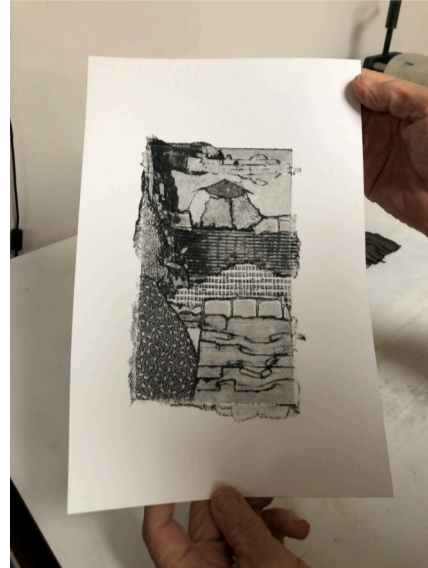


Anderson Trust 2024 Grant Allocations

THE Anderson Trust was established in 1998 as a result of the sale of Church Cottage in Linton, the former home of Professor Charles and Mrs. Mary Anderson. According to the terms of the Trust Deed the purpose of the charity is to promote the Christian religion in and from the Parish of St Mary's, Linton; to sustain the Church of St Mary's and worship therein; to promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, particularly for the benefit of the Church School and of religious teaching in Linton and for any other charitable purpose for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton. At a meeting of the Trustees, held on March 4th, £12,600 interest, received from investments, was approved, according to the priorities stipulated in the Trust Deed, for distribution to the following applicants: £5,000 to the Beacon Youth Trust towards the salary and on-costs of a Youth Worker; £3,000 to St Mary's Church for refurbishment of the Pavilion kitchen, £500 for a first aid course for the Make Lunch team and £200 for Godly Play materials; £800 to Linton Infants School PTFA for Balanceability and Scooterwise lessons; £600 to Linton Infant School for the repurposing of disused cloakrooms; £1,300 to Linton Heights Junior School for decodable books and £600 to Linton Village Cricket Club towards the replacement of a sight screen. The Trust currently has a vacancy for a co-opted Trustee. If you are interested in supporting the work of the Anderson Trust, please contact our Secretary, Judith Tonry, at cma@tonry.co.uk for further information about this position. An invitation to apply for 2025 grants will be issued in the November edition of the Linton News.

Gillian Powell
Chair of Trustees 893664

New courses at Cambridge Makers



WE are delighted that David, long-term stained glass course attendee, is now the editor of the *Linton News*. If you see him around the village, ask him to show you his impressive array of creations; from Angels for the grandchildren to wedding décor for his daughter, he has been most prolific! Jenny (LN distributor) has also been able to rejoin us now we have printmaking courses back in action thanks to the lovely Charlotte Aldis joining our tutor team. We have a few new tutors which means an even busier programme of courses: Charlotte teaching printmaking; Melanie teaching textiles and mixed media; Lisa teaching art history and felt making; Matty teaching tapestry weaving; Susan teaching hat making, and Jeremy teaching four shaft table loom weaving. We'll soon need another unit on the Grip!

Cläre Basel, Linton artist often featured in exhibitions at *Gallery Above & Beyond*, is teaching both a drawing and a painting course on Thursdays. Places are now available to book for our April-July term, if you are looking for ways to free your expression and make time for art practice. We love seeing all the creativity around the village, including the *Arts & Minds* project, and we are excited to contribute to the Linton Quilt. In other news, we now have a lift available for course participants, so if you found the stairs challenging it may now be more manageable. Our new term for weekly courses at Cambridge Art Makers starts in April and we're looking forward to it. It's sometimes a quieter term so a lovely opportunity to try out something different by joining a weekly course with us. We still have a wonderful selection of short courses too and we'd love to see you!



Exploring Intaglio Printmaking



Rosemary Bangham
Cambridge Makers

'Favourite Things'
Textile & Mixed
Media Course

The Community Quilt is Growing

OUR Linton Community Quilt project is growing fast! We now have over 20 completed squares from individuals and groups around the village. Granta School 6th form students who study at The Hive in Abington used fabric mosaic to create their squares, proudly showcasing their learning environment, and Starfish class at the main school used fabric paint in spectacular colours to showcase their talents. Working together, staff, pupils and volunteer grandmas are creating lasting memories and forging new community partnerships in Linton through the quilt-making. Daytime workshops offer resources, expertise and a chance to meet other crafters in small groups to get your creative juices flowing! Saturday dates for Quilt Workshops: 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July. All run from 3 - 4.30pm. So, do join us to continue our journey towards creating a lasting memory of life in Linton in 2024. Your contributions will be made into wall hangings to be displayed in public spaces in the village from Spring 2025. Call or message Carol on 07721 761 550 or email lintoncommunityquilt@gmail.com for more information and to receive your starter pack.

Carol Balfe



Some of the squares made for the Community Quilt by pupils at the Granta School

Spring COVID-19 vaccine at Granta Medical Practices

NHS UK will contact you direct if your NHS medical record suggests you may be eligible for a Spring COVID-19 vaccine. You may be offered a spring COVID-19 vaccine from April 2024 if you:

- Are aged 75 years old or over
- Live in a care home for older adults
- Are aged 6 months old or over and have a weakened immune system

When available, there will be different ways to obtain your vaccine, including:

- Booking online
- Going to a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site
- Through your care home
- Via one of the community services

If you go to a walk-in centre please remember to take your invitation letter with you. When we receive further information about the Spring vaccine, we will let you know.

Sandra East
Head of Patient Services
cpicb.grantapatientservices@nhs.net



Rotary Thanks Local Residents for their Support

SAFFRON WALDEN Rotary thanks all those who kindly donated food, clothing and household items and cash at our collection held on March 2nd, at Great Abington School, thanks to the support of headmaster Guy Underwood.

Residents from Abington and the surrounding villages responded so well to the third collection held in Abington that the parked UK-Aid van was full by the end of the morning. In addition, over one thousand pounds was also generously donated that will buy four generators that are desperately needed where no power supplies are available.

Organiser Rotarian Tony Collett, said 'We are very appreciative of the support we receive which together with the ten collections we have held on Saffron Walden Common means that we are one of the major donors to UK-Aid, the Felsted based charity that takes everything to distribution centres in Moldova and Ukraine for the benefit of Ukrainian refugees. This all starts with the kindness and generosity of local people - thank you.'

Tony Collett

ON the second anniversary of the war beginning in the Ukraine, St Mary's held a vigil in church. This was attended by nearly fifty people from the village. The retiring collection raised over five hundred pounds for charities working in Ukraine.

David Watts

World Book Day at the local schools

At Linton Infant School

FOR World Book Day, we asked the children (and staff) to come dressed as a hero or villain character. We had Spiderman, Batman, Cruella, Maleficent and Harry Potter, along with numerous other heroes and villains! We were lucky enough to be extremely well supported by Christiane, our local Usborne Books representative who held a book fair after school for parents and children to browse and order some of their fantastic books. It was such a great day with Hulk Spaghetti and Evil Peas for lunch! We also held a Book Swap and each child was able to take home a book to enjoy.

Over the February half-term, we challenged the children to carry out 'Acts of Kindness' and we have been humbled by some of the stories we are hearing of how Kindness was shown. We heard of children fetching things for Grandma who isn't very mobile, holding the door open for strangers at swimming, sharing sweets and snacks, tidying the lounge, helping with a baby sister, the list is endless.



Four of the best Cruellas

Some of you I know stumbled upon one of our more unusual acts of kindness around the village with chocolate bars placed in random places waiting for a lucky person to find and enjoy! We are so grateful to our families for supporting this challenge.

We are now looking forward to the Summer term, where we start to prepare the children for the next stage of their education and welcome parents of our starters. We have a meeting for parents of those children joining us in September on Wednesday 15th May at 6pm. If you have made an application to join our school, please do come along, we are looking forward to meeting you!

Emma Hicks

At Linton Heights Junior School



Where's Wally and Hermione Grainger

ON Thursday 7th March pupils and staff at Linton Heights enjoyed a truly wonderful World Book Day. This year, our theme centred around the fantastic book 'The Lost Words' poem collection book by Robert Macfarlane, laced with beautiful illustrations by Jackie Morris. Y6 explored the texts through analysing the poems (Conkers, Bramble, Willow and Kingfisher), sewing creative appliques of the animals and plants in the book, and delving into some chalk pastel drawings of the willow tree.

At their choice, pupils came into school in a fantastic array of colourful characters including: The Wizard of Oz's Dorothy, Harry Potter's Hermione Granger and Room on the Broom's cat, dog, dragon, frog, witch and bird. All these creative costumes displayed the magical influence of these books – even the staff all came dressed as Wally from the Where's Wally books!

After school, Mrs Komodromos, the inspiring head of English at Linton Heights, led a book sale where second-hand school books were sold at 50p each. This raised a massive £64 which the school will spend on new books.

The 2024 World Book Day was a huge success, displaying the importance of reading and the joy of discovering new stories. Through the years, pioneering authors have opened worlds of imagination for all to read. Here's to books!

By Emma and Erin Y6

At Linton Village College

AT LVC we are lucky to have a thriving and popular library. Run by our amazing librarian, Mrs Hay, the library serves as a hub for our student community. Dawn has been our librarian for over six years now and works tirelessly to instil in our students the love of literacy and reading. The reason, she says, she became the librarian in the first place.

To commemorate World Book Day, we welcomed Mark Woodley, an ex-LVC student and published author, for a visit. Mark entertained students across all year groups on World Book Day with a book signing and informal chat over lunch followed by a Year 8 talk on the struggles of writing and becoming a published author. Students were enthralled by a giant-sized lost hammer of Darkerden which features in Mark's first book.



Mark Woodley, students from LVC and the lost hammer of Darkerden

The library is first a centre for learning and love of books. Students in Year 7 use the space for a paired reading initiative before school, where some of our Year 10 students sit down and listen to them read and support them in being more confident readers. The Lexia literacy programme for Years 7 to 10 helps students improve their grammar, comprehension techniques and ability to use language and new words.

In the next few weeks, the library will host our infamous Harry Potter night for students in Year 7. Dressing up, games, Harry Potter crafts and a themed buffet make this night one the students always remember.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Linton C of E Infant School - Vacancy for a Clerk

WE at Linton Infants School are looking for a Clerk to our Governing Body.

We are a small school with a strong Christian ethos. Our governing body is made up of Foundation Governors, parents and staff. We are seeking a Clerk to provide an efficient, administrative service.

We hold between 10 and 15 meetings per academic year. These meetings are held in the evening during term time and last around two hours. This is a mix of smaller committee meetings with a primary focus, and Full Governing Body meetings.

Your role will include:

- Collating agenda items and discussing the structure of agendas with the Chair and Headteacher;
- Preparing and distributing the agenda, minutes and supporting papers for meetings;
- Maintaining the minutes' book and ensure that minutes are formally agreed and signed;
- Acting as correspondent for the governing body in respect of all formal communication with external agencies;
- Holding legal and reference materials as a source of information for the governing body;
- Advising the governing body on changes to existing procedures;
- Where necessary, arranging and administering elections or appointments to the governing body;
- Undertaking training to improve and update own skills and performance.

If this is a role you are interested in, we would love to hear from you. The role is paid, how much will depend upon the level of relevant experience and knowledge you have. For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Miss Emma Hicks at the school office office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk, telephone 891421.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Emma Hicks

At the Granta School

WE have had another busy month at Granta and both the staff and students were definitely ready for their Easter Break. World Book Day this year saw us hosting a 'Supertato' themed day. Students were encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite Superhero with the inspiration taken from the book 'Supertato'.

During the day students involved themselves in all of the activities we had on offer, from creating their own 'Supertato' stories, visiting our Superheroes in training, light room and a vegetable scavenger hunt. We also ran a dress-the-potato competition; all entries were brilliant, which made judging very difficult.

This month, back by popular demand, we hosted our Granta School Disco; it was great to see so many of our students taking to the dance floor and enjoying themselves. A big thank you to FOGS for organising and running the event and to all of the parents who accompanied their children on the night.

As we move through the Summer Term, we have lots of exciting events planned including: Sports days, DoFE expeditions, Wimpole farm and Midsummer fayre trips, our 6th form prom and our Summer Fayre, which this year is booked for Saturday 6th July 12-3pm.

Emma Jennings
Communication Officer

A J Pest Control Ltd

Local Professional Service
Member of NPTA
Domestic/Commercial/Agricultural
Experts in all areas of pest control



Mice, Rats, Wasps, Bees, Hornets, Moles, Moths, Ants, Bed Bugs, Fleas, Flies, Squirrels, Birds, Woodworm.

Tel: 01799 542 505 Mobile: 07855478824
E-mail: info@ajpestcontrol.com www.ajpestcontrol.co.uk

ADMIRAL ESTATES

Residential Lettings and Property Management

- Local, Family Run, Business
- Fully Regulated, Compliant and Qualified
- Specialists: Cambridge, Linton & Local Villages
- 25 Years Experience

If You Prefer Great Service From A Good Local Business? Why Not Call Us?
Check Out Our Google Reviews: Cambridge Office or Our Local Linton Office.

Call us Now: 01223 891227
www.admiralestates.co.uk



- Eco-friendly products and refills for the family & home.
- New GOTS organic cotton clothing, baby to teen & adult.
- New wooden toys, arts & crafts.
- Buy & sell preloved branded children's & maternity clothing, books, and games.

www.ecobecambridge.co.uk

Email: hello@ecobecambridge.co.uk Tel: 07359 215373
Eco Bee, 12A High Street, Fulbourn, Cambridge, CB21 5DH

Rewilding
By Diana Catchpole-evocative
gallery above & beyond

10th April – 18th May 2024
Opening hours 10:00 – 5:00
Wednesdays to Saturdays

Now open
Vintage & Collectibles

94 High Street, Linton, Cambridgeshire CB21 4JT www.galleryabove.co.uk
T: 01223 894899 M: 07909 981827 E: info@galleryabove.co.uk

Chesterford HOME CARE
AWARD-WINNING SUPPORT
From the leading local homecare provider
Caring with head and heart.

Reliable and flexible daily visiting care
Our individually-tailored packages are designed for adults of any age who require regular help or support in their own home. We cater for a wide range of needs, including:

- Assistance with personal care
- Administration of medication
- Companionship and sitting service
- Shopping and meal preparation
- Transport to medical and other appointments



GREAT BRITISH CARE AWARDS
REGIONAL WINNER
2020

Live-in care – the cost-effective alternative to residential care
A bespoke live-in care service – each client benefits from their own unique blend of companionship, cooking, house-keeping and personal care designed to help them maintain their independence and continue living happily and safely in their own home.

Call us in confidence 7 days a week on:
0800 411 8636 | chesterfordhomecare.co.uk

Bentens

Accountants and Tax Advisors

Abbey House, 51 High Street
Saffron Walden

01799 523053 www.bentens.co.uk

The Bardfield Artists

Eric Ravilious and Edward Bawden were both Royal College of Art students when, on a cycling holiday, they happened upon Great Bardfield in Essex. There, they rented Brick House, starting a fascinating period for the village. Over the next two decades, numerous artists came to live there; they became known as The Bardfield Artists.

In 1932 Bawden married fellow student Charlotte Epton, a potter, and his father bought Brick House as a wedding present for them. In the same year Ravilious married Tirzah Garwood, an artist and engraver, and they lodged for a while with the Bawdens at Brick House.



Edward Bawden's logos at Tottenham Hale and Highbury & Islington stations

Bawden's work can be seen today on three Victoria Line stations – Victoria, Tottenham Hale and Highbury & Islington – for which he designed the logos.

Another artist, John Aldridge, bought Place House in Great Bardfield in 1933 and soon became friends with Bawden. They produced Bardfield Wallpaper together for the company Cole & Sons to distribute.

A good selection of the Bardfield Artists' work can be seen at Fry Art Gallery in Saffron Walden – it reopens on April 7th – see <https://fryartgallery.org/> for opening hours. In Great Bardfield, books and other information about the artists can be purchased at the new premises of *Between The Lines* bookshop.

Ken McDonald, Secretary
The Hundred Parishes Society



THE Hundred Parishes logo, a wood-cut by the late Eric Ravilious



Brick House, Great Bardfield

Ticket sales open!

BARTLOW 3 counties 3 CHARITY WALK

Sunday 5 May 2024

TICKETS are now on sale for this year's Bartlow 3 Counties Walk.

Prices held once again, so it will be a really good value family day out.

Look online at bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk

Discounts only available online.

13-mile 3 Counties Walk, plus a 9-mile and 6-mile walk. All go through Langley wood, where there will be toilets and refreshments including the wonderful Kitsch Hen. This year there will also be a memory wall to remember those affected by cancer.



Check-in times for the main walks are 9.30-11.30am. If you are planning to do the 13 mile walk you should plan to leave by 11.15am.

There is a fun 1-mile walk too, for all ages with an interesting nature theme this year.

The bar will be open after the walks with local beers and soft drinks. Saffron Grange will be there selling their lovely sparkling English wine. Burgers, pizzas, coffee and cake also available. Linton Jazz will be entertaining us.

There will be children's activities in the afternoon with face painting, a bouncy castle as well as tractor and trailer rides on the farm.

This year we are raising money for 3 local charities: Tom's Trust, a local charity caring for children with brain tumours; Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital; and Bartlow St Mary's Church Porch restoration.

Duncan Ogilvy 01223893644



Calling all crafters!

I AM organising a Crafter's Destash Event at Hardwick Primary School, Limes Rd, Hardwick CB23 7RE on Saturday 18th May from 11am to 3pm.

What is a Destash, I hear you ask? It is, essentially, a tabletop sale, providing crafters with the chance to sell their excess supplies, and buy more items that they want. In addition, it enables new or beginner crafters to gain from the experience and knowledge of more experienced crafters in a fun and friendly environment. Environmentally, it helps keep items from going to landfill, too. It is NOT a craft fair!

This is the first such event for the area. There are loads of crafters out there, especially since Covid. This is the opportunity they have been waiting for! Who knows, sellers might even find new and exciting bargains all around them that they want to buy instead!

We will be raising money for local charities EACH and SfC (Scrubs for Cambridgeshire). There will be only around 30 stalls so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Admission will be free. Coffee and homemade cakes will be available all day. Everyone is welcome, so hope to see you there!

Clare Diston

Jumble sale

CHALKLANDS Community Centre are having a jumble sale on Saturday 18th May from 10am to 2pm.

We would be grateful for any donations such as:

- clothing,
- books,
- toys,
- puzzles,
- knickknacks
- garden plants

Donations can be left with Iris and Cate at number 124 Chalklands. All welcome.

Catherine Jones

Exciting local outings by bus

1. Journey from Linton to Bartlow on the No. 19: explore the exhilarating and historic Three Hills or visit the unique and enchanting village church. This service is run by Star Travel.
2. Journey from Linton to Great Abington on the No. 13: explore the picturesque and quaint village of said name, or indulge in a visit to the pleasant *Three Tuns* pub. This service is run by Stagecoach East.
3. Journey from Linton to Newmarket on the No. 46A: explore the heart of horseracing or enjoy the various shops and eateries; there is always plenty to do in Newmarket. This service is run by Star Travel.
4. Journey from Linton to Saffron Walden on the No. F29: indulge in the lustrous Saturday market or walk in the quaint history and lively vibe of said town. This service is run by Essex and Suffolk Dart.

Why is using the bus great for you and your community?

- It massively reduces traffic congestion, therefore contributing to less carbon emissions.
- You can relax and enjoy the splendid local scenery passing you without the stress of being at the wheel.
- It means you do not have to worry about finding somewhere to park.
- You may meet interesting people while on the bus.
- Some Stagecoach buses have USB charging so you can top-up as you go!

Oscar Anderson

BLOODY MARY
Specialist in all types of residential & commercial painting & decorating (01223) 890349

PINK GIN FIZZ
Specialist in all types of residential & commercial painting & decorating (01223) 890349

THE DOG & DUCK
63 HIGH ST. LINTON
01223 890349

LIVE JAZZ - FIRST SUNDAY EVERY MONTH
FISH & CHIP OFFER - EVERY WEDNESDAY
LIVE MUSIC - ALTON WAHLBERG
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE

WWW.DOGANDDUCKLINTON@GMAIL.COM
FOR ALL INFORMATION

www.AllstarCleaning.me.uk Ltd

Your Local, Professional, Carpet and Upholstery Technician Dean
16 years' experience

Package to suit every level: Basic, Pet Treatment or Carpet Protector

cleansmart trained technician **Carpet moth removal and prevention**
Upholstery and rug cleaning services

Contact Dean on 01223 654652 or info@allstarcleaning.me.uk to make an appointment.
Allstar Cleaning, 14 Hillway, Linton, CB21 4JE

lintonerown@yahoo.com www.erownatlinton.co.uk

The Crown Inn

Monday-kitchen temporarily closed
Tuesday-Steak Night £11
Wednesday-Sausage & Mash £6.50
Thursday-Fish & Chips £8.50
Friday-Burger Night £10

11, High Street, Linton, Cambs.
01223 891759

Westlakes
PAINTING & DECORATING

Interior & Exterior

Mobile:
07917890752

adam_westlake@hotmail.com

LINTON PAVING COMPANY

YOUR LOCAL LANDSCAPING
BLOCK PAVING & PATIO
SPECIALIST.
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Int/Ext Painting, General Repairs
FRIENDLY SERVICE.
FREE QUOTATIONS
Tel: Andre Jacobs

Mob:
07765 594398
Office:
01440 702498

THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN

PSH Electrical Services

Rewires, New builds, Extra lights, Extra sockets, Repair works, Garden lighting, Showers

Registered NIC EIC domestic installer
email
pshelectrical27@gmail.com
telephone 07867980738

CHRISTOPHER MARKHAM HOME & GARDEN SERVICES

Interior/Exterior Decorating
Fencing, Guttering
Turfing, Garden Clearance
Lawn & Hedge Cutting
Decking & Patio Cleaning
Patios & Driveways

Call on
(01223) 892889
or 07973 294946
No job too small...

15% OFF for new clients this Spring!

Wellness within Reflexology

Mobile Reflexology Treatments Also Available In The Comfort Of Your Own Home

Call Or Email Jeanine To Book A Treatment

07974 921069
hello@wellnesswithinreflexology.co.uk
www.wellnesswithinreflexology.co.uk

GARDENER
N.C.H. QUALIFIED

All garden maintenance including:
Weeding - Mowing
Hedge cutting - Turfing
Garden clearance
Shed /fence treatment
Hard/soft landscaping

For a friendly professional service please call:

Darryl Tilling
01223 892133
or
07981 904895



Country Matters

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams



Snowdrops

BIT late in the day to write this, but there was a choice between the truly massive and controversial subject of Fen drainage, and the humble snowdrop. Our local National Trust at Anglesey Abbey knows how to draw the crowds on a miserable, wet February day. You can barely find a space in the vast car park from Christmas till Easter. What is it about them?

Snowdrops seem to us harbingers of better times to come, and together with aconites are the first blooms of the year. They have many names, such as Snow Piercers, Fairmaids of February and Dingle Dangles. Their Latin name is *Galanthus Nivalis*, and though they are not a native plant, they might as well be. There have been records of snowdrops in UK gardens since 1597, and in the wild since 1778. We all know what they look like. Or do we? Turns out there are over 1000 varieties of snowdrop, and I know for sure there are people in Linton who are self-confessed *galanthophiles*. This term, meaning an enthusiastic collector and identifier of snowdrop species, was first used decades ago by plantsman E. A. Bowles. These *galanthophiles* have been breeding, swapping, buying and selling snowdrops for centuries. I looked at the hundreds of photos on the RHS website and, even enlarged, I could barely make out the minute differences between them. Just about managed the double and single flowering species.



What is it that makes them come up so early, be so resilient and survive such harsh conditions? The average date for snowdrops to appear is January 26th. But with every one degree warmer the average January temperature is, the first flowering snowdrop advances by 3 days. Their early appearance means there is less competition for light, nutrients and pollinators. In woodlands they flower early, taking advantage of the sunlight before the leaves are out. They are much tougher than they look. They have hardened tips on the leaves to push through the often semi-frozen ground, and their cells contain anti-freeze proteins. When it freezes they just droop resignedly and wait for better times. Bit like us.

What is still more impressive is that they have heat-reactive flowers – the tepals are thermotropic, meaning they move with the temperature. When its below 10 degrees Celsius the flowers close to protect the pollen, and when above 10C they open up for business. Their nectar attracts early bees, and they produce *Galantamine*, a treatment for early onset Alzheimers. They are, however, poisonous to dogs.

As this is a country matters and not a gardening column, I will finish on the perennial question – can you pick snowdrops in the wild? Unlike bluebells, here's the situation: *Providing that the plant you are picking part of is not protected and is growing wild, and you are not going to sell it, then it is not unlawful.*

Gardening Club Diary

AT the club's March meeting, Jim Paine gave an interesting and wide-ranging illustrated talk on *Trees for All Seasons*. With anecdotes from a career in the plant nursery trade, he entertained us with his hints and tips for successful tree growing in gardens of all sizes. For example, cordon grown fruit trees provide maximum produce and variety in a small space. Think of the year-round impact of each tree including blossom, Autumn colour, fruits, and winter structure. Also consider the ultimate size of each tree and its impact on your garden's microclimates, and your neighbours! Newly planted trees must have regular watering during their first summer and will benefit from being kept weed and grass free and mulched at the base. Finally, avoid *leylandii* for hedging!

Despite the miserable weather of late, it was lovely to see that bulbs I planted last Autumn flowered well. One of our unnamed indoor succulents has flowered again and we will soon have a bird of paradise flower too.



Bird of Paradise flower

In the last few weeks, I have been potting up pelargonium and plectranthus cuttings in fresh compost and sowing tomatoes and annual flowers in trays of seed compost. They are indoors on a warm windowsill until fully established and will go into the greenhouse once the nighttime temperatures permit.

The next meeting on Tuesday 9th of April will be a talk on *Compost - All You Ever Wanted to Know!* by Andrew Babicz. The meeting takes place in the Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, starting at 7.30pm. There will be teas, a raffle and a bring-and-buy table. Free entry for members and £3 for visitors.

The club still needs a new Chairperson, a new Secretary and additional committee members if it is to continue. Please let me know if you can help out at this critical time for the club.

Jim and Helen
Linton Garden Club
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk
893577

ACE Spring Lunch

ACE are having a Spring Lunch for their meeting on Thursday 2nd May, 12.30pm in the Pavilion on Linton Recreation Ground.

This will also be the opportunity to book your place for the trip to Stamford, taking place on 13th June.

A representative from the committee will be taking names and collecting fares, so bring some money to secure your place. We hope to see you there.

Laughter Yoga comes to Arthur's Shed

ARTHUR'S Shed is a purpose-built studio set in the beautiful grounds of the Arthur Rank Hospice in Shelford Bottom, where our talented volunteers run sessions on topics as varied as Astronomy, Clay Work, Paper Crafts, Laughter Yoga (a new session which sounds great fun!), Mindfulness and Still Life Drawing. Sessions are free of charge although a suggested donation of £5 is welcomed to cover the cost of materials. They are open to everyone, you do not need to have a connection with the Charity or the Hospice to attend and we encourage people to make the most of our facilities whilst they're here, such as our Bistro. We're very accessible due to the nature of the main building so we're perfect for those in wheelchairs. We do our best to accommodate everyone's needs. Our monthly calendars can be found at <https://www.arhc.org.uk/open-to-all/arthurs-shed/>

Hannah Touhey and Sarah Dixon

Balsham Singers' Spring concert

DIRECTED by John Clenaghan. Accompanied by Ralph Woodward. Holy Trinity Church Balsham, Saturday 18th May at 7.30pm. To include music by Fauré, Bruckner, and Stanford plus medleys from *West Side Story* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. Adults £12; Under 16s £1, to include refreshments. Charity raffle. Tickets available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers or from Balsham and Abington Post Offices.

Jo Stinton

Walls and more walls

THE recent article on dry stone walls revived memories of life in the Cotswolds where, as a boy, I earned pocket money *stone picking* from the fields. The stones were naturally flat, allowing walls to be built without mortar. In Linton it is flint walls we should treasure and protect. Like limestone, flints were collected from fields or local mines, but their irregular shapes required mortar to bind them together for walls. Lime mortar was always used. Many of these walls are up to 200 years old. Mill Lane is a good place to see examples, though many High Street gardens have dividing walls of flint.

Probably the greatest danger to flint walls was the invention of Portland Cement, easier to work and much stronger. But surprisingly, bonding flints with an equally hard mortar produces a structure that is too rigid. Any ground movement results in cracks which admit moisture, leading to frost damage and risk of collapse. Lime has a natural flexibility which allows it to breathe and move. It also allows a chemical reaction, absorbing carbon dioxide from the surrounding air and slowly converting itself to limestone.

The other enemy is ivy, which attaches itself to supports by producing aerial roots along the stems and quickly takes advantage of small cracks. When removing ivy, cut rather than pull, preferably soon before lasting damage is done.

Different regions use different building styles. The smartest is knapped flint often found on East Anglian churches and common in Sussex. Each flint is split by hammer to show two shiny flat surfaces which are lined up neatly to give a formal appearance. Around Linton, most flints are not split but laid whole, either random or in horizontal lines or courses.

Twenty years ago, it was hard to find flint wallers using traditional lime, but local interest has grown more recently. The south wall of the churchyard is newly built, and several others have been rescued from either cement or ivy. This is an important part of our heritage, and all efforts to preserve it are to be encouraged.

Henry Bennett

- 24 hour emergency service
- Boiler breakdown and servicing
- Boiler upgrade

KA PLUMBING & HEATING

Office: 01223 890554
Mobile: 07890 576608
kaplumbingheating@hotmail.co.uk

Vaillant Approved Installer

MHG Garage Ltd

McKenzie & Haywards Garage LTD

MOT by appointment while you wait
Servicing, Collection & Delivery Service

Unit 3 & 4, Lintech Court
The Grip Industrial Estate
Linton, Cambs
CB21 4XN

Tel : 01223 894140
Fax : 01223 890035
mhgarage@btconnect.com

CapriBlinds

ALL TYPES OF BLINDS SUPPLIED AND FITTED
FREE QUOTATIONS
FREE HOME VISIT

TEXT ONLY
07774168833

or email colin@capriblinds.co.uk

ALL BLINDS ARE MADE IN ENGLAND - FAST LOCAL SERVICE

Visit capriblinds.co.uk

PALMER & SON SCAFFOLDING LTD

A local family run business with over 30 years' experience in the trade.




All enquiries welcome with a free quotation on all jobs.

All aspects of scaffold undertaken; no job too small.

Contact Martin on:
Tel: 01223 892145
Mobile: 07970348182
palmercaffolding@outlook.com

The Darryl Nantais Gallery
Proprietor: Karl Backhaus
Fine Art, Framing & Restoration

We offer a wide selection of artwork, contemporary & traditional, local & international, including paintings, prints, ceramics, glassware, sculptures & jewellery. The Gallery also offers bespoke framing, picture restoration and cleaning.

Darryl Nantais Peter Corr Magdalena Morey

Established in Linton in 2001 and in Auchterarder, Perthshire in 2019 as DNG Contemporary Art. We also exhibit across the country at Art Fairs as Linton59. A warm welcome is guaranteed wherever you find us.

59 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4HS ~ 01223 891289 ~ linton59.co.uk
For regular news updates follow & like us on Facebook & Instagram
Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm

G. DYE & SONS
GENERAL BUILDERS,
GROUNDWORK & MAINTENANCE,
CONSERVATORIES & UPVC WINDOWS, KITCHEN & BATHROOM REFITS

ALSO INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DECORATING
REFERENCES AVAILABLE

For enquiries please call
Mobile:
07961 342887
Tel: 01223 892089
georgedy738@btconnect.com



Free Estimates

etcetera

Vintage & Collectibles

The Garden Room, rear of 94 High Street, Linton, CB21 4JT
opening hours 10.00-5.00
Wednesdays - Saturdays

OPENING SOON

Cambridge Art Makers

A friendly and inspiring workshop and studio. Expert tutors offering a diverse array of dynamic, engaging creative courses.



Make time for Making!
Claim your creativity it's good for you!

6 Lintech Court, Linton
www.cambridgemakers.org

District and County Councillors' Report – March 2024

Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council have a list of problem areas in each of our villages, supplied by Henry with support from Parish Councils, but if anyone feels that there are specific areas where parking is really an issue, do let him know directly.

Home Energy Support

The District Council is in a partnership with 6 other local authorities in Cambridgeshire, called Action on Energy. This partnership is aimed to help people create more energy efficient homes, therefore making them cheaper to run. There are various grants available which many people aren't aware they may be entitled to. Full information, and links, can be seen here - <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/home-energy-support-for-south-cambridgeshire-residents/>

Household Support Fund

Earlier this year the government announced that it would stop funding the Household Support Fund, which was administered through the County Council. As this fund was vital to many in Cambridgeshire, and would have put some in difficulty to not have it, the County Council has decided to keep funding it themselves. The County Council website will be updated soon to reflect this.

The same approach from the County Council applies to Free School Meals, which also recently had its funding pulled by central government.

Bespoke Wedding Services

The County Council has broadened its offering of wedding ceremonies, should people choose to use the Registration Service. People can now register to get married in non-approved venues, such as private gardens or community centres. It's aimed at making the day more bespoke to suit the couple getting married.

Cambridge 2040/2050

At time of writing, we are awaiting an official announcement from Michael Gove, the minister leading this project, on what the next steps are and, hopefully, a more detailed plan. The announcement will be the first week of March, so by the time many of you are reading this, the news will be available.

Budgets

Both the County and District Councils have set their budgets for the forthcoming municipal year. Both opted to raise Council Tax, which means, in real terms, this equates to:

County Council – increase of 4.99% on band D properties - £76.98 per year

South Cambridgeshire District Council - £5 per year on Band D

Also, this year will be the second that the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority will have a precept too, meaning that you will still see this line on your tax bill. This money goes exclusively towards public transport.

Anaerobic Digestion Plant Proposals

The two planning applications for biodigesters in our area, Acorn in Haverhill and Streetly End Farm in West Wickham, are edging closer to a decision. If you'd still like to comment upon either, email the planning officers directly:

1. Acorn, Haverhill – andrew.rutter@suffolk.gov.uk
<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0045%2F23SE&fbclid=IwAR0aj4d4JMd9Yr3cP-Etp9rxdrR4kKDwvzX0wMyHkfOomG45fCq0khXRbyrE>
2. Streetly Hall Farm, Streetly End, West Wickham - helen.wass@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

<https://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S0BB1JDYKNQ00>

Weekly Food Collections

DEFRA (the government department that has responsibility for the environment) announced that they will be changing the law around food waste collection and all local councils will eventually need to collect this separately to other green waste. Local councils have been asked how much it would cost for them to do this and have offered money to them to help with the transition.

After some lengthy negotiations an agreement has been reached and we will be getting separate food collections in South Cambridgeshire before the end of 2026.

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com

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

EASTER holiday fun activities for kids – drop-in crafts, picture hunts and more this April at Linton Library

OUR monthly talk on Wednesday 10th, 2 – 3.30pm, will be from the volunteer group FROG, Friends of the River Granta, whose aim is to protect and enhance the local river Granta. Free but please book your place by contacting the library or email: cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk *Storytime, Rhyme-time, Duplo-time*, our friendly group for 0-4 year-olds, 10am – 11am, every Tuesday (term time) for stories, songs and Duplo play. *Knit and Natter* is now EVERY Tuesday, 2pm – 3pm. Bring any craft project you're working on – it doesn't have to be knitting. Table space available. *Daylight Readers*, our book groups meet on Friday 19th, at 10.30am and 2.30pm, and welcome new

members! Bus Passes - we can help with new or renewals. Contact us to book an appointment. Books – come in and find a new book to read. If you can't see the one you want, you can reserve books from other libraries in Cambridgeshire and pick them up from Linton Library. Ask us for details. If you are having problems working out your smart phone or laptop, the *IT Club* are here to help. Drop in any Wednesday from 5pm – 7pm. There was great interest in the recent talk we hosted about Cathodeon Crystals. We are keen to offer more talks about Linton community history. Please let us know if you have any ideas. Our opening hours are Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

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

Planning Applications

Planning application summary correct as of 15th March

- 24/0324/TTPO T01. Beech. Crown reduce in height and spread by up to 2m. Leaving tree approximately 12m in height and 8m in width. Tree has grown well since the last crown reduction and dominates the Southern side of the garden. Client wishes to stop it overshadowing the garden and regain some light. 21 Parsonage Way Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4YL
- 24/0310/TTCA T1 Lime - Re-pollard by 2m T2 Lime - Re-pollard by 4m 26 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS
- 24/00867/LBC Construction of a fire resistant lobby at the foot of the existing stair and installation of 2 No. fire doors. 61 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS
- 22/05293/CONDA Submission of details required by Conditions 4 (Cycle parking) and 6 (Water efficiency) of planning permission 22/05293/S73. Photon House Station Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NW

Addenbrookes to get new early-morning bus services

NEW early-morning bus services have been scheduled to begin serving Addenbrookes Hospital in a bid to help crucial NHS workers get to and from work. Stagecoach East will add a new 5.00am X13 service from Haverhill to Addenbrookes with the return journey going from the hospital to Haverhill at 6:15am. Also, a new 13A service will now leave Haverhill at 4:20am, serving villages along the way, including Horseheath, Linton, and Little and Great Abington, before arriving at the hospital at 5:49am from Monday to Saturday. Darren Roe, Managing Director of Stagecoach East, said: "We all understand the importance of the NHS and the brilliant people that work in it. Many of them work shifts which can start very early in the morning, so it is important that we should provide them with a service to get them to work. They are key workers for us, so we are proud to be an essential part of the travel infrastructure that will let them do their jobs." The new services are part of a range of improvements to the services between Cambridge and Haverhill. The new schedule will see 10 journeys from Haverhill to Cambridge and 11 in return on the rapid X13 service from Monday to Friday – up from the current 4 and 7 trips. Likewise, there will be 1 from Haverhill to Cambridge and 3 in return on Saturday, where there are currently none. Also, the new 13A service will run hourly, Monday to Saturday, where the 131/131A service is currently every two hours. Under the updated timetable, the 131/131A service will be removed, so the new 13A will serve Chiswell and Chivers every 60 minutes. The 13 will serve Arrendene in peak times only so that resource can be invested into the X13. The 13 and 13A together will offer 2 departures an hour into Cambridge and the X13 will maintain its current route into Cambridge, offering more fast and direct journeys.

Stephen Kiely

RJ Fencing of Linton
Your local fencing company

- > New fencing and repairs
- > Hedgehog friendly fencing
- > No job too big or small
- > Free quotations and estimates
- > Landscaping services
- > Licensed waste carriers
- > Friendly professional service

Enquiries call
Jason 07719895149
rjfencinglinton@gmail.com

Wylde Sky BREWING
Sun

LINTON'S CRAFT BREWERY

brewery fresh beer | food trucks | live music | good vibes

BREWERY Grip Ind. Estate Hadstock Road Linton CB21 4XN
TAPROOM Thurs - Sat Check out our events
SHOP & ONLINE FREE LOCAL DELIVERY

thanks for supporting LOCAL

@wyldeskybrewing | wyldeskybrewing.com | 01223 778350

KJL Roofing

All roofing repairs, lead-work, renewal of pitched or flat roofs
New guttering, repairs/unblocking
Free estimates before any work commenced
25 years + Experience
Tel: 01223 892542
Mob: 07958 618440

A & R PLASTERING

All aspects of plastering undertaken:
Plasterboarding
Rendering
No job too small
30+ years experience
Free estimates
Tel: 01223890228
Mobile: 0774 8627920

ProClean
"Your Complete Cleaning Solution"

- *Carpet Cleaning *Rugs *Stain Removal
- *Car Valeting *Caravans *Motor Homes
- *Upholstery Cleaning *Stain Protection
- *Floor Cleaning / Scrubbing / Sealing / Polishing
- *Pressure Washing of Patios Paths & Driveways
- *Domestic Cleaning * Top Ups & One Off Cleaning
- *Gutter / Fascia Cleaning
- *Contract Office Cleaning (Flexible Options)

TEL: 890433 Mob: 0777 375 8355
74 Bartlow Rd, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4LY

GIN side the box
Mobile Gin and Prosecco Bar

Weddings Parties Events

Mobile: 07821 388380
ginsidethebox2022@gmail.com

P.B MAINTENANCE HANDYMAN

GENERAL MAINTENANCE
FENCE, GATE REPAIR
SHEDS
SMALL CARPENTRY JOBS
SMALL PLUMBING JOBS
FLAT PACK ASSEMBLY
ODD JOBS
NO JOB TOO SMALL
pb.maintenance@yahoo.com
Tel: Paul 07816310197

NRS CARPETS

HOME SELECTION
FREE MEASURING & ESTIMATING
All types of flooring available
Tel: 01223 893634
Mobile: 07885 173113



Parish Council Matters

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

Grant Funding Awards Supporting the Community

THE LINTON Parish Council takes great pride and pleasure in being able to offer our support with grant funding. Offering a financial contribution to local groups, organisations and clubs enables them to offer continued activities and support throughout Linton.

It is these organisations that help create the sense of community which makes Linton such a lovely village. Each year the Parish Council accepts applications for grants from a wide variety of groups and organisations to put towards projects. Ranging from crafting, sports and activities, entertainment and event hosting.

Also, funding towards groups which help the village in other areas, such as additional care and support services. It gives me great pleasure to confirm that the list of successful applicants in securing grants from the Parish Council this year are as follows:

Grants Awarded

- Linton Junior Netball for new kits & equipment £400.00
- Linton Aztecs Football for replacement of portable goals £1500.00
- Granta Grapevine Talking Newspaper for the purchase of a new laptop to allow for audio recording and distribution of the Linton News £600.00
- Linton Adult Netball Club for coach funding and equipment £810.00
- Linton Cricket Club a contribution towards a new roller and screens £1,500.00
- Relate Cambridge for counselling services £700.00
- Age UK a contribution to The Community Warden Scheme £6,500.00
- CAMSAR - Cambridge Search and Rescue £500.00
- Chestnuts play group for dictaphones for staff members £200.00
- Linton Visually Impaired a contribution towards speakers and annual entertainment £200.00

Supporting the Community throughout life

Youth Programme Support

The Parish Council also have a contract for a comprehensive youth programme for Linton's young people. The Beacon Youth Trust offers support both in and outside of school, regular youth clubs and drop-in sessions and exciting trips. Investing in the youth of the village is incredibly important, and the Parish Council are proud to offer the Beacon Youth Trust their continued support with an annual funding programme of £19,000.00.

Support for The Linton Community Warden Scheme in Partnership with Age UK Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The Linton Community Warden Scheme is an essential service which supports older people to remain living in their own homes, safely and independently. There is a small fee for the service, but it remains affordable to service users.

The scheme supports people aged 60 years and over who live in Linton, ensuring they feel connected to their community, reducing isolation and promoting positive mental health and well-being.

The service provided is flexible, being tailored to the needs of each individual. It can include daily calls and a couple of home visits a week. The scheme acts as a

Picnic in the Park Appeal for Volunteers

AFTER two successful events – the first to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen Elizabeth II and last year's one with more entertainment – it has been decided to cancel the Picnic in the Park event for 2024.

The principal reason is the amount of time and effort that it requires from the Parish Council office staff which basically detracts from all the other tasks that need doing. For the past 2 years the lovely staff have given up much of their own free time to chase around after raffle prizes, catering vans, entertainment groups, decorations etc. Some of the Parish Councillors have also helped but the bulk of the work hits the office.

In 2023 they were starting from scratch and carried out an admirable task in a very short timescale. There was a longer lead time for last year, but still there were some things that could have been done better and the PC, in the end, subsidised the event.

The one fundamental lesson is that something like this needs a dedicated Events Committee, like the Linton Fireworks Committee, which did such a wonderful job last November and raised a shed-load of money for local causes. Each year the Fireworks Event gets better and goes more smoothly.

So, to make Picnic in the Park become a proper 'memorable event', like the week long carnivals that used to happen years ago in the village (I believe as late 1985) we are asking for volunteers. If anyone took part in the carnivals and remembers what used to happen it would be very helpful. If we start in April/May 2024 then we have got a far better chance of making it something really special in 2025 (the end of the first quarter of the 21st Century).

If you are interested, have skills of organising/running events or just want to get involved in village life, please send an e-mail/drop a note/phone into the PC Office.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Planning & Meeting Update February/March 2024

STATION Road Linton 22/04033/OUT Appeal

The application with some matters reserved except for access on the land behind Crofton Engineering was originally refused in 2023. This has now been appealed by the applicant with an expected hearing date of Wednesday 8th May 2024.

As with all outline applications, a version of the anticipated development has been submitted with the caveat that this 'could' be altered at the Reserved Matters stage, or if a separate Full application was submitted. In reality, once an outline application is approved, it is exceptionally difficult for the size, scale or use of the site to be reduced from the approved outline.

While the development of the site for commercial use is supported by the Local Plan (and is consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan), the application at appeal has two potential 'use classes' – B and E. Class E covers general commercial use. Class B covers 'businesses that supply or support others' which includes (or mostly refers to) warehousing. This was the intended use that the developer anticipated on submission of the application in 2022, despite concerns raised directly by LPC at the time.

LPC concerns include the fact that use of the site for warehousing would mean a lot of HGV/Articulated Vehicle traffic accessing Station Road – enough to support a business with 77+ employees, according to the application. Highways also had concerns about the safety of the junction at Station Road and the functioning of the A1307 at that junction as a result.

If you have any thoughts about the possible use of this site, please let us know. While the deadline for us to submit comments has passed, we can still speak at the appeal on behalf of the village. The application can be viewed at: <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications/> using the planning reference above.

A1307 Bartlow Road Roundabout

It's not often that a construction project finishes ahead of time, but the Greater Cambridge Planning (GCP) team led by Martin Meehan should be congratulated on completing the roundabout ahead of schedule, reducing disruption from the roadworks by a good couple of months.

The primary purpose of the roundabout is to make the A1307 safer – especially on the dual carriageway past the Dean Road cross roads. Traffic lights could not be used because it is no longer possible to turn right onto the A1307 from the south side of the Dean Road junction. Instead, vehicles turn left and use the Bartlow Road roundabout to turn around. The roundabout also makes it both safer and easier to turn right onto the A1307 from Bartlow Road, Linton in the morning rush hour, and hopefully access from the Bartlow side is easier too, as traffic is slowed down. A great deal of traffic modelling for all transport modes was carried out before the design was finalised, and consultations took place with local residents and all the Parish Councils along the length of the A1307. We asked many questions about the plans and raised similar concerns to some that are circulating online, however, a great deal of work went into the design, and only time will tell if the roundabout works as intended.

Cllr Kate Kell

Save the Date!

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Thursday 9th May 2024 at the Village Hall, Linton.

Doors open at 7.00pm, the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome, more details next month.

Clerk

connection to other organisations and groups including adult social care, health professionals, social and community groups. The warden also helps with practical tasks such as assisting with small items of shopping, collecting, and dropping off prescriptions, watering plants and light lunches, or simply providing company. Linton Parish Council is pleased to be able to support the project with grant funding of £6,500.00 this year.

Linton Parish Council would like to thank all the local groups, clubs, organisations and individuals that help provide these services and activities to parishioners which ensure Linton is a vibrant and active community.

RFO - Kate Dyer

ClearTax
& ACCOUNTING LTD

Quality, friendly accounting services and taxation advice.

Sole trader and small company specialist.

Free initial consultation.

▼ We have a new address ▼

Unit 1, The Old Stables, Yole Farm, Linton Road, Balsham, CB21 4HB.

01223 772326

janine@cleartax.co.uk
www.cleartax.co.uk

GLENWOOD BOLTS & SCREWS LTD

www.glenwoodbolts.co.uk

SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY FASTENERS, FIXINGS & SILVERLINE TOOLS

Unit 2 Lintech Court
The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton
Cambridge, CB21 4XN
Tel: 01223 892095 / 893931
Fax: 01223 894122

zigzagpilates

- Qualified Body Control Pilates Teacher.
- Classes and 1-1 sessions
- Specialising in older and less able clients.

Contact Rachel **07905105081**
Rachel@zigzagpilates.co.uk
www.zigzagpilates.co.uk

YOU BEAUTY
CAMBRIDGE

YOUR LOCAL BEAUTY SALON

Check us out at
5 Balsham Road, Linton
Cambridge CB21 4LD

youbeautycambridge.co.uk
01223 668400

CELEBRATING 30+ YEARS OF SERVICE

Mortgage Quest
Mortgage & Protection Specialists

Dean Porter

Independent Mortgage Broker for Linton and the surrounding villages
Mortgage advice for all circumstances, call today to discuss your needs

07876 170716 / 01763 244884
dean@mortgagequestroyston.co.uk
www.mortgagequestroyston.co.uk

Mortgage Quest is an appointed representative of The Right Mortgage Ltd which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Your home (or property) may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage or any other debts secured on it.

PLUMBLINE & SON

PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEER

PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

OIL BOILER SERVICING & REPAIRS

Call John & Zach

01223 893903

Supcik@talktalk.net

Fully Qualified and Insured
City & Guilds / OFTEC Registered
Friendly and Reliable Service

City & Guilds OFTEC

ROCKIN IT

'Making you feel great inside and out'

Contact:
www.rockinitwellbeing.co.uk
07738 610616

Classes available in Linton on Wednesday and Thursday.

Well-being Deep facial m

WHAT'S ON High Street Linton CB21 4JT

April.....

Monday 1 st	Live Entertainment – Serena Grant	4pm
Wednesday 10 th	Quiz	7:30pm
Saturday 13 th	Karaoke	8pm
Wednesday 24 th	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Saturday 27 th	Live Entertainment – Legends of Rock	8pm

Tuesday - Sunday Happy Kebab Burger van from 6pm
Closed 7th - 11th April



Parish Council Minutes

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th February 2024 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Open Forum for Public Participation.

The Chairman invited the member of the public to address the Parish Council.

The participant raised the matter of the Market Square, querying the resolution made at the meeting held on Thursday 7th December to offer a settlement to the owner of No 32 High Street. The Chairman confirmed that the settlement was considered at the time following suggestion from the legal team working on behalf of the Linton Parish Council to include new conditions in relation to the deed and that matters in relation to costs had progressed since the meeting in December. It was confirmed that full costs were now being pursued.

The participant also raised that the costs claim excluded the "office costs" and advised that they had contacted the Land Tribunal who had verbally confirmed that these costs could be claimed. Cllr Chris Hine stated that the Parish Council had followed advice received from the solicitor acting on behalf of the Parish Council, and that they had confirmed in writing that due to legal representation on behalf of the Parish Council, the office costs could not be claimed. The Clerk stated that the office costs could not be quantified retrospectively. The participant disagreed and stated that the exclusion of this was unacceptable considering that taxpayers' funds had been used for the purpose of registration of the Market Square. The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council had followed the guidance of the solicitor. It was recommended that the Clerk check and obtain clarification, in writing, from both the Land Tribunal Court and confirm the advice given by the solicitor.

Clerks Report

Picnic in the Park (PITP). Consideration for the request from the Clerk to re-consider the PITP with a view to inviting the parish to set up an external committee to take responsibility for the organising and running of the event. Decision required. Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the PITP not take place in 2024 and communicate to the public that this could be held a bi-annual event if volunteers are available to form an external committee to organise /host the event with support from the Parish Council. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. All Agreed.

Neighbourhood Policing. Consideration of the Clerk's request to promote the quarterly meetings hosted by Cambridgeshire Constabulary Neighbourhood Police team in preference to local sessions being hosted by the Linton Parish Council. The Clerk provided an update and requested that the quarterly meetings hosted by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary be promoted in preference to those hosted by the Parish Council. It was requested that the Clerk publish an article with details of the quarterly meetings in the Linton News and ensure the dates are added to the Linton News Diary. It was also suggested that Parish Council meetings could be advertised in this way.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for February 2024. Written report available. County Councillor Henry Batchelor advised that locations had been submitted to the Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) to assist officers attending the village. The Clerk added that a dedicated form had been received by the office for additional information to be sent direct to the

CEOs.

Cllr Kate Kell requested information on Cambridge 2040. CC Henry Batchelor advised that due to the project being at concept stage Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) had not set up anything official, but any further information would be shared.

External Meetings

Age Concern & ACEs meeting held on Thursday 1st February 2024. Cllr Chris Hine reported that the meeting was extremely positive and that quarterly meetings were agreed to improve communication and to share ideas. It was noted that Abington may be invited to use the Community Warden services and Cllr Hine suggested that Hildersham also be approached.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee. For Information. No further update was available.

Horseheath Road.

Update on the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road development site. Ref S/4418/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee. For Information. No updates were available in relation to the enforcement issues from Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) or SCDC. Consideration for the adoption of the LEAP (play area) and allotments in relation to the Horseheath Road development. Open discussion and decision required.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the LEAP is not adopted. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. All Agreed. The adoption of the allotments decision was deferred to the meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 21st March 2024. It was requested that the surface water drainage issues, including localised flooding of the allotments, and Spur Road be reported to the LLFA and the Compliance team at SCDC. It was requested that the office communicate the reasons for the delay in adopting the allotments to the parishioners.

Neighbourhood Plan update.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds advised that initial conversations had been held with Modicum to help with the Neighbourhood Plan. A budget was agreed in the Planning Committee meeting, and the office was requested to secure quotes. Noted.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FRCC)

The RFO advised that the precept had been successfully submitted. An adjustment on the tax base had reduced the percentage increase to 7.78%.

Finance

Grants & Funding

Consideration of the recommendation from the FRCC to provide a grant to the Linton Village Cricket Club for £2,500.00 from the financial year 2023-2024 as a contribution towards a replacement roller. Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the funding of £2,500.00 be awarded to the Linton Village Cricket Club. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. 7 in favour with three abstentions. All Agreed.

Consideration of the grant request from Age UK for the Community Warden programme for the financial period 2024-2025, following the meeting held on 1st February 2024. Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the grant funding of £6,500.00 be awarded to Age UK for the Community Warden programme. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the grant request from Arts & Minds for the financial period 2024-2025. Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the grant funding application for Arts & Minds for £2,290.00 be declined. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the grant request from Relate for the financial period 2024-2025. Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the grant funding of £700.00 be awarded to Relate. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. 9 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

It was also requested that the RFO suggest promotion of the service in the Granta Surgery, the Pavilion building and at the Youth Hub.

Consideration of the grant request from CAMSAR for the financial period 2024-2025.

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed that CAMSAR increase the grant funding application to £500.00 and re-submit with details of revised allocation of spend. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Speedwatch

Consideration for the purchase of additional Speedwatch equipment at a total cost of £200.00. Decision required.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the additional Speedwatch equipment be purchased on condition that this be invoiced to the Parish Council. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. Agreed.

Leadwell Meadows

Consideration for the request from Linton FROGS to use recording equipment in the Leadwell Meadows. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that permission be granted to the Linton FROGS to use recording equipment in the Leadwell Meadows providing they supply and install appropriate signage to alert the public. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. 9 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Meadow Recreation Ground

Consideration for the request from Victor Harris to hold the Fun Fair on the Recreation Ground from 16th-19th May 2024. Decision required.

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed that permission be granted. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed. Consideration for the Open Reach way-leave agreement at the Recreation Ground. Decision and Action required.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed that the way-leave be signed to allow works to go ahead providing it is received in writing that the condition of the newly laid pathway at the bottom of Joiners Road will be reinstated to the same standard following installation. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded.

9 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

Clerk

The Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JS Tel: 891001
Clerks to the council – Jenny Seaward & Kate Dyer.
Email: enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk
Website: www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/lintonpc
Office open: Monday - Friday 9am - noon.
By Appointment Only
 Full Council meetings are held at the Cathodeon Centre, commencing at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month.

COOPER BARNES
 AUTOMOTIVE
 Family run body shop at the Grip, with over 40 years experience in the motor trade
 Body Repairs, Accident damage Repairs, Servicing, MOT's Alloy Refurbs & Air-Con Servicing Manufacturer and Insurance approved
 2, The Grip Ind Est., Hadstock Road, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4XN
 01223 880603
 repairs@cooperbarnes.co.uk
 www.cooperbarnes.co.uk

THE AUDIOLOGY EXPERT
 STAY CONNECTED TO LIFE
 Everything we do is designed for your individual care
Our Services:
 * Hearing Assessment * Ear Wax Removal
 * Tinnitus Consultation * Full Line Of Hearing Aids
 * Hearing Aids Accessories * Follow Up Services
 To schedule a consultation Phone: 01440 782 055
 Email: enquiries@theaudiologyexpert.co.uk
 www.theaudiologyexpert.co.uk

Project Solar UK
 Powering Your World
 The Benefits Of Solar
 Discover why you should choose to use the sun's power to energise your home, control your energy costs, save & earn money and do your bit to save the planet. Here at Project Solar UK Ltd, we passionately believe in providing the very best products, prices, quality & service for you! So much so our customers love us and have voted Project Solar as the UK's No 1 solar energy provider.
 Contact your local representative
 Lawrence Seaforth 07486 669683

TIM PHILLIPS & Co.
 Accountants
 Established 1991
 Independent, specialist service for:
Small Business • Self Assessment Personal Taxation
 Free initial consultation – no obligation
EASY, FREE PARKING
 Copley Hill Business Park, Cambridge Rd., Babraham
 Off A1307 between Wandlebury and Babraham
Tel: 01223 830044. www.tpaccounts.co.uk

Linton Complementary Health Centre
 2B Bartlow Road, Linton, CB21 4LY
 • Acupuncture
 • Shiatsu
 • Massage
 • Food Intolerance Testing
 Telephone: 01223 891145
 Email: enquiries@lintonhealth.co.uk

Helping Hands
 Do you need help with transport to get to local appointments?
 phone/text Oriel:07932405541
 or email o.laws@bopenworld.com
 New volunteer drivers always welcome