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## Bookfest is back



**Brian looks forward to welcoming you**

**B**RIAN the Bookfest Lion is pleased to announce that Linton Children's Book Festival will return on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May. The free, activity-filled weekend held at Linton Village College will feature popular authors, inspiring illustrators and mesmerising storytellers.

Have a real-life encounter with storybook animals, or learn to draw a dragon. Meet the authors, get stuck into workshops, listen to stories and let your imagination run wild.

There are events for all ages: fans of CBeebies' *JoJo and Gran Gran* will love meeting creator Laura Henry-Allain MBE; there'll be dinosaur delights with picture book

author Rashmi Sirdeshpande; and modern fairy tales with festival favourite James Mayhew. Meet Andy Stanton, author of the mad-cap *Mr Gum* series; discover adventures with Anna Houghton and Sufiya Ahmed. Enjoy high-energy silliness with the Really Big Pants Theatre Company...and so much more!

For the full programme visit [www.lintonbookfest.org](http://www.lintonbookfest.org). Bookings open mid-April for free talks and workshops. There will also be drop-in activities, a festival bookshop provided by Harts of Saffron Walden, and light refreshments to purchase at the event.



**Bookfest Patron Isabel Thomas**

"Cambridgeshire is so lucky to have this warm, welcoming and totally FREE children's book festival on our doorstep! I'm excited to have peeked behind the scenes, and there is an ocean of brilliant opportunities to dive into over the festival weekend. Meeting authors and illustrators is a brilliant way to inspire a lifetime of reading for pleasure."

Anna McMahon



**ABOVE and left: Hildersham Lambs doing what they do best. There will be an opportunity to get close to these gorgeous gambolling creatures and their mothers at the village's Lamb Sunday. Hildersham Hall Barns will be open from 1:30 - 3:30pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of April.**

**Car parking is available nearby, and tea and cake will be served from the horse box.**

**Entry opposite Hildersham Village Hall £2:50 per adult, £1:00 per child. Please note: it is inadvisable for pregnant women to be close to lambs and lambing ewes.**

Amanda Palmer

Photos: Lamb Sunday and Lovely Linton Village Instagram

## Faces from history

PICTURES below are three of the corbels supporting the nave roof at St. Mary's dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, seen close up from the scaffolding installed to relight and redecorate the Church shown in February's Linton News. Note the hairstyles and the smiling faces which are unusual for this time. The Friends of St. Mary's have received some generous donations towards the cost of the works, but would welcome more, and are still looking for new members. Please visit our website: [friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk](http://friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk) or email: [treasurer@friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk)

Friends of St. Mary's



## The Pilgrim's Progress

SHOULD you happen to spot half a dozen rather grubby, possibly very muddy, even slightly disreputable-looking characters wending their way along the lanes and across the fields around Bartlow on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, do not be alarmed.

For they will be pilgrims, on their way from London to Walsingham. They will be carrying documents called Pilgrim Passports, and will be brandishing them in St Mary's, adding the pilgrim stamp held at the church to those they have so far obtained. By the time they get to Walsingham, they will have 20, collected in other churches along the way. And what is all this in aid of?

Let me fill you in on a little background. The route we will be following is a modern adaptation of the pre-Reformation path from the Capital to England's greatest Holy Shrine.

Before Henry VIII banned pilgrimage, and outlawed the veneration of saints in 1538, Walsingham was far more important as a pilgrim destination than Canterbury. Who knew? And the road there was the most important in the land. Yet it led to a little village in Norfolk which, despite its size, was actually a spiritual metropolis. I have written a guidebook, *London to Walsingham Camino: The Pilgrimage Guide*, which comes with full GPS mapping that can be downloaded onto a phone, plus all the other information a pilgrim might need. On the 15<sup>th</sup> we shall be walking from Saffron Walden to Withersfield, passing through Ashdon, Bartlow and Horseheath. You would be welcome to join us.

It's just under 14 miles in total, about eight of those

miles being the morning's walk to Bartlow, and another six to be tackled in the afternoon. If time allows, we might even be able to fit in lunch at the Three Hills in Bartlow, which comes highly recommended. At St Mary's, Withersfield, Revd Max Drinkwater (and his congregation) have very kindly rearranged their schedule so that we can attend Evensong at 6pm. Max also has a pilgrim stamp. After that, we plan a pilgrim supper at the White Horse. The six of us who are doing the full route will be doing so for the first time (though I have done every inch four or five times, in shorter bursts, while researching and writing the book). When we reach Walsingham we will be greeted at both the Anglican and Catholic Shrines, and conclude our journey at Walsingham Abbey.

I hope you would like to join us for a day, half a day, or even the full route! If you would like to know more, or register your interest, please email me at [andybull@gmail.com](mailto:andybull@gmail.com)

Duncan Ogilvy will be meeting us at St Mary's, where we should arrive at around 12.30 (blisters allowing), and if you would like to say hello to us there, that would be lovely. If you are on Facebook, there is a dedicated page, @LondonToWalsinghamCamino, where I post regularly.

If your curiosity is sufficiently piqued, the guidebook is available from the publisher at [www.trailblazer-guides.com/book/london-to-walsingham-camino](http://www.trailblazer-guides.com/book/london-to-walsingham-camino) from any physical bookshop and from Amazon.

Andy Bull

## Heights World Book Day a magical feast



**The Mandalorian vs Trolls, are you listening Holywood?**

IN recognition of the importance and joy of reading, Mrs Komodromos, the Linton Heights English lead, organised a highly memorable World Book Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. In this session staff members got dressed as characters from Harry Potter whereas children were free to dress as which ever book-based character they wished. The day itself was preceded by two excellent visits by local authors – namely from David Reeves, author of *Tales from the Broom Cupboard* and Jennifer Bell, famous for her *Agents of the Wild* series. Historically, pupils at Linton Heights Junior School have scored incredibly well in their Y6 SATs examinations for reading, and it is thanks to theme days such as this, that pupils' excitement for the subject remains

so high. Freddie and Jimi, two of our Y6 pupils write: For World Book Day, we dressed up as our favourite book characters and got to choose a free book in our 'Book Swap' from a selection that we had donated from home. During assembly, we saw all of the teachers dressed as a Harry Potter themed character and Mr Puxley had to take part in a wizard test by Professor Snape (Mr Wilson). We all received a free £1 book voucher in spirit of world book day. It was a really fun day!

James Puxley  
Headteacher

# Readers write...

Dear Editor,

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Linton community for all the cards, messages and kind words we received after Brian Pettit passed away in February, especially from the many customers and friends who frequented Small Gifts over the years. Brian's funeral will be held in St. Mary's Linton at 2pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. We would ask that instead of flowers, anyone wishing to make a donation in Brian's memory would do so to Linton Parish Charities who work to help parishioners here in the village. Donations can be made via HJ Paintin Funeral Directors. It has been a very sad time but we thank everyone for their kindness and support, it has meant a great deal.

Pettit Family

## Celebrate Easter at our Churches

JOIN us in the drama of Jesus' last week beginning with Palm Sunday - his triumphal ride into Jerusalem followed by Holy Week: Jesus' last Passover supper, his trials, betrayal, death and burial. You do not need to be a church goer to attend as many or as few services as you would like. You will be welcome. Join us on Easter Day to celebrate His resurrection and the new life He brings. This will feel particularly relevant this year as both churches will be open after months of building work. Linton Churches Together (Linton Free Church and St Mary's) look forward to seeing you. All are welcome.



The last of the scaffolding coming down at St. Mary's

David Watts

Date/Where	Linton Free Church	St Mary's Linton
<b>Palm Sunday 2nd April</b>	10.30am Family Service & Communion	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Eucharist
<b>Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	8.00pm Easter Reflection	7.30pm Night Prayer (Compline) with Meditation
<b>Maudy Thursday 6th April</b>	8.00pm Passover Meal led by Rev. Alex Jacob (Ticket only, available from 13th March)	7.30pm Eucharist with 'Foot Washing' and 'Stripping the Altar', followed by candlelit reflection (until 10pm)
<b>Good Friday 7th April</b>	10.30am Good Friday Service	10.00am Messy Good Friday - in the Village Hall 2.00pm Reflections and Music for Good Friday.
<b>Saturday 8th April</b>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>	
	10am to 11.30 am under 7's meet at St. Mary's 11am to 12.30 pm over 7's meet at Linton Free Church <b>Free</b> to all but booking needed via Churches websites <a href="http://www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk">www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.stmaryslinton.org.uk">www.stmaryslinton.org.uk</a> or QR code on posters	
		7.00pm meet at St Mary's to walk up Rivey Hill (Sunset is 7.45pm)



APPLICATIONS are now open for residents of South Cambridgeshire to take part in Net Zero Now, a free community climate action course. Nearly two-thirds of the changes needed to reach net zero carbon emissions will require changes to our everyday lives. This challenge is a unique opportunity to build communities that are not just more sustainable but also healthier, happier and more resilient. Run by Cambridge Carbon Footprint with the support of South Cambridgeshire District Council, Net Zero Now

will provide you with the knowledge and confidence to help support your local community on its move towards net zero. The six-week course will give you the opportunity to meet and discuss what communities can do to reduce carbon emissions, what support is available, how to communicate climate action, effective community building, and more. Applications close on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Find out more and apply now at [www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org](http://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org)

Alice Vodden  
Net Zero Now co-ordinator

## BARTLOW 3 counties CHARITY WALK

WHY not come and join us on 30<sup>th</sup> April for the Bartlow 3 Counties charity walk? At Hills Farm Bartlow CB21 4PW, good parking on site. Lots of fun for all the family. 1 mile dinosaur walk, with interesting facts to learn; 6, 9 and 13 mile walks across beautiful countryside, much of which is not usually accessible to the public.

Why not go up to the point where Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire meet? Toilets and refreshments are available en route. Saffron ices and Kitch Hen scotch eggs will be selling a delicious selection of goodies at Ashton Windmill and in Langley woods, so no need to bring a picnic. On your return to the farm yard, Linton Jazz band will be entertaining us all in the afternoon. There will be fun dinosaur activities for the children, all included in the ticket price: a Dino bouncy castle and face painting, also a tractor and trailer that will be offering rides from the farm yard. Tickets for the day are now selling on line at [bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk](http://bartlow3countieswalk.co.uk). The whole day is raising money for 3 brilliant local charities: Addenbrookes Cancer Research Hospital, Tom's Trust who support children with brain tumours, providing them with clinical psychologists; and Bartlow St Mary's church restoration fund. Main walks start between 9.30-11.30; if you want to do the 13 mile walk you need to start by 11.15. The 1-mile Dinosaur trail runs between 10.00-13.00.

Hetty Findlay, Duncan Ogilvy (walk organiser) 893644

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Black bins: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
Blue bins: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Green bins: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

## Village Diary

For entries, email [diary.linton.news@gmail.com](mailto:diary.linton.news@gmail.com)

Weekly activities can be found at

[www.thelintonnews.co.uk](http://www.thelintonnews.co.uk)

### APRIL

- Mon 3 Family Lego Session, 2-3pm Library
- Tue 4 Knit and Natter, 2pm Library
- Fri 7 Bank Holiday, Library closed
- Mon 10 Bank Holiday
- Tue 11 Camsight VIPs, 2pm Chalklands Comm. Hall
- Tue 11 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Sun 16 Lamb Sunday, 1.30 - 3.30pm Hildersham Hall Barns
- Tue 18 Knit and Natter, 2pm Library
- Tue 18 Linton Historical Society, 7.30pm Village Hall
- Thu 20 Full P.Council Meeting, 7.30pm Cathodean Centre
- Fri 21 Daylight Readers Book Club 10.30am/2pm Library
- Mon 24 Annual Meeting of the Parish, 7.30pm, Village Hall
- Tue 25 Rhyme and Storytime, 10.30 - 11am Library
- Sat 29 Linton Guides Jumble Sale, 2pm Infant School
- Sun30 Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk Hills Farm, Bartlow
- MAY
- Mon 1 Bank Holiday
- Fri 5 Read a Little Aloud, 11.15 - 12.15pm Library

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# Exploring your creative side...

AS we've been welcoming new visitors at Cambridge Makers, we've been delighting in all the different ways you can enjoy our courses. It's a unique experience for everyone, sometimes with challenges and struggles but there's always an enjoyment factor which can be different for everyone; it could be just doing something new for yourself, you might love your finished piece, you might love the process, you might meet lovely people. Whatever it is for you, we truly believe that making things is good for you!

Our new term at Cambridge Art Makers starts at the end of April and we're looking forward to it. It's often a quiet term so a lovely opportunity to try out something different by joining a weekly course with us. We have a whole selection of jewellery courses, from beginner to more advanced; a Tuesday morning textiles class with our sewing machine guru Karen, and a Tuesday evening course to complete and perfect your sewing projects with Jacqueline. Our Thursday afternoon stained glass course with Jill has spaces and Cläre Basel, an artist from Linton who recently had an exhibition at the Gallery Above, now teaches both a drawing and painting course on a Thursday. The two courses that really encourage you to free your expression.

If you're not ready to join us weekly, there are also opportunities to join us for short courses with an even wider array of activities, and we're planning some hands on collaborative projects for our Open Studios Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.



**above and right:**  
Brushes and art materials at the ready!

We'd love to see you!  
Rosemary Bangham  
Cambridge Makers

## Simply Feet - a quick update

I THOUGHT I would let you know our plans for Simply Feet after lots of people are asking what we are up to. We have had our clinic and treatment room updated and extensive repair works on the whole of the outside. I have been so lucky that I chose Linton to open my chiropody business in 2012, making that over 30 years in my wonderful career. I feel it's time to get other hard working chiropodists and Foot Health Practitioners involved so we can treat even more people in our clinic. We will have Sue starting later in the summer, and Pauline when she is available. We also have a wonderful reflexologist, Jeanie starting on Monday. Reflexology is a relaxing treat for your feet. A de-stressing, re-energising treatment that can help boost your immune system and create a sense of balance and wellbeing for your body. Thank you for all your continued support, Rebecca in reception will be happy to help, please call 892602

Mary Fenner

**BALSHAM SINGERS**  
**Spring Concert**  
Musical Director: John Clenaghan  
Music by Vaughan-Williams, Haydn and Whitacre, plus opera choruses, songs from "Matilda", "Jekyll & Hyde", and songs made famous by Eva Cassidy and Frank Sinatra.  
**Saturday 13th May 2023**  
**Holy Trinity Church, Balsham**  
**7.30pm**  
Tickets £10 (under 16's free) available from choir members, Balsham or Great Abington Post Offices or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers)

## ... or exploring your family history

INTERESTED in finding out about your family history? Come and join our friendly society. Our records cover all of Cambridgeshire and Old Huntingdonshire. We hold monthly drop-in 'trace your ancestors' surgeries throughout the county and informative talks on local interest topics face to face and on Zoom all year round.

Membership starts from only £7 per year and members receive a quarterly journal, a monthly newsletter and access to our research team, plus our members only content.

Talks for this April are:

15<sup>th</sup> April - Mike Petty 'Vanishing Cambridgeshire' 2.15-3.30pm at St Andrews Street Baptist Church Cambridge and on Zoom.

19<sup>th</sup> April - The history of family photography and dating old photographs with Stephen Gill 7.30pm-8.45pm on Zoom.

The Cambridge drop-in research surgery will be held at the St Andrews Street Baptist Church, 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am-2.00pm, where our friendly volunteers will be on hand to help you start your research, break down brick walls, introduce you to or guide you through our resources, and answer your general genealogy questions, so why not pop in?

We sell a wide range of transcriptions of local Parish Registers on CD or Download and a large selection of books about the local area and genealogical research as well.

See our website [www.chfhs.org.uk](http://www.chfhs.org.uk) to join the society or book your free place on one of our talks or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeshireFHS)

Karen Orrel

## Gardening with Climate Change What we can do?

West Wickham Village Hall, CB21 4ES

**12 August 2023**  
**Save the Date!**

This is a unique opportunity to find out how climate change is impacting our gardening, and how we can adapt.

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The day is being jointly organised by local gardening clubs in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex. Everyone is invited, admission is free, so save the date, and we look forward to seeing you in August.

More details to be announced shortly.

Gardening and Climate Change - Planning Group  
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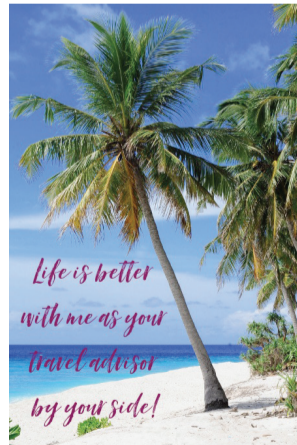


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## WHAT'S ON April.....

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Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz	7:30pm
Good Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Disco	8pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Karaoke	8pm
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Raffle	4pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Jamie Humphreys	4pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Live entertainment - Adele Tribute	8:30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Chris Wilson	8pm
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Serena Grant	8pm

Tuesday - Sunday Happy Kebab Burger van from 6pm

# Spring comes to Linton Gardening Club



Hoverfly



Brimstone Butterfly

IN a change to the advertised talk for the March meeting, Jim Forrest (Club Chair) showed a collection of colourful photographs on the theme of "The Garden Close-Up" taken by Helen Townsend (Club Secretary). Many digital cameras and phone cameras have close-up (macro) settings which help produce detailed images of insects, flowers, berry and seed structures that are almost invisible to the naked eye and reveal the beauty of the miniature world.

In April, the weather and soil are warming up, but beware – we can still get sleet or snow showers and the occasional frost, so protect tender



Tulip

bedding plants under cover. If necessary, take them indoors if sub-zero temperatures are forecast. Now the clocks have gone forward, we are beginning to spend more time in our gar-

den. We have been busy weeding, sowing seeds, potting on, planting summer flowering bulbs, tidying up the borders, checking pots for the dreaded vine weevil and sorting and

cleaning our garden furniture and equipment. Most of our shrubs and perennial plants are coming back to life, but some gaps remain where the severe frosts claimed a victim.

The next club meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Ian Bedford will talk about "Companion Planting for a Well-Balanced Garden". There will be refreshments, a raffle and a bring-and-buy table for plants, seeds and produce. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Jim, Linton Garden Club, lgsecretary@yahoo.co.uk,

Tel. 01223 893577

## Celebrations continue at Linton Free Church

**THANKYOU** to everyone who came and joined us to celebrate the refurbishment of our Church building and to have a good look at the work that's been done. It's a really busy time for the Church as we're now celebrating Easter. Full details of all our own and St Mary's Easter services are detailed on page 2 of this edition but can also be found on our website; [www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk)

It's been fantastic to be back in the Church and to see people's reactions as they see the transformation for the first time. "Wow!" has been the usual response. We're now getting used to all the changes and starting to explore how the Church and the wider community can use the building to its full potential.

We now move on to the next celebration, the King's Coronation. The Church is joining in with the Big Lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May with a bring-and-share picnic lunch in the garden after our morning service.

Do come and join us.

Ian Burns, Church Secretary

Right: Balloons are released to celebrate the completion of the work



## Camsight Linton VIPs

the Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with sight impairment or blindness.

AT our March meeting, one of our members gave us a fascinating talk on her years in Africa doing Voluntary Service Overseas work with her husband after they retired.

She spoke about all aspects of their time working to develop new methods of teaching and teacher training, including the very difficult years in Uganda in the 1990's. She also told us of the warm welcome and hospitality they received despite the intense hardship of so many living there, and the moving memories they had including some very amusing stories too. Her vivid descriptions brought to life the experiences they had which made the afternoon very enjoyable.



Ugandan crafts

After the talk we had our afternoon tea and raffle. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, at 2pm at the Chalklands Community Hall, where a member of the East Anglia Air Ambulance team will talk about the vital work they do. If you or anyone you know would like more information, please contact us on 420033, or on the number below.

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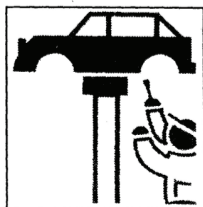
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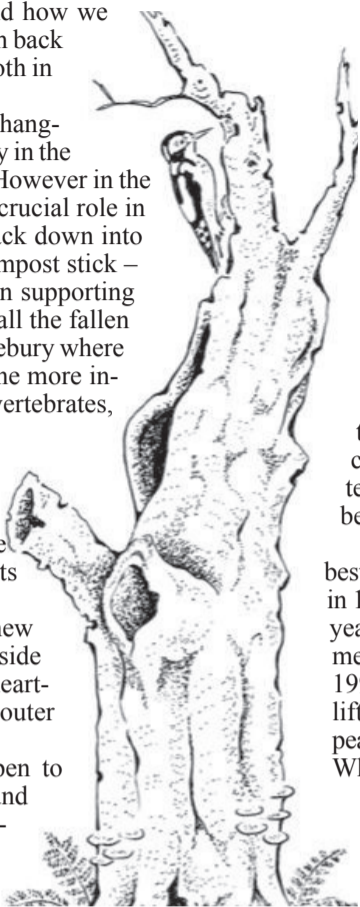
# Let dead wood be

A WHILE ago I wrote about Trees for Life, and how we shouldn't keep getting rid of dead trees. Here I am back again, looking at the importance of dead wood both in our gardens and in parks and woods.

Dead wood sounds like someone in the office hanging on too long before retirement – being generally in the way, preventing young blood from progressing. However in the natural world, it is quite the opposite. It plays a crucial role in the flow of energy from what once was alive back down into the soil. Each fallen branch is a slow-release compost stick – it is gradual, long lasting, consistent, and vital in supporting complex food webs. Think of Pocket Park with all the fallen willow and rotting trees. Think of areas of Wandlebury where logs are piled up – the more wood left rotting, the more insects and invertebrates. The more insects and invertebrates, the more mammals and birds.

Here's how dead wood is formed:

- Trees are composed of living tissues with a protective layer of bark. Underneath the bark is a layer of xylem vessels – these transfer water and nutrients from the roots all the way to the canopy.
- As the tree ages and grows it lays down new vessels under the bark. The older ones inside die. This inner dead wood, known as heartwood, is protected from decay by the outer bark.
- During the ageing process, things happen to expose the heartwood. Limbs fall off, and woodpeckers bore holes. Along come specialist fungi to begin the decaying process. The fungi hollow out the trees to



create habitat for deadwood invertebrates. Creepy crawlies take over.

Much as Best Kept Village prizes are anathema to naturalists, overly neat and tidy parks and woods are anathema to wildlife. In the Suffolk Wildlife Trust mag last month, the writer said approximately one fifth of all British fauna depend on dead or dying wood at some point, and one third of all UK bird species nest in deadwood cavities and hollows. In those cavities the temperature and humidity are more stable than in "live" places, so they are safer. If you're down by the Granta, you'll see deadwood creating debris, dams, riffles, and flooded areas. It catches our rubbish, helps us to remove it, and encourages a diversity of species. Embrace your messy self. Fight against your tendency to tidy up. Don't fill that green bin just because they're coming for it on Monday.

The famous naturalist Rev Gilbert White had the best-known ancient yew in England in his churchyard in 1789, measuring 23 feet in diameter. Two hundred years later its girth had grown by only 3 feet. This meant the tree was likely to be 1400 years old. In 1990 it was flattened in a storm, and despite a crane lifting it back into place and a few new shoots appearing, the famous yew died; a monument to Gilbert White, who loved beetles as much as he loved trees.

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## Trefoil Guild celebrates 80 years

THIS year is the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of The Trefoil Guild. An organisation that runs Guiding for anyone over 18. Anyone can join and it is usually held once a month. Linton Trefoil Guild run theirs on the second Thursday of the month from 7.30 until 9 pm. It is amazing to think it has been going for eighty years and Guiding for 113 years. It is said that Sir Winston Churchill said to Queen Elizabeth II that "the further back you look the further forward you can see." I wonder if those first Scouts on Brownsea Island in 1909 thought that, since then girls would join, let alone be represented in 152 countries around the world. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February Girlguiding thanks all our girls and young women around the world and holds celebrations in units, Districts, Divisions and Counties, as well as at our five world centres. It is celebrated on this day as both Lord and Lady Baden Powell had their birthdays on that day. In our Local guild, Linton, messages arrived for our members from all corners of the globe. It's amazing to think of how many friends we make and how many adventures we have in Guiding. From our youngest Rainbow to our oldest Trefoil member. We sing, we laugh, we have tasted whisky and we have visited fire stations, but sadly no pole to slide down! We also have adventures that can take you around the world. This is the family of Guiding. Come and see us and join in the fun. There is something for everyone at every age. Imagine what we could be doing in the next 80-113 years....Today Tomorrow Together.

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## Linton Library News

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Looking for some new company or things to do? Here's what's happening this month:

There will be a Family Lego session on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 – 3pm. We will be closed for Easter on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, open as usual on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Knit and Natter will take place from 2pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring along your latest craft project. Rhyme and Storytime will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 – 11am.

Daylight Readers, our Book Club, meets on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am and 2pm. Our Read a Little Aloud session is the first Friday of the month, 11.15 – 12.15pm; next session is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Are you a new arrival to the UK and Cambridgeshire, or do you know someone who is? Cambridgeshire Libraries website has a page with lots of useful information and support.

We now have the Cambridgeshire Guide to Independent Living 2023 in the library, so come and pick up a copy if this sounds useful for you.

Ann King and Melanie Symonds,  
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## Eyes in the Boat

Linton and District Historical Society

IN February we welcomed Bill Key who shared his 63 years of rowing along the river Cam. Bill, still a keen rower, recalled the history of the Cambridge Bumps, and with the use of a detailed chart explained how 'bumps' were awarded to the very competitive teams of rowers. Photographs showed just how dangerous this could be on occasion. From the ramshackle boathouses of yesteryear through to their modern purpose-built equivalent of today, Bill gave us an insight into their history, stories and the people involved in this Cambridge tradition. Today, the Cam remains a popular tourist attraction, both for recreational purposes and spotting an array of wildlife along its banks. The title of his book 'Eyes in the Boat' adds much more to the story of the Cam, and explains the title of his book. This was the first talk Bill had given; it was well researched and presented in a light-hearted manner and had a well attended and captive audience.

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm we welcome Richard Gibbons speaking on *The Turning points of WW2*. Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton. Easy parking in the Health Centre Car Park opposite. Visitors welcome – Refreshments – Raffle.

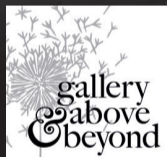
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### Linton Speedwatch - Monthly Summary

Month:	February 23							
Date:	Time:	Location:	Traffic Direction:	Speed Limit:	Traffic Volume:	Vehicles Speeding:	Speeding %:	Av. Excess Speed
4th February	10.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	154	5	3.25%	24.00mph
14th February	8.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	174	12	6.90%	25.50mph
18th February	10.30am	High Street	outgoing	20mph	84	10	11.90%	26.20mph
21st February	8.30am	High Street (Infants School)	incoming	20mph	348	4	1.15%	24.50mph
25th February	10.30am	High Street	incoming	20mph	134	9	6.72%	28.20mph

### Test Session

16th February	7.30am	Bartlow Road	incoming	30mph	20	0	0.00%	00.00mph
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Source: Linton Speedwatch Team

Grantchester Hotels supports Linton Speedwatch

# District and County Councillors' report

## March 2023

### A1307 Update

The upgrades to the A1307 are moving forward at some pace now. The Greater Cambridge Partnership (the body implementing these schemes) are now in the final phases of making the changes to 'our' section of the road, between Haverhill and the A11. The next phases that are being constructed are:

1. Completing the improved footpath between Pilgrims (previously Dalehead Foods) and Hildersham. This work includes the removal of the eastbound layby as that is needed to accommodate the widened path. This work has started now and will take a few months to complete.
2. The installation of a new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction of the A1307. This is a relatively major piece of infrastructure and will take at least 9 months to complete. There will be minimal disruption whilst the work is happening as the plan is to construct a temporary carriageway around the construction site so that the A1307 will very rarely need to fully close. There will be some other road closures as part of the works, so there may be some slight disruption to residential streets.

### 20mph schemes

The County Council have now implemented a new 20mph speed reduction scheme. This is where parishes can apply for specific roads to be considered for a reduction in speed down to 20mph, which may not have always been in line with policy, previously. Full details and application - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding>

### Acorn Bioenergy Proposal - Suffolk

For those wondering what all of the 'Muck Off' (great slogan) signs are relating to in and around Haverhill, these are referring to a proposal by a bio energy company to build a new plant just on the Suffolk side of the border, on the outskirts of Haverhill. The company is called Acorn Bioenergy and their website is here - <https://www.acornbioenergy.com/> - there is a lot of interest in this site, particularly from the Suffolk side of the border, as there are concerns about the environmental impact of the surrounding area, specifically smell, noise, traffic etc. A planning application is expected to be submitted this year, which will be decided by Suffolk County Council. It's an interesting scheme that will have an effect on our area, especially those in the vicinity of the site, so do keep your ear to the ground and feel free to comment on the planning application, when it is submitted and in the public domain.

### Cambridge City Car Parks

There was a news release last month saying that the cost of the car parks in Cambridge (Grand Arcade etc) will be increasing this year, by around 20p per hour.

### Linton Warm Hubs

Cambridgeshire ACRE and South Cambs District Council are working with communities all across the district to open Warm Hubs to help people struggling with fuel cost or just wanting an opportunity to get together. Linton had two open last year and there is now another one at the sports pavilion on the recreation ground. Details of all 3 are:

- St Marys Church - Thursday 11am – 2pm
- Linton Free Church – Tuesday 1pm – 4pm
- Sports Pavilion – Wednesday 1pm – 4pm

### Electric Vehicle Charging

The District Council has introduced a grant of up to £5,000 per application for electric vehicle charging points on community/public buildings within the district. It's a great opportunity for us to expand our electric charging network and make our area more accessible for those wanting to travel here via electric vehicle. <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-emergency-and-nature/grants-funding-and-community-support/electric-vehicle-charge-point-grant/>

### Asylum Seekers

The government has announced that they are going to use the hotel at Bar Hill as temporary accommodation for asylum seekers. This will be for families and single women. The local authorities do not have any role in this arrangement, we do assist refugees such as those from Ukraine, Afghanistan and Syria but asylum seekers who do not have permission to stay are the responsibility of government agencies. Local schools and health facilities in Bar Hill will be supporting the people that come.

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## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Ref. No: 20/02473/CONDA | Validated: Tue 21 Mar 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

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36 Mill Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JY  
Ref. No: 23/00938/LBC | Validated: Mon 13 Mar 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Removal of sloping tile hung mansard wall to first floor and replaced with vertical wall clad in-fibre cement weatherboard; Installation of external insulated render to ground floor; Front facing dormer window; New bathroom window to South East Elevation; Demolition of existing porch and replacement with front entrance door and screen; New insulated roof with roof lights formed over existing utility space; Replacement powder coat aluminium windows. Open for comment icon  
16 Market Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HU  
Ref. No: 23/00912/HFUL | Validated: Wed 15 Mar 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey bungalow and associated works Open for comment icon  
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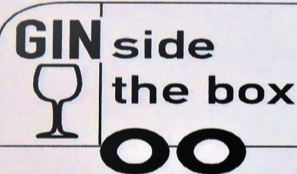
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## Zero Carbon Grant Improvements to the Pocket Park

THE TEN acre site, locally known as the Pocket Park is managed by Linton Parish Council and has recently been a focus for improvements and preservation.

Following receipt of the Zero Carbon Communities grant, awarded by South Cambridgeshire District Council, plus additional local funding, the Parish Council have planted a new copse, comprising thirty native species including Silver Birch, Wild Cherry and Rowan trees. In addition to this, the habitat has also been enhanced by the planting of two Black Poplars, which are becoming rare in the UK. It is hoped that these, along with others planted recently in the village will provide a migration route for Hawk Moths.



**New benches installed at the Pocket Park**

Two new benches have been installed, one at the entrance gate and one overlooking the River Granta, which meanders peacefully through the whole park. As one of only 200 chalk streams in the world, it is vital to maintain the health of the river. It can suffer from extremely low flows in the summer and flash floods in winter, something climate change is adding to. In the Planning update this month, you can see how the easily the River Granta can burst its banks and submerge the immediate area. The Pocket Park is a flood plain and is naturally fit for purpose.

The Linton Parish Council has commissioned a new interpretation board which will soon be situated at the entrance to the Pocket Park. This will provide information and feature photographs and drawings of plants and wildlife you can expect to see as you explore.

In addition to improvements at the Pocket Park, a new community orchard has been planted on the green at Parsonage Way. This includes, pear, plum, apple and hazelnut trees. Although these will take a while to mature and bear fruit, it is hoped that this will benefit future generations in the village.

Clerk

## Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT Full Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2023. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to raise a subject with the Linton Parish Council please contact the office on 01223 891001 or email us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Monday 24th April at the Linton Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Annual Meeting of the Parish includes reports on the year from the Parish Council Chairman and the Chair of the Planning Committee, as well as a financial update for the parish. Those awarded grants speak about their recent work and outline plans for the future. Light refreshments will be provided and we do hope you will be able to join us.

Clerk

## Bartlow Road Foul Water Appeal Hearing

**Bartlow Road – Foul Water Appeal Hearing**

The time: 10am

The date: Thursday 13th April 2023

The place: Linton Village Hall

We have been notified that the Planning Inspectorate have confirmed that the hearing can take place in the Linton Village Hall to make it easier for parishioners to attend. Abbey objected to this location, but residents and the Parish Council have been listened to, and the objection overruled!

Please put this date in your diary and come along to the Village Hall to support your Parish Council.  
LPC Planning Committee

## Coffee with a Cop update from the initial meeting

THIS informal discussion, suggested by our Parish Clerk, Jenny Seaward, showed that people are happy to come out, even on a freezing cold night, when there are important and pressing matters to discuss. We know that police activity is still extremely constrained following cuts made in the early years of the present government, and this makes it all the more important to get the best out of what we have.

Two PCSOs, Chris Wiseman and John Coppard attended. The Beacon Youth Trust and Linton Village College were represented, and Cllr Karen Sanderson and I were there for the Parish Council.



**Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday 8th**

We began with parking. The problems of the High Street are well known, and can prevent a wheelchair user from exercising their right to use the pavement. We hope fairly soon (by local authority standards) to have powers to issue tickets, and will not hesitate to use them. There are further problems in parts of the village where parking is permitted, but spaces are limited. Competition for these spaces, we were told, had led to abusive behaviour and bullying, which had attracted police warnings, but which had not been stopped.

Abusive behaviour had also been seen from young people – not from LVC - using unregistered motorbikes on the recreation ground and the streets near it, and yelling violently at anyone who complained. Similar abuse was reported by residents who had observed drug dealers in cars, using Linton as drop off points, and by members of the Speedwatch team. Information about drug dealing was passed to the PCSOs in confidence.

PCSO Wiseman said that these were public order offences and should be reported. Residents said that they were having problems making reports via the 111 line, so could anyone making, or trying to make, a report please also notify the Parish Office. We can then collate the information and inform the Police Commissioner.

Cllr John Bald

## Planning Update February - March 2023

**Surface Water – a close call?**



**River Granta on Friday 10th March 2023**

THE OUTLET to the surface water scheme on Bartlow Road is between the two willow trees on the right of this picture and the fence is sitting on the top of the bank to the infiltration pond. The river was flowing at 0.8m when this picture was taken on Friday 10th March following the snow and some rain.

In 2001 it peaked at about 1.34m – over half a metre deeper than in this picture. The environment agency measuring station (the box at the left of the picture) was not installed in 1968 when this field flooded even more than in 2001. Newspaper articles from the time ran headlines saying that the water was 7 foot deep in St Mary's Church!

The surface water scheme between the fields on Horseheath Road and the Croudace site has not been installed according to the plans that were agreed by SCDC almost a year ago. This has been reported by residents and the Parish Council, but enforcement action has not occurred at the time of writing. On 10th March, water from the fields overflowed onto the site and narrowly missed flooding properties – thanks to the quick thinking of residents on Lonsdale who provided sandbags, internal flooding was prevented.

### A1307 works including the Bartlow Road Roundabout

The GCP and their contractors presented the 4 phases of the scheme to residents on Monday 27th February and Monday 20th March.

In Phase 1: the A1307 will be temporarily re-routed closer to Linton to allow the vast majority of the work to be undertaken without closing the A1307. This will require the closure of Bartlow Road into Linton, but a diversion via Horseheath Road will only be needed for local traffic trying to reach Bartlow Road, Emsons Close and Finchams Close.

In Phase 2: the majority of the work will be carried out to build the roundabout. The south side of the junction will be closed (towards Bartlow).

In Phase 3: connections to the roundabout from the A1307 will be made. This will require 2 weekend closures of the A1307. The diversion route will send traffic (including HGVs) from Four Went Ways via the A11, A14 (through Bury) and the A143 to Haverhill and vice versa. This is a long diversion, hence minimising the time that it will be in place.

In Phase 4: the Bartlow Road in Linton will be connected to the roundabout and the Dean Road cross road junction will be altered. Again, this will require closure of Bartlow Road and a local diversion via Horseheath Road.

Questions or concerns can be raised with the team via [contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:contactus@greatercambridge.org.uk);

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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Raffle	4pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Jamie Humphreys	4pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Live entertainment - Adele Tribute	8:30pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
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Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Live entertainment - Serena Grant	8pm

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ABBREVIATED draft minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

### Acceptance of Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs Poulter, Cieluch, Hine and Ennew.

County and District Cllr Henry Batchelor sent apologies for his absence. Cllr Merrie Mannassi informed the Council of the resignation of Cllr Sharron Parker.

### Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Sharron Parker for her contributions and time as a Parish Councillor and wished her all the best in the future. It was noted that Ms. Parker had expressed an interest in attending Working Groups in the future.

### Open Forum for Public Participation.

The member of public spoke of concerns of surface water flooding near their property in Rivey Way and expressed concern that this may be a result of the clearing of the ditch on the Rivey Bridlepath which appeared to end near their property. Concerns were also raised as to the safety of users of the Bridleway near to the steps leading to Rivey Close due to the water fall from further up the path making it slippery with the mud.

Cllr Kate Kell requested that the office contact the CCC Rights of Way Officer, Peter Gaskin, to confirm if, and when, the works relating to the drainage issues on the Bridlepath will be carried out. The member of public was thanked for bringing the issue to the attention of the Parish Council.

### Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Update on the tree works at St. Mary's churchyard.

Cllr Kell updated the Council that the Planning Committee had requested that the Asst. Clerk contact the Greater Cambridge Planning (GCP) Trees Team to request that the decision on the application submitted by LPC is expedited, if there are no objections received, due to the health and safety risk of the trees.

### Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for January 2023.

The District Councillor advised that the setting of the budget for the District Council will begin week commencing the 20th February. At the moment it looks as if County Council will increase their tax levy by 4.99%.

There are no local elections this year as they happen every four years, however the County Council elections will run next year. The Council inquired into the success of the trial project for the £2 bus fare and if this is likely to continue. Cllr Batchelor advised that this is yet to be confirmed.

Cllr Kell inquired into the success of the trial for the 4-day working week. Cllr Batchelor advised that the staff surveys had been completed and the initial feedback is very positive. The initial results pertaining to performance figures suggests that the trial has been successful, although it is really too early to tell as there have had to many adjustments throughout the 6 week trial to accommodate the structure. There has been a notable increase in applications for employment since the commencement of the scheme.

Cllr Lawrence-Foulds inquired to whether joint partnership was possible between the District Councils within the same region on projects such as housing to make provisions that would benefit the whole county overall. Cllr Batchelor advised that sadly, each District Council is its own independent authority, which makes the possibility of an overall project very low.

### External Meeting Reports

Update on the Local Councils & Community Engagement meeting held on Wednesday 25th January 2023. Written report available. Consideration for the request from the Clerk to hold quarterly "Coffee with a Councillor" meetings at the Cathodeon Centre with a minimum of two councillors present.

It was noted that the first meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 6.30pm with PCSO plus representatives invited from Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) and Linton Village College (LVC). Cllrs Sanderson and Bald to attend with the Clerk. It was also suggested that this event could be rotated going forward to allow for Coffee with a Copper and Coffee with a Councillor to be on alternate months. The Clerk was thanked for arranging the first

session and it was delegated to the office to continue to arrange.

### Planning.

#### Bartlow Road

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

It was noted that the removal of the protected hedge is currently being chased with the enforcement and compliance team at South Cambridgeshire District Councils planning department.

Update on the Planning Appeal and consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee regarding the request from the Planning Inspectorate that the parish pay for the hire of the Village Hall on Thursday 13th April 2023.

It was proposed by Cllr Kell that Linton Parish Council cover the cost of a day rate hire of Linton Village Hall to the value of £100.00 to allow for the planning hearing to be held in the village and easily attended by residents. Cllr Bald seconded. Agreed.

#### Horseheath Road.

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

Cllr Kell updated the Council that the eastern boundary does not match the Surface Water Scheme and they have not currently delivered it correctly due to an error in the installation. The bund has been placed in the field and not on site, so it does not serve its purpose. This is to be notified to the compliance team and has been raised with the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and the planning officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC). The developer has also failed to deliver an acceptable scheme pertaining to the site entrance.

Update from the Planning Committee regarding a request for an extension of the 30mph speed limit on Horseheath Road to include Michaelotts. For Information.

The Planning Committee at LPC are fully supportive of the request for an extension of the 30mph limit. Croudace Homes have advised that the approved access to the Pastures development did not require the 30mph speed limit to be extended and therefore they had not requested this from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC). Cllr Kell proposed that LPC also apply to CCC to extend the 30mph zone. This would enable LPC to add the condition that the white gated village sign which currently incorporates the 30mph sign is not moved as this identifies the village boundary. Cllr Sanderson seconded. Agreed.

#### Planning Applications

Update from the Planning Committee on the application for outline planning permission for one residential dwelling on land recently sold at auction in Dolphin Close (23/00351/OUT).

The Planning Committee noted their concerns pertaining to this application. This is not only out of keeping within the area and out of character, but results in the loss of amenity land that residents, including, but not specific to, those in Dolphin Close have used for over 40 years. It would have a detrimental impact on the area and reduce available open green space amenity land available within the village to all parishioners.

The Planning Committee advised that all parishioners should be made aware of the application so that they can register their opinions online on the SCDC planning portal, whether they be in support or against the application.

#### Finance

#### Quotes

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance, Risk & Compliance Committee (FRCC) in relation to quotes received for fencing at the Old Bowls Green. Supporting documents in Councillor packs. Verbal update from the FRCC. Open discussion and Decision required.

It was proposed by the FRCC that C&W Fencing be contracted to install the 868 twin wire fencing and that Fitness Sport provide the equipment. Cllr Hill proposed, Cllr Cox seconded, Agreed.

#### Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between

30.12.2022-13.01.2023. and 13.01.2023-27.01.2023. Written reports available. For information. Noted.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in January 2023. The Council gave their thanks to the Speedwatch Team for all their hard work. Cllr Kell provided thanks to Neil for all his hard work on the team recently, he has been getting up early and covering the first sessions to ensure the village can be made as safe as possible and that is greatly appreciated.

Consideration for the proposal to install a disabled parking bay in Tower View, Linton. Open discussion and Decision required. Cllr Lawrence-Folds proposed that there is no objection from the Parish Council, Cllr Sanderson seconded. Agreed.

#### Recreation Ground

Update on the proposed design of the entrance gate to the Recreation Ground on Meadow Lane following a meeting held on Friday 10th February. Open discussion and Decision required. Cllr Kell attended the site meeting and spoke on this item to Council. It is a simple design, fixed between each side with a wider access gap. There is a removable pillar that will allow for access and omit the requirement for a gate. Cllr Kell proposed this be agreed and supported by LPC, Cllr Lawrence-Folds seconded. Agreed.

#### Trees, Environment & Biodiversity

Update on the Six Free Trees granted to the Parish from SCDC. Verbal update from Cllr Kate Kell and the Clerk. For Information. These have now been planted at various locations throughout the village including Flaxfields and near the fire station by Parsonage Way.

#### Zero-Carbon Grant

Update on the Zero Carbon Grant project. Verbal update from Cllr Kate Kell and the Clerk. For Information.

The notice board for Leadwell Meadows is currently being designed and 30 new trees have been planted between those at Parsonage Way Green and Leadwell Meadows.

Cllr Hill proposed that the area the new trees are planted in at Leadwell Meadows be named in memory of the Late Enid Bald, who dedicated much of her life to improving and protecting the village of Linton. It was proposed this area be named "Enid's Grove". This was seconded by Cllr Bald, Agreed.

#### Youth

Consideration of the monthly report for January 2023 from the Beacon Youth Trust. Written reports available. For information.

#### The Pavilion

Consideration for the progress to date and proposals on the future use of the Pavilion following the meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023. Open discussion and Decision required.

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) raised that due to time limitations it was recommended by both the RFO and Pavilion Working Group that a short agreement be drafted and implemented to cover the period of 1 year to allow the Parish Council to work with Linton Granta Football Club and The Linton Village Cricket Club to come to a new long-term solution for the pavilion building. Cllr Lawrence-Folds proposed that the RFO draft a new agreement to cover the period May 2023 to March 2024 so that a new long term agreement can be put into place at the beginning of the new financial year.

Cllr Hill seconded. Agreed.

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

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