshi Kitamura.



"I loved *School for Puppies*! The story is nice and the pictures are great. The puppy goes to school where he learns to chase his tail and scratch his ears! He gets a bit lost on the way home but is so happy when he sees his owner Lucy. I got the book from Linton library—it's fun going up there to choose books."

If you would like to read *School for Puppies*, you can borrow a copy from the library for free! If a title isn't already in stock you can order it to come to your local library. If you don't yet have a library card, register for free at the library or through the Cambridgeshire Libraries website.

And now it's over to you... Is there a book you've enjoyed recently? We'd love to read your recommendations! Please send your review (of no more than 100 words) to lintonreads@gmail.com.

Happy reading!

Emily Steed and Tara Wheeler

October at the Library

WE are hosting a ukulele talk on Wednesday 7th October, 2–3.30pm, £2 per person. To reserve your place, call into the library or email cambourne.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

The library will be closed on Tuesday 6th October for staff training.

We will be celebrating Green Libraries Week from Saturday 24th October – pop in for some ideas.

Blood Pressure Monitors: Cambridgeshire Libraries are lending blood pressure monitors from all our libraries and mobile libraries. Any library member aged 18 or over can borrow a monitor for 3 weeks, for free. Ask at the library for information.

Rhythm & Rhyme: Tuesdays (term-time only) 10.30–11am for 0–4 year-olds, followed by Duplo. We would love to see you and your little ones there. Do you like reading stories aloud? We would like a volunteer to help at our Rhythm & Rhyme sessions. Ask at the library for more details.

Knit and Natter: Tuesdays 2–4pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on. All are welcome.

IT Drop In: Wednesdays 5–7pm. Knowledgeable volunteers are here to help with information technology.

Games Afternoon: Thursdays 2–4pm. Come and meet new people; board/card games provided or bring your favourite to share.

Lego/Duplo: 1st, 2nd and 4th Fridays 10–11am. Come along and entertain your 0–4 year-old.

Daylight Readers: Our book groups will meet on Friday 18th October, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm. The morning group would love to welcome new members. Come and check it out!

Vicky Anandraj and Ann King,
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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Hundred Parishes







AT the beginning of September, the Hundred Parishes Society held its 12th annual general meeting (AGM). Each year, we choose a different venue so we can introduce members to another location. Last year, for example, we went to Saffron Walden Museum, where we were given a guided tour.

In 2026, it was the turn of Great Waltham, one of our largest parishes. Before the meeting, I took some of our members on a short walk around the centre of Great Waltham village, pointing out a few of its many ancient buildings. We passed the 16th century private house called *Badynghams*, with four spectacular original chimney stacks, and then the war memorial where the 45 men from the parish are remembered.











We had a brief excursion into the Langleys estate, enjoying a view of its magnificent Grade I listed Georgian mansion, built in 1719 by the Tufnell family who still own it today.

We then made our way to the parish's Norman church. Churchwarden David Williams introduced the group to some fascinating features, especially the Everard memorial which is 400 years old.

A short walk took us back to the village hall for refreshments and the formal part of the AGM at which I and our chairman Douglas Kent were re-appointed.

Where should we go next year?

Photos clockwise from bottom left: Badynghams, Langleys gatehouse, Langleys, Great Waltham church, Chancel, Reredos, Everard memorial, Dragon on church lychgate

Ken McDonald, Secretary, www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Choral singing day at St Mary's

SINGERS are invited to St Mary's Church, Linton on Saturday 14th November 2026 for *Psalmscape*, a day-long choral event exploring the Psalms through music, organised by the Cantus Firmus Trust.

Running 11am–4.30pm, with registration and coffee from 10.30am, this is not a performance by the Cantus Firmus choir but a singing day for anyone who books a place: attendees themselves will sing music inspired by the psalms in a broad range of styles. It will be led by Music Director Richard Hubbard, with reflections from the Revd Emma Steadman, closing with a short act of worship using music learned during the day.

The Cantus Firmus Trust is a Suffolk and North Essex based charity dedicated to 'enriching Christian worship through music and the arts', running choral events, workshops and training days. *Psalmscape* brings that work to Linton's parish church for the first time.

The day is open to anyone who enjoys choral singing. The ability to read music is preferable but not essential. Bring a packed lunch. Light refreshments will be provided. A suggested donation of £20 per person is requested.

Advance booking is required so organisers can prepare enough copies of music. Book via the online registration form at www.cantusfirmus.org.uk/events/psalmscape.html where you can also find full details and printable posters.

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Linton and District Historical Society

THE first meeting of our 2026–27 season was well attended; when Bill Franklin gave an excellent presentation on *The Enclosure of Linton*.

Since medieval times, strips of land surrounding both small and large houses meant families could provide for themselves. The change to enclosure was to provide a better system for growing food for a growing population. This change, at the beginning of the 18th century, was a long and complex one and not without controversy. Using local maps, Bill was able to show how some of the landowners in Linton were affected. Pembroke College was one of them, who before enclosure owned 121.29 acres and after, 99.70 acres. Robert Adcock, a middling farmer, gained 32.18 acres.

We hope to see you on Tuesday 20th October for our next meeting. Our speaker will be Charles Parker, with a talk on *The Origins of Mathematics*. We will start at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall.

The West Wickham History Group will be presenting *Life in the Union* featuring Linton Workhouse on Monday 9th November, at 7.30pm in West Wickham Village Hall, presented by Janet Morris. There is a small charge for visitors.

As long standing members of LDHS are stepping down, we reiterate our request for a new chairman. This may well be the final report for LDHS unless someone will take on various tasks. Please contact via email ldhscambs@gmail.com to find out how to help.

Margaret Creek

The 2nd Big Life talk

DR Ruth Bancewicz will be giving a talk entitled *Wonders of the Living World; Curiosity, Awe and the Meaning of Life*. This is the second in a series of talks being organised by Abington churches as part of the Scientists in Congregations initiative and funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation. The talks address important life topics, delivered by leading figures from scientific, medical, technology and theological fields and are followed by a Q&A. Taking place on Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm, Abington Institute, with complimentary refreshments available on arrival.

"The first talk in May was well attended so we hope there will be a repeat for our second speaker, who is highly regarded," says Revd Hannah Threlfall.

Dr Ruth studied genetics at Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities and theology, ministry and mission at Spurgeon's College, Ridley Hall and Highland Theological College. She joined the Faraday Institute in 2006, was appointed as the Faraday Church Engagement Director in 2018. She remains a member of Christians in Science and is an elected fellow of their US counterpart, the American Scientific Affiliation. She is a Senior Research Associate at St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge and a member of City Church Cambridge where she serves on the pastoral team and occasionally preaches.

For more information please contact either Revd Hannah Threlfall or Tony Collett tony.collett3112@gmail.com.

Tony Collett

Battle of Assandun

IF you didn't manage to get tickets to see the Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum, then don't miss your very own local tapestry in the style of the Bayeux at St Botolph's Church in Hadstock!

The banners tell the story of the Battle of Assandun in 1016, in which the Anglo-Saxon King Edmund II suffered a crushing defeat by the Danes, led by King Canute. It is not certain that the battle took place here, but there is some very strong evidence.

Made in 2016 to commemorate 1,000 years since both the Battle of Assandun and of the building of St Botolph's church, the piece was commissioned by the Rev. Paula Griffiths and designed by Sonia Villiers, (picture below). Around 12 Hadstock residents volunteered their sewing skills to put the tapestries together over 5 months, leading to the blessing of the banners by the Rev Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, on 16th October 2016.



A fascinating booklet written by Rick Albrow is available in the church for £3.

The church is open daily from 9am–4pm.

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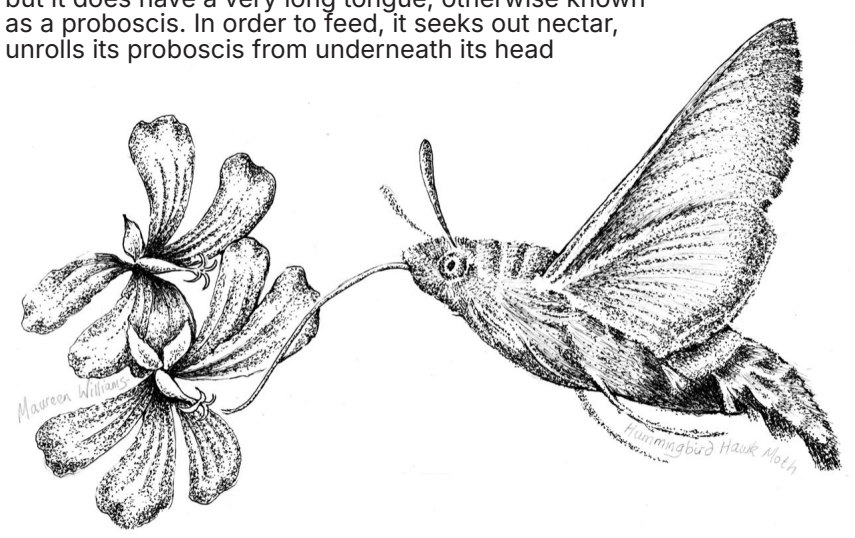
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Just one story of summer 2026 – the hummingbird hawk moth

WE thought we were special in having espied a hummingbird hawk moth on the lavender in July. Turns out we were one of 9,268 sightings already recorded by the vigilant and tech savvy on only one of those recording apps, and this was only the second week in August. The sight of our dust bowl garden has been a source of such little pleasure recently, so an unusual daytime flying whirling dervish was extremely welcome.

Its Latin name of *Macroglossum stellatarum* doesn't give much of a clue. It is 5–6cm long, grey-brown, with orange hind wings and a stripy tummy. The orange wings are visible from the side only, so if it is stationary, you might not notice it at all. Its wingspan is only 40–50mm. It doesn't have the beauty of the elephant hawk moth, but it does have a very long tongue, otherwise known as a proboscis. In order to feed, it seeks out nectar, unrolls its proboscis from underneath its head and off it goes down many tubular flowers that other insects can't reach. While the proboscis is delving the depths like a drinking straw, the moth is hovering like a kestrel but beating its tiny wings up to 80 times per second to stay still. It uses extremely accurate visual control, a bit like a microscopic aircraft refuelling in mid-air. Just as you get your eye in to watch it, it zips off elsewhere with lightning speed. In addition, its wings hum, which is an example of what is called convergent evolution, where two unrelated species, a moth and a hummingbird, develop similar traits because they feed in the same way. Actual hummingbirds are found only in the Americas.



So why are we seeing so many of these extraordinary moths this summer? The obvious answer is the hot and dry weather. It seems that the heat on the continent, the prolonged high pressure and the southerly airflows have meant that those moths usually staying abroad have come our way, searching for food. Not only are they coming here from abroad, they are also breeding here, usually on bedstraws or cleavers. They feed on buddleia, lavender, salvia, honeysuckle and red valerian, and travel hundreds of miles. Our milder winters mean more moths survive in tree hollows, sheds and dense vegetation. Next year there may be even more.

Climate change has turned the hummingbird hawk moth from an exciting migrant into a British resident.

Inside Cambridge's energy-smart homes: what 10 retrofits reveal

TEN homeowners across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire will open their doors between Tuesday 22nd September and Friday 18th October for this year's Open Eco Homes season, run by local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint.

The tours, offered in person and online, come as the city endures its fifth heatwave of the year and energy prices climb again, putting pressure on households to keep homes comfortable without paying more.

Visitors will see real-world retrofits, from heat pumps and insulation to solar panels, batteries, electric vehicle chargers and rainwater harvesting. Homeowners will describe what worked, what it cost and whether the results lived up to manufacturers' claims.

Visitors can ask questions and compare lessons learned. Organisers say the tours offer a practical way to see which home improvements are delivering—and which might be worth skipping.

Online Talks
The tours will be complemented by four online talks from subject-matter experts on battery storage, funding and grants, airtightness and retrofit solutions for different budgets.

The activities are part of Cambridge Carbon Footprint's Open Eco Homes 2026 season. The local charity supports people to move towards low-carbon living. Tours and talks are free, but donations are welcomed via its website.

Bookings
Bookings are now being taken via https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/open-eco-homes/ and https://www.facebook.com/CamCarbonFootprint.

Cambridge Carbon Footprint

Into autumn

WE would like to extend a thank you to all of you who worked on, donated to and visited the September Gardening Fair. It was a memorable day with many highlights, from the generous plant, produce and cake donations to the fantastic photo competition display, which featured 98 entries this year. Registration for Adam Frost's visit was also hugely successful and preparations are well underway for his visit in March.

This month's annual general meeting (AGM) will have a new, shorter format. All are welcome to attend the meeting at West Wickham Village Hall on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm. The AGM will last no more than 30 minutes. Non-members are welcome to attend and listen but will not be able to vote.

After the AGM, Sue and Clive Boase will give a talk entitled *Climate Change, Gardening and Us*. We are sure this will be well attended after the dry summer months!

As trustees of the charity Climate Change Gardening, they have a wealth of knowledge to share about the impact of climate change on gardens, how we can continue to have a productive and enjoyable garden, plus the range of measures that gardeners can adopt to help counteract climate change and support biodiversity.

As always, please do contact us with your ideas and thoughts:
Sally Collins on wwdgc@westwickham.org for further information about the Club.
Janet Morris on jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com for information about the Club's Plant Heritage and RHS membership benefits.

Sally Collins
West Wickham & District Gardening Club

Linton Roots' first AGM

WE held the first annual general meeting (AGM) of Linton Roots on 3rd September 2026. Kirsten Newble (Chair) gave a very positive review of the past year, highlighting several projects. These included the first Linton Repair Café where many repairs were carried out, thereby preventing items going to landfill. Members also planted yellow rattle plug plants in areas around the village as a prelude to establishing the areas for wildflowers. Several members led nature activities at the Linton Children's Book Festival. Material presented in the film *People's Emergency Briefing* has become a focus for future local projects. Finally, as a voluntary run group, we greatly appreciated a donation from the local Anderson Trust and ongoing support from Linton Parish Council.

Our regular monthly meetings are a useful forum for the exchange of ideas and making plans to increase biodiversity in Linton and to encourage us all to consider how we can live more sustainably.

Dates for your diary: On Saturday 7th November 10am–12pm we'd love you to join us planting native bulbs around the village. This is followed on Saturday 14th November by the return of the popular Repair Café, from 2–5pm in the Village Hall. Please get in touch if you would like to help, or if you need an item repairing.

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District and County Councillors' report – September 2026

Local Plan
SOUTH Cambridgeshire District Council has entered the final round of public consultation on its Local Plan, the document setting out where homes, public amenities and employment space will be built across the district over the next 20 years. This is the last opportunity for residents to comment before the plan is submitted to the government for examination by a planning inspector, who will determine whether it is sound.
The most significant proposal locally is Grange Farm, a new settlement north of Abington. Following over 1,000 responses to January's consultation, the council has reduced the plan from 6,000 to 4,500 homes, at a density of approximately 45–60 houses per hectare and increased the landscape buffer between the site and the Roman Road, a scheduled historic monument.

Water supply is a key factor in the timeline: construction at Grange Farm is not planned to begin until 2034, when a new pipeline from Grafham Water and a new reservoir in Fenland are due to become operational.

Residents wishing to comment, whether in support or opposition, can do so via the council's website: https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/proposed-submission-greater-cambridge-local-plan.

The full schedule of public events is available at: https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-and-neighbourhood-planning/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan-the-20-year-plan-for-the-greater-cambridge-area.

Local Government Reorganisation
Cambridgeshire's plans to reorganise its councils into a single unitary authority have been paused, with no date set for resumption. An announcement on the new council boundaries, originally expected in July and then postponed to October, will not now go ahead as planned. As a result, local elections for the new authority will not take place in 2027 as previously reported; the earliest date is now 2028, with the new council coming into being in 2029.

Other Planning Matters
A Development Corporation is to be established for the Greater Cambridge area, taking decisions on 'strategic sites' of 250 homes or more across South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City. Separately, the central government plans to give regional mayors expanded planning powers, including the ability to veto planning decisions made by local councils in the county.

Food Waste Collection
The next phase of separate food waste collections is being rolled out, with bins delivered from the first week of September. This part of the district is the last scheduled for the new service, due to start in October.

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An update from your local MP, Pippa Heylings

A summer of extremes
THIS summer has been extraordinary—we're on course for the UK's hottest on record, with South Cambridgeshire seeing five heatwaves, the driest July on record and drought conditions that have cut farmers' yields by up to half. I've been raising the alarm in local media. In Parliament, I'm pushing for renewable energy, new homes with cooling as standard, and a powerful Clean Water Authority to replace Ofwat — one with real teeth to make water companies invest and clean up their act.

Anglian Water's sorry excuses
Last month, within an hour of the first significant rainfall since June, our rivers were choked with raw sewage. Anglian Water blamed 'exceptional rainfall', but it took less than 1 cm of rain to trigger it. Its own figures show discharge levels are back to 2022 levels despite far less rainfall. It's long past time it invested in our region's infrastructure.

Our chalk streams are in peril
I toured eight local chalk streams this summer—among the rarest habitats on Earth—and saw rivers running dry or kept alive only by pumping, then polluted by sewage. I've introduced a Bill calling for UNESCO World Heritage status for our chalk streams, to help galvanise action before we lose them.

Out and about
This summer I've prioritised meeting you, with *Meet Your MP* events at Scotsdales in Shelford and on Cherry Hinton High Street and surgeries in Quy and Barrington. For an appointment, please email pippa.heylings.mp@parliament.uk. Register for my e-newsletter at https://www.pippaheylings.org.uk/newsletter to keep up to date with my work.



Planning applications

BETWEEN Wednesday 19th August and Wednesday 16th September there were no new planning applications according to the Greater Cambridge Planning website.

Linton Camera Club
Annual Exhibition

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Eclipse shining on a wall through leaves by Ann King

Stagecoach invests in extra training to prevent violence against women and girls

A MAJOR Cambridgeshire bus operator is set to introduce additional training to help bus drivers prevent violence against women and girls.

The Certificate of Professional Competence (CPC) Training Team at Stagecoach East will be taught how to deliver the course. Each year, all drivers with more than two years' experience must have extra training as part of their CPC.

Over the next 12 months, these drivers will receive a full day's training on recognising and reacting to violence against women and girls. Drivers with less than two years' experience will also receive local training. This is in addition to existing safeguarding procedures, including CCTV on each bus.

Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East, said, "Tackling violence against women and girls is something that we all need to take responsibility for and we are working very hard to play our part in this. We have no silver bullet and we cannot solve every problem, but we have the desire and the determination to play our part and over time our drivers will become ever more confident with what we are asking of them. We hope, because our buses are very visible during this training, along with the CCTV cameras on every bus, this will deter would-be abusers."

The move is in addition to Stagecoach East's partnership with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Police Authority and the Cambridge and Peterborough Rape Crisis Centre to form the Buses and Businesses Against Abuse (BAA) scheme.

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Parish Council matters

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Dogs - Best Practice Safety Plan

The majority of dogs are good natured, enjoy being walked, enjoy the fresh air and relish a change of scenery. Most are happy to meet new people and interact well with other dogs, often playing happily together. However, some dogs are not as sociable and can find spending time in public spaces stressful, perhaps reacting badly if approached or frightened.

The Parish Council has been in touch with local dog trainers, the Kennel Club and the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and would like to share the recommended Best Practice Safety Plan in case you are approached by an out of control dog in the village.

Best Practice Safety Plan when dealing with an aggressive dog

- **Never run** – this triggers a dog's natural prey drive
- **Stand as still as possible** – stop and stand as still as possible with your arms by your side
- **Avoid eye contact with the dog** – looking into a dog's eyes can be perceived as a threat by the dog
- **Create a barrier** – if a dog is approaching, create a barrier between you and the dog. It could be a handbag, a shopping bag, a backpack, a bike or a jacket
- **Do not pick up** – If you bend down you are placing the vulnerable parts of yourself (face/neck) at the dog's level. Move your small dog or child behind you.
- **Blow a whistle** – (if you have one) or shout and make lots of noise. Dogs are terrified of sudden loud noises as their hearing is extremely sensitive.
- **Use loud firm commands** STOP, OFF, DOWN, LEAVE, NO, BACK. Single words work best.

What not to do.

- **Do not kick** the dog
- **Do not scream and run**
- **Do not use pepper spray** – this does not work on dogs but could incapacitate you
- **Do not stick your hand out** to protect yourself – the dog may well bite your fingers or hand.

This is a very difficult situation to remain calm in and all the advice in the world may not work, but even if you can remember a couple of these actions it may help prevent you from becoming injured.



Linton Parish Council would like to thank all those involved in creating this Best Practice Safety Plan with a special mention to Leaps & Bounds - School for Hounds who are based in Bartlow and are always on hand for advice and dog training, and to PCSO Chris Wiseman for his support.

Linton Parish Council

Appeal for councillors

Linton Parish Council currently has four vacancies for co-option and would like to invite all eligible parishioners to consider joining the team.

WHY become a parish councillor?

Parish councillors are elected or co-opted representatives who volunteer their time freely to work on behalf of local residents. By becoming a Parish councillor you become a voice for your community, someone whom residents will look to for help, guidance and support. You will be involved in local decision-making and strategic planning for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of purpose and pride.

What skills do you need?

The Parish Council benefits from diversity and welcomes interest from all ages, backgrounds, experiences and knowledge. Good communication skills, being a good listener, problem solving, analytical thinking and being a team player are all advantageous attributes.

What are the duties of a parish councillor?

It is the duty of a parish councillor to attend every full Parish Council meeting (held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month). Linton Parish Council has three committees, Finance, Planning and Personnel, which councillors are invited to join. Committee meetings are also held monthly, except Personnel, and focus on the finer details of each topic.

In addition to the monthly meetings there are several working groups for specific areas such as youth, traffic, cemetery etc. Working groups often meet remotely to collate information and make recommendations to the Parish Council.

If you would like to find out more, pop along to the next monthly meeting to see the team in action, or contact the office team via email at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or by telephone on 01223 891001.

Linton Parish Council

Nature Day - 3rd October 2026

Linton Parish Council, Linton Friends of the River Granta (FROGs) and Linton Roots would like to invite all parishioners to attend the Nature Day on Saturday 3rd October.

The event will be held at various venues in Linton, with many activities and information to share.

A bulb planting session is planned (weather permitting), a talk by the Wildlife Trust, a Tree ID session with Ian Lorman, a local tree expert, and a second screening of the People's Emergency Briefing.

Please check social media and noticeboards for further details and join us if you can.

Linton Parish Council

Grant Funding 2027–2028

Every year the Parish Council has the opportunity to provide financial support to local clubs, groups and organisations.

Last year, grants were awarded for a variety of reasons, from the purchase of new equipment and kit, essentials for the community sports clubs, a contribution for a replacement boiler at St Mary's Church and a support for the Children's Book festival, which was enjoyed by our younger members of the community.



If you are an organiser, or member of a club, it is the perfect time to consider how the parish can help support activities you have planned for next year.

In the next couple of months, the Parish Council will be working towards a final budget for the next financial year, so we request grant applications are submitted in time for these discussions and decisions to take place.

Whilst there are some legal restrictions on what the Parish Council can offer funding for, support can be given in most circumstances. If you would like to find out more, please contact the office team who can advise you.

Please complete the application form on the Parish Council website and submit this, with a copy of the organisation's accounts by Tuesday 10th November.

Decisions on grant applications will be made on the information provided, so please include as much detail as possible on how your project contributes to the community.

If you are a new applicant or organisation and would like any further information, please contact the office for advice via email to enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or by telephone on 01223 891001.

Responsible Financial Officer

Thank you for summer fun

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for supporting the summer opening at the pavilion during the summer holidays.

Most days were well attended especially during the hot weather. It was great to see so many families enjoying the use of the facilities and enjoying refreshments.

Special thanks to Councillor Robin Williams who manned the fort every week day between 11am and 3pm and to the office team who were kept busy replenishing the stock.

Roll on next year!

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Parish Council minutes

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 20th August at the Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman's comment

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chair thanked Rosalie Campbell for her input to Parish Council discussions and expressed collective sadness for the loss of a strong, level-headed councillor.

Thanks were given to the Linton FROG and Cllr Smith for attendance at the litter pick held in July and it was noted that the afternoon slot had been appreciated by some of the attendees.

A recent riverfly sampling session held at the River Granta had shown that despite no rainfall and extremely low water levels the river is still showing to be just within the acceptable thresholds of water quality.

Open forum for public participation

Participant One requested the Parish Council consider waiving the hire fees for the pavilion for a charity match to be held on 20th September.

Participant Two confirmed attendance to answer any queries raised in relation to Linton Roots.

Participant Three confirmed attendance in relation to the Greenways Active Travel plans at Stantons Lane.

Participant Four confirmed attendance in respect of the Speedwatch volunteer's proposal for pedestrian crossings in Linton.

The Vice Chairman requested agenda item 106/26/27 be moved up to be discussed immediately after the public participation section of the meeting. All agreed.

Traffic and highways

Notification from Linton Community Speedwatch of discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) for the provision of pedestrian crossings. For information.

The Parish Council agreed to support the application and advise on the most appropriate locations.

Notification of changes to the proposed route for the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Greenways Active Travel Plan. Decision required.

Cllr Kell proposed that a letter be sent to Cambridgeshire County Council and the GCP expressing concerns about the plans to reroute the Greenways active travel route along Stanton's Lane. The letter should request a public consultation on the proposed change of use and its legal implications for the existing historic footpath, citing extensive safety concerns. It would also request that the Icknield Way be considered as a recognised historic monument and that an ecology survey be undertaken before any final decisions were made. Cllr Sanderson seconded. Agreed.

External and internal Meetings

Meeting report – LPC & Community Warm Hub held on 14th July. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting Report – LPC Internal Community Buildings working group meeting held on 14th July. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting Report – LPC and Beacon Youth Trust Quarterly Review Yr.2 Qtr.1. held on 20th July. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting update following the SAVE presentation held in Abington in relation to the proposal for development of Grange Farm at Little Abington. For information.

Cllr Kell noted a public presentation will take place in Linton during September.

Meeting Report - Chalk stream project meeting held with LPC, Linton FROGs and the Wildlife Trust Officer on 21st July. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting Report – Open Spaces & Environment working group meeting held on 21st July. *Written report available.* For information.

Cllr Kell thanked Linton FROGs and Linton Roots for their valuable input on the Open Spaces and Environment working group.

Meeting report – LPC meeting with LVCC in relation to the Regular User Agreement for the pavilion for 2026–2027. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting Report – LPC meeting with LGFC in relation to the Regular User Agreement for the pavilion for 2026–2027. *Written report available.* For information.

Meeting Report – Internal LPC Community Buildings working group meeting in relation to use of the Pavilion for 2026–2027. *Written report available.* For information.

District and County Councillors report – August 2026.

Written report available. For information.

County Councillor Henry Batchelor gave the following information in addition to the written report.

Local Plan – a further public consultation currently taking place following amendments, which is the last opportunity for comments, expiring on 20.09.2026. It was clarified that following the consultation the draft plan will be subject to approval by the CCC Cabinet Committee in October and to the District Council in December before being submitted to the Planning Inspector.

Cllr Henry Batchelor also spoke of multiple changes to the National Policy Planning Framework, currently the most prominent of which changes the scheme of delegation whereby any planning application of under nine dwellings will not be permitted to be referred by a Parish Council to the District Planning Committee unless requested by the District Councillor (DC).

DC John Batchelor spoke about the Local Government Reorganisation, explaining that the decision on Cambridgeshire is due in October. Cllr Batchelor added that following the reorganisation it is expected that Linton will have two unitary councillors, a reduction from the three currently in place.

Planning

Update on the Save Abington Village Environment (SAVE) presentation and appeal for funding. Decision required.

Cllr Smith proposed that without a mandate from parishioners in Linton and due to the requirement to reserve parish funds to fight potential appeals which may be forthcoming in relation to proposed development in Linton, the request for funding be declined. It was added that full encouragement be promoted for parishioners to independently support the SAVE group. Cllr Sanderson seconded. All agreed.

Finance

Quotes and contracts

Quotation received for the preparation work for the perimeter of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). Decision required.

Cllr Smith proposed the quotation for the preparation work for the perimeter of the MUGA be accepted. Cllr Mannassi seconded. All Agreed.

Quotation for further remedial works required at the Pavilion building in relation to Fire Safety. Decision required.

Cllr Kell proposed the quotation from MDH Construction be approved. Cllr Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Compliance and risk

Risk

Community Emergency Plan. Review and adoption of the draft document. Decision required.

Cllr Kell proposed the adoption of the Community Emergency Plan with the addition of provision in the event of an act of terrorism and consideration for St Mary's Church as a place of safety. Cllr Sanderson seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Community Flood Plan. Review and adoption of the draft document. Decision required.

Cllr Smith proposed the adoption of the Community Flood Plan. Cllr Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Open Spaces & Environment

Consideration of the declaration of a climate & ecological emergency in Linton. Decision required.

Cllr Kell proposed the declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in Linton.

Cllr Sanderson seconded. Five in favour with one against. Motion carried.

Consideration of nature recovery in Linton, including delegation of a full assessment and the development of a Nature Recovery Plan. Decision required.

Cllr Kell proposed the delegation of a full assessment and development of a Nature Recovery Plan for Linton to the Open Spaces and Environment Working Group. Cllr Sanderson seconded. Five in favour with one against. Motion carried.

Leadwell Meadows – Chalk Stream Project

Consideration of a contribution to the Chalk Stream Project to facilitate the provision of additional signage and a dog waste bin at the Leadwell Meadows. Decision required.

Cllr Sanderson proposed a budget of £800 as a contribution for additional signage, a dog waste bin and the installation of bike stands and a boot scraper. Cllr Kell seconded. All agreed.

Community Buildings

The Pavilion

Review of the Regular User Agreements 2026–2027 for Linton Granta Football Club (LGFC) and Linton Village Cricket Club (LVCC). Decision required.

Cllr Sanderson proposed the Regular User Agreements 2026–2027 for LGFC and LVCC be approved. Cllr Smith seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Cllr Mannassi proposed a budget of £300 for additional storage cupboards and noticeboards for the foyer at the pavilion. Cllr Kell seconded. All agreed.

Request from LGFC for the waiver of fees for a charity match scheduled to take place on 20th September in aid of Cancer Research. Decision required.

Cllr Sanderson proposed LPC waive the fees for this charity match, scheduled to take place on 20th September. Cllr Mannassi seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

The Cathodeon Centre

Quotation for work on trees in the grounds of the Cathodeon Centre. Decision required.

Cllr Mannassi proposed the quotation for the tree works in the grounds of the Cathodeon Centre be approved and the parishioner be advised of the revised dates. Cllr Sanderson seconded. All agreed.

Quotation for work on the rear hedge in the grounds of the Cathodeon Centre. Decision required.

Cllr Mannassi proposed the quotation for the reduction of the hedge including the removal of the self-set trees in the grounds of the Cathodeon Centre. Cllr Kell seconded. All agreed.

Youth

Update on the quotation from Holmes & Hill for the drafting of a land agreement between LPC and Beacon Youth Trust. Decision required.

Cllr Smith proposed the Beacon Youth Trust are advised of the quotation to regularise the arrangement for the use of parish land. Cllr Singh seconded. All agreed.

Clerk

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