

Sister to the rescue in infant school lunch crisis



Head above water: Kelly on the front line during lunch



Happy customers give their seal of approval

IT is well known that teaching can be a stressful profession, but for Kelly Harries, head teacher of Linton Infant School, Thursday the 10th of June was something else entirely. It was 10.30pm when she received a call telling her that due to the fallout from a positive Covid test, ALL of her kitchen team would be absent the next day.

The thought of catering for 160 hungry children with only 12 hours notice would be enough to induce panic in the sturdiest of characters, but for Kelly, a phone call to her little sister was all it took. The little sister in question was July Manning, landlady of the Dog and Duck pub, who together with partner and co-owner Samer Ghaiith and their kitchen team, managed to rustle up enough food to save the day. 150 portions of fish and chips formed the main body of the lunch, along with a bevy of additional options for those who required them.

Like any good sister, Julie made sure her sibling put in plenty of the graft, and Kelly was set to work with a specialist catering oven, cooking separate meals for those children who had dietary requirements and allergies. She also had the task of coming up with dessert.

A military scale operation then ensued in getting more than 160 meals from the pub to the school whilst keeping them hot, something nearly all members of staff were involved in.

The feedback from the diners was most positive, with empty dishes and smiling faces all round. Most amazing was the fact that the Dog and Duck did all of this in addition to their own business, beginning a fully booked service just an hour later. The day proved just what can be achieved when families and local organisations work together, not to mention cementing an even deeper respect for School Caterer Shelly Bourke and her assistant Sally Lawrence, who somehow manage to pull this feat off five days a week.

Linton News Team
Photos: Nicola Collard

Summer walks in the Hundred Parishes



Cows enjoy the sunshine at Hatfield Broad Oaks



Chishill Windmill near Barley

Independence Day



Maggie and Malcolm at home in Linton

IT is with sadness that we announce that at the end of this month The Revd Canon Dr Maggie Guite will be retiring and leaving St Mary's Church Linton, after six years in post as Team Rector. She will be much missed, not just in Linton but also in the other villages in the benefice. Maggie has led the church with a wisdom and gentleness which has seen it grow in many new and imaginative ways. For example, when many might have been thinking and planning for retirement, Maggie has faced the challenges and impact of Covid on the village and community she loves, working out how to sustain the life of the church. She has overcome her fear of technology and led church worship using Facebook live, Zoom and has been doing a series of podcasts titled 'Daily Prayer from St Mary's Linton' reaching an audience far beyond the village and developing a loyal following even in the USA! She will take her final service with us on Sunday 4th July at 10am. Weather permitting, this service will be in the churchyard behind St Mary's church. If you are able to, please come and join us. We wish Maggie and Malcolm every blessing for a long and happy retirement in Norfolk.

David Watts
St. Mary's Linton

WITH school holidays approaching and more people spending time near home, I would like to remind you of the walk routes that are on the Hundred Parishes Society's website and free to download and print. Over the last year or so, we have been steadily increasing the number of recommended routes. We now offer more than 75 routes covering some 400 miles in total with little repetition. Soon, each of the hundred parishes will feature in at least one walk. Most routes have a mixture of countryside and town or village.

There is a good range of distances, from one mile upwards. Station walks start and finish at railway stations and all others start and finish at a suitable place to park.

Our aim is to help residents and visitors to enjoy the area easily. The routes are planned so as to use good paths and quiet lanes, and to achieve an interesting mix of scenery. The descriptions seek to ensure that nobody will get lost and also to provide sufficient information along the way to make the outing interesting. The area's abundance of public rights of way,

its gentle natural beauty and wealth of listed buildings make this possible. Many walks pass or finish near a pub or tea room, thankfully now open again.

While we can plan the route to pass through attractive countryside and villages, we can't predict what pleasures nature may have in store: perhaps majestic cloud formations, the sights and sounds of birds, the variety of butterflies and insects, the scale of badger diggings, deer prints, even a glimpse of a hare or fox or herd of deer.

The seasons bring changes to trees, crops, wayside flowers and fruits. With such potential, each walk can be an adventure. We encourage you to carry a camera.

Ken McDonald
Secretary

www.hundredparishes.org.uk
Photos: Hundred Parishes Society

Readers write...

Dear Editor,

Is anyone aware that the buzzards and red kites above Rivey wood and the water tower have simply gone, does anyone know why?

I live facing Rivey hill and the water tower and have done so for the past 11 years. When I first moved in I was delighted to see one, maybe two buzzards over the years and until recently their number had risen to about eight in one sighting.

Then about five years ago red kites also started to appear within the same skyline. Sadly, I have not had a single sighting for approximately two weeks. Maybe they have simply decided to move on?

Denis Handy

Dear Editor,

Following on from the article on Cllr Brian Cox (Dr) and his forty years service with the Linton Parish Council, I would like to also acknowledge that while Brian was Chairman of the Linton Parish Council, he founded the Linton News. The monthly publication has gone from strength to strength and provides a vital link to our community. In addition, Brian was also responsible for obtaining the land along the river for the village and getting it designated a "Pocket Park." The ongoing commitment that Brian gives to the village is very much appreciated.

Jenny Seaward
Covering Clerk and RFO
Linton Parish Council



From the Editor:

We are delighted to report that the missing tortoise from last month's letters page was found safe and well in his owner's garden. Whether or not featuring in the Linton News prompted his decision to return is not known.

Jack Glossop

Shops recall pet food linked to rare cat disease

SAINSBURY'S and Pets at Home are among retailers to have recalled a type of dry cat food over a potential link to a rare and fatal cat disease. As a precaution, owners should return food made on behalf of the brands by manufacturer Fold Hill. Fold Hill and the Food Standards Agency say cats that eat it could be at risk of developing the bone marrow condition Pancytopenia. There has been a spike in cases in the UK the Royal Veterinary College said. The disease causes the cat's blood cell count to fall rapidly, leading to serious illness and sometimes death. Typically, we may see one or two cases a year, but we have now seen more than 10 cats with severe pancytopenia in the last four weeks, said a senior lecturer from the RVC. Given the rarity of this condition, the clustering of these cases is concerning. The college is aware of between 40 and 50 affected cats around the country. Some animals had become unwell at the same time and from the same household. Fold Hill Foods said products under the Sainsbury's Hypoallergenic Recipe range and Pets at Home Ava range are being recalled. Applaws products, which are sold by Amazon and other pet food shops may also be unsafe. The Food Standards Agency said that notices will be displayed at the tills of retailers selling these products and online. It advised customers to contact retailers if they had bought the food. Sainsbury's said, "we are not willing to take any risks where the safety of our products is concerned and so we are voluntarily recalling these products and asking customers not to use them and to return the packs to their nearest Sainsbury's store for a full refund. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause." Pets at Home said it was aware of the rise in Pancytopenia cases identified by the RVC. "This is a precautionary measure while further investigations are carried out and we are working closely with the Food Standards Agency, RVC and wider industry to determine the cause."

Linton News Team
Via national press release

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INSPIRING WOMEN

WE had a very inspirational talk from Dorothy Wood telling us how at the age of 62 she decided to go to university. Having left school at 16 she had a full life as a mother until she took a chance and fulfilled her dream of taking a degree. The course was Horticulture and Garden Design and she attended lectures for two days a week while earning her living as a hairdresser for the other three days. Even though she was the only mature student she did everything the others did (apart from clubbing). She would put on her overalls and steel toe capped shoes and learnt how to use all the power tools.

Learning the Latin names of over 80 plants and working in the laboratory was a challenge, but not as much as understanding how to design gardens on computers. After 3 years she graduated with a good degree and now uses her skills to redesign many people's gardens. She did admit however that she now does this on paper. Although it was very hard work, she loved every moment and has now written a book.

Our next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 6th July at 7.30pm. The talk will be given by Ruth Walne on Mercy Ships. New members are VERY welcome: please give me a call for Zoom details. We hope to resume meetings in the Village Hall on 7th September.

Sue Eaton
(893552)

Local GPs play major role in research during pandemic

LOCAL GPs in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough played a key role in finding ways to treat people with COVID-19 and other conditions over last year, data from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) show. Research staff at GP practices across the East of England ran 38 studies from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, resulting in the enrolment of 22,812 volunteers taking part in clinical trials.

GP teams are instrumental in delivering research into many conditions every year, including diabetes, stroke and heart disease, but last year saw their focus widen to helping find treatments for COVID-19. This led to a ground-breaking discovery that a commonly-used, inexpensive asthma drug may shorten the recovery time for people over the age of 50 with early COVID-19 symptoms. Results from the PRINCIPLE (Platform Randomised trial of Investigations against COVID-19 in older People), funded by the NIHR, showed that people aged 50 or over with early or mild COVID-19 symptoms who inhaled budesonide twice a day, for two weeks, had a shortened recovery time by an average of three days.

Recruitment for PRINCIPLE is still ongoing and participants can join from anywhere in the UK, either online, over the

phone or via a healthcare professional, and without needing face-to-face visits with the trial team in Oxford. It is currently the only COVID-19 trial being managed by GP practices and surgeries across the country.

In the East of England, over 220 primary care practices are involved in the PRINCIPLE study, having recruited over 300 volunteers to date. The study, led by the University of Oxford, is investigating a number of potential COVID-19 treatments which may help people to recover at home, preventing serious illness and hospitalisation.

Dr Anthony Gunstone of the Staploe Medical Centre in Ely, said: "The PRINCIPLE study is vital because it gives GPs in the community the opportunity to help investigate existing medicines that may help prevent serious illness and patients from becoming hospitalised. The news about budesonide is great as it means that there is now something we can offer our patients."

Budesonide is a corticosteroid commonly used around the world in inhalers and is one of several existing medications that have been investigated in the PRINCIPLE Trial.

Dr Gunstone said: "By investigating existing medications, the

PRINCIPLE trial is helping to better inform what can actually make an impact in recovery. Already, we know that both azithromycin and doxycycline do not have an effect on COVID-19 and this knowledge prevents patients from taking medicines that would not be beneficial to them."

PRINCIPLE has also discovered that azithromycin and doxycycline, two commonly used antibiotics, are not effective in reducing time for recovery or risk of hospital admission from COVID-19.

To find out more about the study and the criteria for participation, visit the PRINCIPLE trial website. More information about taking part in research and other opportunities to take part in COVID-19 research can be found at www.bepartofresearch.uk.

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Martin French

Linton Gardening Club

THE Gardening Club is looking forward to restarting its monthly meetings in September. Over the past few weeks it has held several pop-up self-service plant stalls to help fill the gardens of Linton and raise funds for the Club. Many thanks to everyone who has donated and bought plants.

The weather has provided an interesting first half to the 2021 gardening year. Many plants seemed to go into suspended animation for most of April and May but some much welcome rain and heat has now made everything flourish. Our garden and the whole village has become a sea of green and full of colourful plants. Unfortunately the weeds are also thriving. With everything growing at once in a bid to catch up, there has been lots going on with our vegetable plot, flower beds, patio containers and greenhouses. We have been busy potting on and planting out seedlings and young plants which we are using to fill the gaps in the borders left by the removal of the old spring bulb leaves and the fading irises.

We are both looking forward to visiting other gardens this summer which we missed doing last year. If you are thinking of places to visit, don't forget the National Garden Scheme (NGS). Its website, ngs.org.uk, lists the gardens, both local and further afield, which the owners are opening to the public for charity. Enjoy your plants and gardens.

Jim and Helen
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Blooming beautiful

Summer Time Scouting

LINTON 1st Scouts have returned to outdoor and indoor meetings (mostly outdoor as the weather is so good.) With a number of children gaining plenty of badges, enjoying outdoor activities and making plans for the future, it's almost back to normal.

The committee met recently to discuss developments and, moving forward, plans for 2021-2. We have a continuing need for both committee members and leaders: contrary to a lot of voluntary positions, there is maximum enjoyment for minimal time. Sections meet once a week, meaning leaders/assistant leaders need to give up 1-2 hours for this, and occasional meetings. Committee members have a two hour meeting once a term, with additional extra commitment on an even more sporadic basis, unless you have an officer position. Anyone over 18 who can pass a DBS check and is keen to get stuck in is welcome. On a more ambitious note, we would also love to find a (free/cheap) permanent home for all our kit, so if anyone has a weather and vermin-proof outbuilding within reach of Linton, please give us a call!

With a bit of luck we shall be able to have an end of term camp, so keep fingers crossed that lockdown is completely lifted so the children can enjoy a camp for the first time in a long while.

Ed Groenhart
Chair, 1st Linton Scouts
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Linton Infant School

AS I write this, we are still unsure about so many things. However, one certainty is that school life continues. Our Year 2 students will leave us to move onto the next stage of their education and we will welcome new students in September. We wish our year 2s the very best of luck and we can't wait to meet our new families.

We were delighted to take delivery of some new books for our library: thank you to Linton Children's Book Festival, The Anderson Trust, Harts Bookshop in Saffron Walden and Linton Library for making this generous donation possible.

This is the time of year we say goodbye to some of our staff. Mrs Cooper, our Assistant Headteacher is leaving us after 5 years for a new challenge outside teaching. Mrs Armstrong has decided not

to return after her maternity leave ends.

Mrs Green, one of our Midday Supervisors, has left after 13 years for a new challenge; and Mrs Parkinson, a Teaching Assistant at the school for 18 years, is taking well-earned early retirement. We will miss them all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the past year. Working in a school always requires going above and beyond, but the strains and expectations on school staff during the pandemic have been extraordinary.

I hope you all enjoy a super summer break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 2nd September.

Kelly Harries

2523 Linton Air Cadets

THROUGHOUT June we have been enjoying and making the most of the fantastic weather and light evenings. 2523's cadets have started all sorts of practical activities. One of the highlights has been the new drone technology we have on squadron.

Over a few evenings each cadet has been able to get to grips with the practical piloting techniques on at least one of several drones, which is not only good fun but also aids in teaching principles of flight and airmanship.

As we get back fully into the swing of training, nothing focusses a cadet's mind like a promotion board. Officer Commanding, Flight Lieutenant Tennison, is looking for the more senior cadets to step up for promotion.

This has led to a flurry of lesson planning from the cadets looking to impress, and we look forward to the cadet-led sessions including sports, uniform and standards, aircraft recognition, space & cyber and basic first aid training nights; all carefully watched and assessed by squadron staff.

This summer we look forward to continuing our progressive training syllabus and towards events that will see multiple squadrons get together. The first of these events is a sports, archery and BBQ day for the local squadrons in our sector. Both staff and cadets look forward to seeing friends and colleagues from other squadrons in this competitive, but fun, setting.

We are still open to new cadets so please get in touch to join today.

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THE summer sunshine was at least some compensation for the extended period of restrictions announced by the Government, but like so many we were disappointed that our long-awaited meeting planned for July had to be postponed. Our strawberry and cream scone tea party will however be held as soon as we can meet, which will hopefully be in September. (We don't have meetings in August.)

Meanwhile, we will be keeping in regular contact with our members by telephone.

If you or anyone you know would like to contact us for advice, information or support, our services are still available from the Cambridge central office on 01223 420033, or by calling the number below.

We wish all our members a happy and healthy summer and look forward to being together again soon.

Jean Mannion
893595

Sizzling summer term for Girlguides

WHAT a summer term our girls are having! There have been Promise ceremonies, trips to Wandlebury, kayaking, night hiking and cooking on campfires at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket.

Girls have built dens, played wide games and had a host of other activities. Even our leaders have had some fun with Trefoil Out and About too. Their campfire is coming up in July. We are also still Zooming, as well as having fantastic adventures online, gaining lots of different badges, and taking part in all sorts of Challenges.

Our region is Anglia and some of us are doing their 50th Birthday challenge 1972-2021 as they are 50 years old this year. The Jarman Centre held its annual car boot sale which was a roaring success. They are holding their lumberjack days and archery again if you or your firm are interested estate@jarmancentre.org.uk. Up and down the country we may not be able to sleep under one roof, but throughout the summer, virtual sleepovers are happening everywhere for girls and adults to take part in. Sleeping anywhere but your bed has led to dens in gardens, under tables or putting chairs together with blankets strung with fairy lights. We have also had fashion parades, making outfits out of old bags with every type of neckline imaginable. So much excitement, challenge and adventure I cannot list it all. If you would like to see more or join in the fun, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk

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Chocolate Welding

WHEN it comes to welding, the first material that springs to mind is definitely not chocolate. Logic aside, our Y6s had a wonderful time on 11th June, when they were visited by guests from *Form the Future* and the joining began...

Today we practised welding with Milky Bars. This was done by melting the sides of the white chocolate bars with hot water held in a bottle then sticking two pieces together.

This was difficult because the chocolate bars kept melting and snapping. Resilience was shown, and none of the groups gave up when this happened.

The bridges were left to set in the fridge. With the two V-shaped bridges we made, we then stuck them together to make a box bridge or a girder. We had to estimate

how many weights it would hold. We also estimated the load a single bar bridge would hold.

And so the testing began; gradually we added different weights to the bridge until it cracked or fell over. The results were surprising because our estimation was 500g for the box bridge and it actually held a whopping 900g. This was almost double the anticipated result.

It was a lot of fun working with chocolate and we would definitely like to do this again (provided we can eat the chocolate!).

Arlo and Sophie
Y6 Pupils
Linton Heights

News from St Mary's

SADLY, this is the last time that I am writing 'News from St Mary's'. I stop work as Rector here in Linton (and in our wider team of parishes - Bartlow, Shudy Camps, Castle Camps and Horseheath) on July 4th - six years to the day after I started work here.

I am very sorry to be leaving such a beautiful place with its active community, but retirement beckons. Malcolm and I would like to say goodbye and thank you to the many people who've made us feel welcome, and part of the village; not only those who come regularly to church, but those we've met through our dogs, as our near-neighbours, in the shops and pubs, and in the various activities of village life. Not least I would like to say goodbye to friends at

the Free Church and Cornerstone, to those I have liaised with in the Parish Council and Linton Community Help, to the family and staff of H.J. Paintin Ltd., to the communities of Nichols Court, Symonds House and the Junior and Infant Schools, and to all who support the Beacon Youth Trust.

The vacancy for the post of Rector may last up to a year; but with an energetic band of clergy and other ministers, your parish churches will go on serving and working with the local community in Christ's name, and will look forward to appointing a new Rector who will love the villages as much as I do.

Maggie Guite (rector@stmaryslinton.org.uk)

Hadstock village celebrates 1000 years with National Lottery support

HADSTOCK Parochial Church Council, on behalf of Hadstock Village, was delighted to receive a generous grant of up to £7200 from the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards the community's wide-ranging heritage project 1020-2020: A Thousand Years in the Life of a Village.

A further generous grant from the Diocese of Chelmsford of £1000 is also supporting the programme.

Last October, St Botolph's Church at Hadstock commemorated 1000 years since the consecration of the church built by King Cnut [Canute] in 1020. That special milestone gave a focus for celebrating village life through the centuries, and villagers had planned an exciting and fun series of events in the summer and autumn of 2020 to celebrate its 1000 years of history.

The PCC led the planning, forming an umbrella for willing volunteers linked into the other village community networks: Parish Council, Hadstock Society - Friends of St Botolph's, and the Village Hall Committee.

Sadly, months of lockdown and COVID restrictions made the many live events impossible. Undeterred however, the villagers have pulled together during lockdown to run a poetry competition, to prepare new books and leaflets about Hadstock and its history, and to develop a lasting digital legacy celebrating the Millennium on their newly relaunched and expanded village website, www.hadstock.org.uk. A special commemorative service was held in the church on 18th October 2020, on what is believed to be the anniversary of the consecration, with numbers restricted by COVID requirements.

The Millennium Celebration archive is due to go live by the end of June. It will include

- documents and historic photographs relating to the village's history, including details of the landscape and boundaries, field systems, and village house development
- pictures of historic artefacts belonging to the village
- a podcast of poetry celebrating rural life through the centuries from Chaucer to G K Chesterton, read by villagers
- pictures of paintings prepared by villagers celebrating the different aspects of Hadstock life
- a podcast of a Life Stories project supported by Cambridge University Department of Sociology, with young villagers interviewing longstanding residents
- a video of bee-keeping - an example of a craft common in rural villages over many centuries.

New publications prepared as part of the programme include a booklet bringing to life the stories of the 18 men commemorated on Hadstock's War Memorial who died in the First World War, and a leaflet describing the banners in the church made by villagers in 2016 which tell the story of the church's foundation.

Commenting on the award, Richard Dolby, Chairman of the Hadstock Society, said: "Hadstock has a wonderful story to tell about its medieval and more recent past. The village community is changing constantly and this multi-project Millennium Celebration, supported by a very substantial National Lottery Heritage Fund grant, provides a unique opportunity for sharing our heritage with a much wider village group, young and old. It will encourage greater participation in community activities, and strengthen pride in this very special village."



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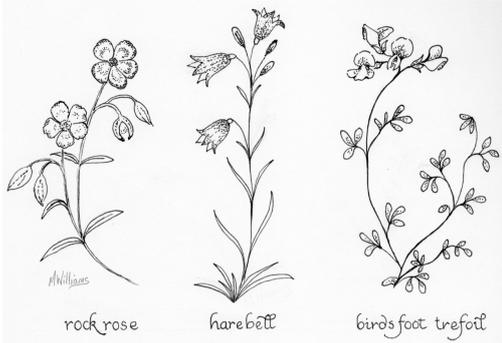
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Fleam Dyke, a profusion of wildlife

YOU have probably seen a brown sign somewhere, directing you to Fleam Dyke. It is on our doorstep, yet for years I completely ignored it. But it is well worth visiting on a regular basis. Even for a complete archeological philistine like me, it is fascinating. Fleam Dyke is the most complex of a group of similar linear earthworks that once ran from the wooded hills in the south of the county to the wet fen area of the north. An excavation in 1991 proved it was built in two phases, between 330 and 370, and between 450 and 620, by Anglo Saxon immigrants intent on defending themselves against Romano British attempts to recover their territory. It is a seven metre high linear bank and ditch alongside, running for four miles from south of Fulbourn to just near Balsham. Walk along and just imagine building that without diggers. It incorporates some of the Icknield Way, a pre Roman path, and one of only four in the country on which travelers had royal protection, whatever that means. It is a scheduled monument and an SSSI. Way back, all of this area was chalk grassland grazed by sheep, but in the last 200 years, in our relentless pursuit of food, it was all ploughed up for arable farming. Little survives, just the ditch and bank which were impractical to destroy and plough. The rabbits took over and maintained the original habitat, but with Myxomatosis in the last century, it

became scrubby and overgrown. Now it is regularly cleared and mown thanks to the great works carried out and commissioned by the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke. They produce an excellent book and leaflet describing the walk and what you might see. You don't need to be any kind of naturalist to be blown away by the wind, the views and the flora and occasional fauna. In great profusion are rock roses, vetches, wild thyme, salad burnet, restharrow, milkwort, and eyebright. Later on in the season there are ladies bedstraw, knapweed and associated broomrape, yellow rattle, squinancywort, orchids, scabious, bellflowers and harebells, catmint and the wonderful ploughman's spikenard. Who makes up these names? A little study is amply repaid. With the variety of flowers comes a profusion of insects, and there is a team that have monitored which



butterflies are present on every single different day throughout the summer. This is a rather serious sort of dedication. More than 20 species of butterfly have been recorded, along with bees, beetles, crickets and grasshoppers and numerous anthills. All these insects bring whitethroat, yellowhammer, buntings, skylarks, pipits, linnets and the soaring buzzards and kites. There are rabbits, hares, deer, weasels, stoats, foxes and badgers. Ben's eyes have glazed over in hearing about this, but I hope some of you will be more interested.

Symonds House needs green fingers!



Do you have some spare time to help keep Symonds House grounds looking pretty?

COULD you spare us some time to volunteer in the grounds of Symonds House? We would love to have some assistance with general weeding and tidying. We would be most grateful! If this sounds like you, please respond by email or call Catharine on 891237. symondshouse@google-mail.com

POT POURRI 193

How many in each Carton?

I ordered 7 small and 18 large cartons of identical nails. When they arrived, all the cartons had split open and the nails were loose. How many nails were there in each box if the total number of nails came to 233?

Pot Pourri 192 - Two digit Odd Numbers Pot Pourri 193 - How many in each Carton?

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Sue King

The Marsh Mail

THE country's first ever *National Thank You Day* takes place on Sunday 4th of July. There are a great number of people to be thankful to who have played instrumental roles in our lives over the past year. Having just passed *Thank a Teacher* day, I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight and praise the work of all staff members at the College.

The national news has been dominated by features on education over recent months, particularly in regards to catch up plans and speculation about changes to the school day and assessment. The media hasn't fully recognised the amazing efforts of the profession at this exceptional time. Teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to support children with their learning, in spite of the relentless number of challenges faced. The uncertainty and pace of change has been exhausting, especially given the changes to the school environment that we are managing such as nomadic teaching. Teaching staff have just completed the gargantuan task of setting, assessing and moderating internal GCSE assessments to arrive at Teacher Assessed Grades this year.

All of this additional work, usually administered by exam boards, has been completed in addition to regular duties. I am proud of the care and commitment that staff have invested in this process and they way in which they continue to adapt and respond. It has been disheartening to have to continue to change plans this year and scale back or cancel events that are usually highlights of the school calendar. The publication of our enrichment week plans for 2022 were met with much excitement by our Year 8 students. The LVC ambition for all Year 9s to experience a residential trip will hopefully be possible once again next year.

In the meantime, I am also extremely thankful to our wonderful school community who have coped admirably with all of the changes this year. Students have demonstrated a great deal of resilience, bringing several of our Linton Learner attributes into sharp focus (care, responsibility and independence in particular). I am also grateful for the support and understanding shown by LVC parents.

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Friday 16 th	Food van - Wandering Yak	5 - 8pm
Wednesday 21 st	Quiz	7:30pm
Friday 23 rd	Food van - Vonnies Balkan Express	5 - 8pm
Saturday 24 th	Live music - Kyle Chater	7:30pm
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Regular venue established for Make Lunch Linton

WE have all experienced our own struggles over the past 16 months – for some families who had been ‘just about managing’, life has become much more difficult.

Make Lunch Linton is a partnership between TLG, a national network supporting children, and St Mary’s Parish Church, hoping to make a difference to vulnerable families in Linton. We are delighted that after months of planning and training we can open the doors of our Holiday Lunch Club on July 28th! The club will provide a safe space for fun activities, games and crafts, together with a delicious hot meal.

We welcome families with primary and pre-school-aged children to join in a caring intergenerational community. You will need to book by email cafml@stmaryslinton.org.uk, through your school office or on Facebook: MakeLunchLinton.



Make Lunch Linton Holiday Club

Fun activities and a hot meal

Sign up cafml@stmaryslinton.org.uk or on Facebook [MakeLunchLinton](https://www.facebook.com/MakeLunchLinton)

Where: Linton Infant School hall

When: Wednesdays during the summer holidays

Time: 11am till 1pm

Further details from Sarah cafml@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Sarah Thorne

District and County Councillors Report – June 2021

A1307 Update

The process of upgrading the road continues, as you may well have seen, the installation of average speed cameras between Linton and Cardinals Green has been completed and these are now working, so please do obey the speed limit! The next schemes to be implemented will be the signalised crossing at Hildersham, the junction work at Dean Road and the roundabout installation at the Bartlow Road junction, Linton. The only scheme that hasn't been fully ratified yet is the Linton 'Greenway', a non-motorised user route, that runs from the new park & ride site on the other side of the A11 from Abington, all the way through to Linton. It's the route itself that still needs to be decided upon. The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring; they are public so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones to have an input. There is a meeting of the Joint Assembly on June 10th that will look at the schemes along the A1307, discuss, and then make recommendations to the Executive Board, who have the final sign off on any work. The main topics for discussion at this meeting will be mainly concerning the schemes from the A11 going west towards Cambridge, so not 'our' part specifically but an area that would still affect us.

Covid

With England due to come out of all lockdown restrictions this month, the support available from local authorities won't cease. If you know people that are still vulnerable, who could use more support, then please do get in touch with Henry and John, they will be able to signpost people to the various support channels available at both County and District councils. Please do also encourage people that have been offered the vaccine to have it.

Business Grants

Now that the Covid related business grants will cease as we come out of all lockdown restrictions this month, the District Council is investigating ways to continue to financially support business regrowth in South Cambs. There will likely be a new pot of money to apply for from July onwards. More details to follow.

Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

The County Council are currently running a consultation on the creation of a local walking and cycling infrastructure plan for Cambridgeshire. They are looking for some initial feedback on the proposals before the close of the consultation on July 13th. Please do feedback any thoughts for our local area that you may have as it could shape the future of walking and cycling in our part of the world. www.consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021

East West Rail

For those keeping an eye on the developments of the East West Rail project, you will have seen that there is currently an open public consultation on the various route options, once the railway reaches Cambridge. If you have any views, you can input until June 9th – www.eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation

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County & District Council – Henry Batchelor

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Submission of details required by condition 19 part(iii) (Post Excavation Assessment) of planning permission S/1963/15/OL Open for comment icon
Land South Of 69 To 89 Bartlow Road Linton Cambridgeshire
Ref. No: S/1963/15/CONDH | Validated: Thu 24 Jun 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

TPO 0028 (1973): 5 DAY NOTICE - Beech (1) - Fell (urgent) (25+ metres tall tree next to house, Helical crack measuring approximately 2.5 metres in length situated at 7.5 metres above ground level on east side of trunk (incipient failure). Crack progressing upwards and already occupies nearly 50% of trunk circumference. Bark flaking off and black flux exuding from below the wound. Entire weight of tree crown is suspended above defect. No option for remedial tree surgery with this defect.)
21 Green Lane Linton CB21 4JZ
Ref. No: 21/0719/TTPO | Validated: Fri 11 Jun 2021 | Status: Decided

Submission of details required by condition 4 (Joinery) of planning permission 20/05359/LBC Open for comment icon

2 Church Lane Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX

Ref. No: 20/05359/CONDA | Validated: Fri 04 Jun 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Structural repairs to stabilise the roof and rear wall and strengthen the first floor with new joists above the existing. Take up existing (first floor) floor-boards and refit over the new softwood floor joists. Replace pebbledash with render with insulation. Alter two bay windows to relate to the new render line and extend the window sills to suit. Stripping out more recent ground floor toilet and remove partition to facilitate new kitchen layout. Insulated stud work to internally line single skin brickwork to rear lean-to. Install new partition to create toilet/bathroom and separate the storage/admin. area from the stair at first floor level. Install drainage to suit new sanitary ware at first floor level and box in s.v.p. and electricity meters at ground floor level. Build new stud work partition to create a store within the recess adjacent to the chimney breast. Replace 'modern' window and door in rear single storey area with a double glazed painted timber replacements. Replace rainwater goods with black painted/prefinished metal. Open for comment icon

61 High Street Linton CB21 4HS

Ref. No: 21/02551/LBC | Validated: Tue 01 Jun 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey dwelling Open for comment icon

48 The Grip Linton CB21 4NR

Ref. No: 21/02445/FUL | Validated: Fri 11 Jun 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Install Hardie Plank cladding in Woodland Cream colour to match existing painted render to the front elevation of the property. Open for comment icon

32 The Grip Linton CB21 4NR

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Flood Warning! Let's get prepared...



AS I write this article the weather is glorious, hotter than the Algarve according to the weather reports! However, the ongoing threat of flooding in the village has been our focus this month.

Following on from meetings with the Local Flood Authority, the Environment Agency, the County Council and District Council it is essential that we update our Emergency Plan, so that when the rain comes and the risk of flooding returns, we are prepared as a community to spring into action.

There are three main flood risks in the village, River flooding, Surface Water flooding and Permeable Geology flooding, caused by the unique mix of chalk and gravel in our soil. Each one is a threat; any combination has historically been disastrous. Many residents were affected by the floods in 2001 and again in 2014, data shows that this type of disruption will happen again. The Parish Council are currently challenging flood data, to protect the village and ensure that the information used by developers is accurate. We cannot stop the forces of nature, but we can be prepared for such an event. We need members of the local community to help create and manage a plan of action in the event of an emergency.

The Linton Parish Council is busy setting up a new working group for EPIC, Emergency Planning in the Community, and we invite you to get in touch with the Parish Council office if you are able to assist in any way. In the next few weeks we will be in touch with individuals, organisations, and businesses who we hope can offer their help, as and when it is required. We will also be sharing information on the Village Notice Boards and Facebook to raise awareness and encourage action. **Clerk.**

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 15th July 2021. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm. At the time of writing the extent of the easing of restrictions is still unknown and therefore we must continue to apply a booking system for meeting attendance. If you wish to participate please contact the Parish Council Office by email so that we ensure we comply with the current guidelines on capacity and social distancing. If you would like to address the Parish Council, but are unable to attend the meeting please contact the office for further guidance. Those attending the meeting must wear a mask and adhere to the one way system on entry and exit.

There will also be a meeting scheduled in due course for the EPIC working group. We will share details on social media for you as soon as possible. Please also refer to the article on Flooding in this edition of the Linton News and contact the office if you would like to get involved. **Clerk.**

The Meadow Skate Park Get your Skates On!



THE LINTON Parish Council is pleased to announce that The Meadow Skate Park was officially opened in June 2021. After several years in the planning the project has finally reached completion, just in time for the summer holidays. The Parish Council hope that children of all ages will be able to enjoy the Skate Park for many years and particular thanks is given to Cllr John Bald, Cllr Lee Gardner and Cllr Chris Hine for persevering with the project.

Canvas Spaces were pleased to receive and utilise your feedback from our questionnaire to create the final design. Over the past few weeks they have been busy, constructing half pipes and hubba bars to ensure that all users experience the thrill of the ride.

Safety is very important when using an extreme sports facility and we would like to advise all users to wear suitable protective equipment such as a helmet, knee pads etc. Please respect the Skate Park and other users. It is only to be used with Skateboards, Inline skates, BMX bikes and Scooters. Please refer to the notice board for more information. Stay safe and enjoy the facility.

The Village Play Area upgrade is complete for now. In the past six months it has been the focus of the Parish Council to create new adventures, local to home, for the young people in our village. With this exciting equipment now in place, it is hoped that families and friends can enjoy spending more time together on our Recreation Ground. **Clerk.**

Parish Progress

AS WE reach the half way point in the year, we are pleased with the progress made in many areas. We have now completed the Play Area upgrades and the Skate Park, which were a priority for the Parish Council, before the main summer holidays. We have installed several new benches and bins, both of these are ongoing projects and new bins are also on order for Stantons Lane and the Recreation Ground.

Work in the Cemetery is complete for now and discussions continue for further improvements in this area.

We are still working with Cambridgeshire County Council to find solutions to the surface water drainage on the Rivey bridle-path. As soon as we have further news we will let you know.

We suffered a set back in June with the bus stop on the High Street being vandalised which will cost the Parish over a thousand five hundred pounds to repair! To put it in perspective, this is equivalent to three extra benches and two bins. We have reported the crime and hope to catch those responsible.

It was a pleasure to get involved with the Linton Litter Pick at the end of May and we hope to be able to schedule another for the Autumn. Thank you to Helen Brookes for her organisational skills and enthusiasm, and to all the residents who participated on the day. We borrowed litter pickers, gloves and equipment South Cambs District Council and managed to collect over twenty bags of rubbish and recycling. **Clerk.**

Planning Updates April - May 2021

PLANNING Updates:
LDP Call for Sites - Social Media websites are very active following circulation of information from developers submitted as part of the Local Development Plan "call for sites". To be effective, submit your comments to SCDC - it is not enough to post on social media, and petitions only count as one letter, so please comment individually. LPC meets developers to hear their proposals. Councillors are restricted in what they might say, but we listen and prepare for any applications. In all, 13 sites around Linton are part of the consultation, for which LPC submitted initial comments. In the autumn we will hear if any are forwarded as potential sites for the Local Plan. Village input would then again be welcome.

Bartlow Road - Several Conditions are not resolved, yet some are being decided by delegation to the officers, despite being at appeal. LPC expressed concerns over this conflict and whether it is correct procedure. Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water and Landscape remain as major areas for objection. LPC representation to a Planning Inspectorate Inquiry would be appropriate. A contentious meeting with developer, Highways and LPC regarding a road closure to install a wider roadway from the site to Crossways. Highways insist that all permissions must be in place, before this can happen, some of which are disputed.

Horseheath Road - Again several conditions are not resolved, including Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water and Boundaries. The distance between current and proposed housing has probably been measured from within current properties and is disputed. The SUDs scheme has no natural watercourse, so overflow would also go to Bartlow Road sewers (already over capacity with foul water) and overflow into the village. Please report any drain overflows to Anglian Water.

35 Balsam Road - 20/05250/OUT - infill house. In principle there were no objections, but concerns raised on impact on neighbours, safety, the shared drive, etc. This was taken by SCDC Planning Committee as it was land owned by SCDC, and approved.

25 Rivey Way 21/01212/FUL - 3-bed attached dwelling - in principle no objections, but concerns over size and drainage, to be addressed by amendments.

41 Back Road 21/01237/FUL - 2 new dwellings and garages. Revised designs submitted but many concerns remain. Most significant Beech trees have already been lost and more trees proposed to go, so screening further reduced with further impact on Conservation Area.

Meeting updates:

GCSP Planning - 24th May - updates on Chalk Stream Action Plan, Village Design Guides (how the community sees its village and defines its character), streamlining of Planning Enforcement. Neighbourhood plans to have further support to bring these to fruition. Proposed changes to planning system include not accepting amendments that do not need consultation but this will not apply to exception or strategic sites. Changes to planning law in Queens Speech - perhaps hold ups are not due to planning law but the unsuitability of what the developers propose?

GCSP/CSET update - 27th May - further discussions of details of A1307 and Greenway, timing of work on Bartlow Road Roundabout, signalised crossing of A1307 at Hildersham. Support for Traffic Hub at Bartlow Road which could be raised in priority as need is recognised.

Floods and emergency plans 2nd June with Linton-specific meeting next day. Types of flooding (surface water, watercourses and groundwater) how to prevent, prepare and deal with them. A plan is needed for Linton. **Cllr Enid Bald.**

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at The Village Hall.

Election of the Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr John Bald proposed that Cllr Merrie Mannassi enter a third year as Chairman of the Linton Parish Council. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded and put to a vote. 6 in favour, 4 Abstentions. Agreed. The Chairman signed the Declaration of Office form.

Election of the Vice-Chairman and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed that Cllr John Bald enter a third year as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Amy Smith and put to a vote. 4 in favour, 6 abstentions. Agreed.

The Vice Chairman signed the Declaration of Office form.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked the Council for the vote of confidence and re-election. The Chairman also congratulated County Councillor Henry Batchelor on securing his position as County Councillor in the recent elections and thanked him for his continued support. She also thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for preparing the meeting, recognising the extra work required under the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Open Forum for Public Participation.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council.

Participant 1 addressed the Council to request permission to hold an event on Camping Close on 24th/25th September. Cllr Enid Bald proposed the event be permitted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Participant 2 read a statement regarding the ongoing issues of obstruction on the Market Square.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Notification of the reduction in rateable value from £6,500 to £3,750 for the Parish Council Office at the Village Hall. Amended Business Rates bill expected in due course.

The Clerk explained that the Business Rates bill had been received and had been reduced dramatically. The Council thanked the Clerk for successfully achieving the substantial saving.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for May 2021.

District & County Councillor Henry Batchelor explained that following the election the political balance of the County Council had changed, with no party majority. A joint agreement had been reached and initial priority would be given to Highways, as this was the most common area of concern for parishioners. Election turn-out for Linton was the second highest in the country at 49%. A brief update was given on the new Mayor who won through the second-choice vote and his first act was to dismiss the Cam Metro proposal. It was also stated that the Mayor had reinstated the Milton Road P&R service, which had been temporarily suspended to increase capacity on the A1307 bus route serving the village. County Councillor Henry Batchelor confirmed that he will be Chair of Planning for Cambridgeshire County Council. District Councillor John Batchelor advised the Council of the GCP meetings to be held week commencing 24th May 2021. He also advised that those testing positive for Covid-19 had reduced again and now stood at 11/100,000, however the number of positive cases were rising in the city of Cambridge. Traffic Wardens in the village was also discussed and Cllr John Bald requested that vacancies for the position be advertised in the area as there were potential candidates living locally.

Cllr Enid Bald reminded District & County Councillor Henry Batchelor about requesting reasons for the unsuccessful LHI bid. CC Henry Batchelor apologised and assured her he would act on the request. Cllr Kate Kell requested enforcement on traffic issues, namely speeding and illegal use of the bus lane. CC Henry Batchelor stated that he would look into the matter but added that

there is no legal requirement for bus lane cameras in rural areas and cost may be prohibitive.

Committees, Working Groups & Council Representatives.

Confirmation of the Councillors currently on the Committees of the Linton Parish Council and an invitation for any changes.

Finance Committee.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that Cllr Lee Gardner join the Finance Committee. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Planning Committee.

Cllr John Bald stepped down from the Planning Committee.

Personnel Committee.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that Cllr Lee Gardner join the Personnel Committee. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Working Groups for 2021/2022.

Confirmation of the members of the Working Groups of the Linton Parish Council and an invitation for changes.

Allotments. No changes.

Churchyard. No Changes.

Open Spaces, Cemetery, Environment & Glebe Land.

No Changes.

Policies & Procedures Review. No Changes.

Recreation Ground, Venture Playground & CCTV.

Cllr John Bald joined the working group.

River, Wildlife, Leadwell Meadows and Rights of Way.

No changes to the working group and it was suggested to invite Helen Brookes of the Linton Frogs to join.

Traffic, Parking & Speedwatch.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi joined the working group.

Website & Media.

Cllr Enid Bald stepped down from the working group.

Cllr Lee Gardner joined the working group.

Youth.

Cllr Lee Gardner stepped down from the working group.

Parish Council Representatives - Confirmation of the existing Councillors who represent the Linton Parish Council and an invitation for changes and/or new nominations.

Allotment Association. No changes.

Cathodeon Centre Trustees. Cllr. Chris Hine stepped down from representing the Council for the Cathodeon Centre Trustee Committee. Cllr Lee Gardner volunteered to take his place.

Linton Granta Football Sports, & Social Club. Cllr Paul Poulter to continue to represent the Parish Council with the Club. Cllr Lee Gardner also requested to represent the Parish Council on the Linton Granta Football Sports, & Social Club Committee.

Linton Parishes Publication Directors inc. Linton News. Cllr Enid Bald stepped down from the role. Cllr Brian Cox to continue. The Clerk was asked to contact the Editor of the Linton News to ensure the Parish Council is included in the activities of the group.

Linton Parish Charities. Cllr Simon Hill to continue representing the Parish Council with the Linton Parish Charities. Cllr Lee Gardner volunteered to join the Committee.

Tree Warden. Cllr Kate Kell to continue in the role of Tree Warden for the village with Cllr Enid Bald supporting.

Linton Village Hall. Cllr Lee Gardner to continue to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Trustee Committee. Cllr Merrie Mannassi to stand in if required.

Police Liaison. Cllr John Bald stepped up to represent the Parish Council on Police Liaison.

Planning.

Bartlow Road. Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/2501/19/RM. Cllr Enid Bald gave an update stating that amendments to conditions were still pending. The appeal process was ongoing and a Planning Inspectorate Officer had not yet been appointed.

Horseheath Road. Update on the land south of Wheatshaf Barn, Horseheath Road

development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM.

Cllr Enid Bald confirmed that LPC was still objecting especially with regard to boundaries, surface water flooding and foul water drainage and is still in dispute with Anglian Water.

Finance.

Confirmation of the opening of a new savings account with The Cambridge Building Society with £1000.00 as a minimum initial deposit and level required to earn interest.

Confirmation of the opening of a new savings account with Nationwide. Request from the clerk for authorisation from the Full Council to complete the initial deposit of £5,000.00 due to the postponement of the next Finance Committee meeting to 24th June 2021. Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Clerk be authorised to make the deposit. Cllr Paul Poulter seconded.

All Agreed.

Quotations, Membership renewals and Donation requests: Consideration of membership of the ICCM at a cost of £95.00 per annum to allow for ongoing support & guidance for the Burial Officer from qualified officers.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed to gain membership of the ICCM to support the Burials Officer. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the quotation received from Wicksteed for £648.80 inc. VAT to repair the Aerial Runway as required by the Zurich Play Area inspection carried out 12.03.2021.

Cllr Paul Poulter proposed the quote to repair the Aerial Runway be accepted. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. All Agreed.

The Meadow Recreation Ground.

Cllr John Bald updated the Council and stated that the Skate Park was progressing well and should be completed in two-three weeks.

High Street

Consideration of Cambridgeshire County Council proposed TTRO for extension of 30mph speed limit on Bartlow Road and additional street lighting for the new development. Response required by 02.06.2021. Cllr Kate Kell proposed the Council object to the TTRO stating that access had not been discharged for the reserve matters on the planning application. Cllr Enid Bald seconded.

All Agreed.

Trees, Biodiversity, River Care and Wildlife.

Consideration of parishioner's request for a Nature Conservation Plan for Leadwell Meadows and the future management of the area including additional volunteers for the Working Group for this area. Cllr Enid Bald advised that the Parish Council have a conservation plan in place and invited the parishioner to join the working party comprising members of the LPC and the Frogs and also to refer to the Linton News (June Edition) for an update.

Zero Carbon Community Grant. It was discussed and decided to delegate this to the working party responsible for the River, Wildlife, Leadwell Meadows and Rights of Way to put together an application. A working group meeting would need to be arranged.

Meetings Dates.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm to which all Councillors will be summoned. For Information.

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

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