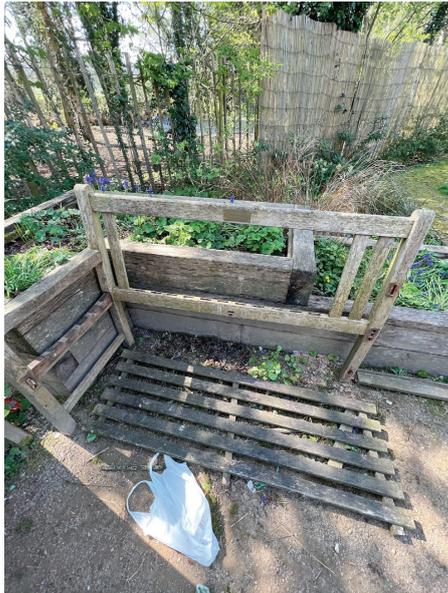


# Peace Garden vandalised

VANDALS have struck the Peace Garden at St. Mary's Church in what has become a worrying recent trend. Lay Chair of the Church Council David Parry-Smith said littering and vandalism had increased over the Easter holidays, culminating in the destruction of a bench some time on Good Friday. Several reports of vandalism have surfaced in the village over recent months, including the destruction of Christmas decorations, as well as flowers and ornaments from graves in the cemetery. The bench, placed in memory of Roy Chandler, was completely broken to pieces, and an amount of litter was left in the area, suggesting that the perpetrators had congregated in the garden beforehand.



Posting on the Linton Community Facebook Page, David Parry-Smith encouraged the culprits to come forward and make amends. "This lovely community resource is for everyone and is visited by many people during the week." Villagers reacted with sadness and anger when the news was shared online, with one resident saying "That's so sad, why would anyone begin to think this is acceptable? I hope whoever knows or was involved find it inside their hearts to help repair the damage."

It has been reported to both the Police and the Linton News that a small number of individuals are responsible for this recent spate of attacks, and some video evidence identifying perpetrators has already been collected. The maximum sentence for vandalism stands at a £5000 fine and six months imprisonment.

Linton News Team

Left: The destroyed bench was placed in memory of Roy Chandler 1936-2017

## Parish Council issues Green Lane response



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# Once upon a time at the Infant School...

WHAT was your favourite book when you were a child? I wonder if it was a classic fairy tale, an adventure story, or even a nursery rhyme that made a life-long impression on you?

Well, the children of Linton are having enormous fun discovering those special books for themselves.

The library has been a major fundraising focus this year. Already, Linton C of E Infant School has blown the dust off the books and shelves of their wonderful library space. Books have been sorted and organised, and wall displays are fresh and colourful. A new borrowing system makes a weekly visit by every child in the school easy and accessible.

There is quite a buzz about books and storytelling at the moment. The excitement around the recent World Book Week was hard to contain! Children have been enthused and entertained, and have already shown great strides in their spoken and written vocabulary.

We want to help make the choice richer for children by providing books of all genres in order to expand their learning and reading skills, and encourage positive conversation around writing and reading stories.

I wonder if you can help? Perhaps you went to the school yourself and feel you would like to give something back, or know friends and family whose children attend the school and would like to help contribute towards this wonderful project? Maybe you feel as passionately as we do about books and simply want to spread the joy? You can do something amazing and donate a book. Go to the school website: [www.lintoninfants.com](http://www.lintoninfants.com) and click on Donate a Book on the home page. There will be an option to have a named dedication plate in your book, which can also be dedicated in the name of somebody other than yourself.

As the African proverb says, 'It takes a village to raise a child'. Please help us to achieve our goal. Every book donated will be gratefully received, and a treasure for all of those whose little fingers will be turning the pages for years to come.

Nicola Collard  
Chair of Governors



Is it a stick? Is it a man? Well yes, both  
really, it's Stick Man

## Here be dragons



### Whiteblade comes to St. Mary's in May

THE early 7<sup>th</sup> century in Britain was a time of turmoil, a time of warfare and shifting allegiances when pagan fought Christian, when Saxon battled Briton. It was a time of conflict, a time of the sword. But it was also a time of visions and wonders, when holy men and heroes bestrode the land. It was a time when history became legend, and legend became myth. And in this time arose a great king, one who had fled his Northumbrian home as a child and returned as a man, bearing the blade and the cross, to fight for the peoples and the soul of the kingdom that called for his homecoming. He was Oswald, the Whiteblade.

This performance from Hazelsong Theatre features drama, traditional music, drumming, mask, costume, and a huge dragon puppet, and is suitable for people of all ages.

St Mary's Church are delighted to be able to host Hazelsong Theatre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and are available from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and then search for Hazelsong Theatre and Whiteblade.

Charlotte Ellis, Chair of St Mary's Events  
Committee  
[events@stmaryslinton.org.uk](mailto:events@stmaryslinton.org.uk)  
Photo: Joe Priestley

## Open Gardens set to bloom

IT'S going to be a special day in Linton for gardeners and garden lovers alike on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Eight exceptional gardens in the centre of the village will be open as a group to the public gaze from 2.00-6.00pm for all to visit and hopefully admire, enjoy and even perhaps be inspired by. For the first time, Linton Open Gardens will take part in the National Open Gardens Scheme - a charity organisation which each year raises substantial funds for many charities including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer support, Parkinsons UK and many more. In 2021, over £3 million was raised nationally.

The eight Linton gardens are all quite close together, helping to make it easy to visit all of them, and all will display a big yellow sign to show where they are. Home-made teas will be available in the Secret Garden behind Gallery Above at 94 High Street, thanks to Linton Kitchen who have offered their professional help. Rosemary will also offer glasses of chilled white wine and a summer fruit cup will be available. 50% of all proceeds from these will be donated to the NGS charities. Thank you, Linton Kitchen and Gallery Above! There will also be a musical performance at 5pm.

The eight gardens are:-  
Linton House - The Old Guildhall - Queen's House - Os-naburgh House - The Shrubbery - Millicent House - Summerfield House - The Gallery Above  
A combined admission fee of £10 per adult will all go to the charities and there is no charge for children.

Rosemary Wellings



Eight gardens will open their  
gates

## This girl doesn't stop!

NOT content with the money she raised by donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust, Amelie Phillips of Linton is now fundraising for the Ukraine relief charity.

With the support of Linton Free Church and Sweet Talk News, Amelie has raised well over £500 by selling loom bands in the Ukrainian flag colours. Along with the donation drive and raffle organised last month by Anya Sparks, the village can be proud of its efforts.

Linton New Team  
Photo: Robin Phillips



Ukraine loom bands: You'll have  
to trust us on the colours

## Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all the people who sent condolence cards, emails, letters and messages following the death of my husband, Jim Foster. The support has been heartwarming and the attendance at his funeral was overwhelming. Everything happened very quickly at the end and I still can't believe he is not coming back! My family and I send our heartfelt thanks to you all.

Wendy Foster

Dear Editor,

Walking my dog, I have been puzzled by recent activity in the wood off Balsham Road, as large piles of plastic had appeared near the path. However, today I see they have all been removed and it looks wonderful! I would urge everyone to walk through there now.

Geoff Freeman

Dear Editor,

Granta Bridge Club is looking for new members. If you are an experienced player and enjoy playing in a friendly environment, then come along to our Club and see what you think. We meet every Tuesday from 2-4pm. The session costs £3 per player and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For further details please call 07775606945.

Sally Norton

Dear Editor,

We are looking to expand our team of Exam Invigilators who assist with both internal and external examinations throughout the academic year. We are looking for confident, flexible individuals with effective verbal and written communication skills, who will be able to offer a reassuring presence to students in exam rooms. If you are, or you know of someone who might be interested please email Pauline Kenning, Exams Officer on pauline.kenning@lvc.org for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

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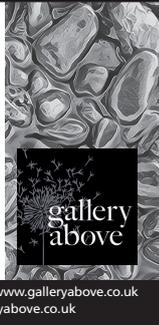
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## News from St. Mary's

AFTER the great flurry of activity through Holy Week and then Easter, the celebration of new life in nature and in the resurrection now makes way for the balmy days of Summer. Our next major event in the church year is the festival of the Ascension (26<sup>th</sup> May) which celebrates Jesus' ascent to heaven. What this festival symbolises for me is the idea of completion, when we are asked to see the world from the perspective of the divine.



Earthrise: NASA's iconic lunar photo

It reminds me of the first Apollo mission in 1968 to test the space-craft's systems, and the quite spectacular view of the world from above the moon. Seeing our fragile and beautiful planet from outside itself may also be a good way of thinking about ourselves and putting our own problems into perspective. So, despite the grim realities of our world at the moment, the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee offers us a chance to mark Her Majesty's long and loyal reign. St. Mary's Church would like to invite you to join us for a 25 minute service of celebration on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm at the Recreation Ground. We are planning a youth-led service of songs and celebration prior to the village picnic. This event is open to all – do come!

Reverend Michael Wilcockson  
associate.priest@stmaryslinton.org.uk

**INTRODUCING Gemma Speakman, a yoga teacher based near Linton. Each month she'll bring you an article on a topic concerning our mind and body, an invitation to make you think, and approach everyday things in a different way. In this first edition of Mind Matters, she starts with breathing...**

Does it ever cross your mind how hard your body is working even if you are still or resting? There is an entirely magical, inner network at play, busy keeping us alive.

During the 20,000 breaths we take each day, most will be shallow; we only use a fraction of our lung capacity. Correct breathing is far down in the order of priorities because we are preoccupied with to-do lists, being pulled into technology, or charging around on the commute or school run.

But, shallow breathing is actually bad for you. By using just the chest to fill the lungs, all of the muscles around our shoulders, chest and neck work overtime and become tense which in turn increases heart rate and then blood pressure. Why not take a simple breathing exercise when you have a moment?

It is so simple you can do it anywhere that is quiet. You will need five minutes.

Take a moment to sit down either in a chair or sit on the floor



with legs either crossed or stretched out. Wherever you are, connect down in your seat but keep your back long and rising upwards from the root to the crown of the head along the length of the spine.

Clear your nose by blowing it and close the eyes or keep the gaze down towards the floor.

Begin to take a big inhale; breathing in through both nostrils evenly if possible. notice the air as it comes into the nostrils – does it feel cool or warm?

Count the breath in for 1,2,3.

Pause for one count as you get ready to exhale. Exhale the breath out for 3, 2, 1 (either exhale through the nostrils so keep the lips sealed or open the lips and allow the air to stream out evenly).

Repeat several times.

If you feel you can breathe deeper simply increase the count to 4 or 5 (in and out). You are now breathing deeply.

After a few minutes observe whether you feel calmer and refreshed by simply zoning inwards and observing (albeit briefly) the majesty that resides in you, in all of us.

Gemma Speakman  
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# Sawston Fun Run 8<sup>th</sup> May

Registrations online  
[www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk)

Registration for the Sawston Fun Run and Walk is now open to all members of the family for this large community event that has been so popular over the last thirty-six years. It is essential this year to register before the day on [www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk](http://www.sawstonfunrun.co.uk) or by using a postal application from Sawston Post Office.

Having already raised over half a million pounds over the years, Rotary is pleased at the prospect of raising further funds for the local community and to give everyone an opportunity to come together again after the last two covid-affected years.

Cambridge Sawston Rotary aims to provide an event similar to that enjoyed by thousands over the years but also to maximise the entrants' own fundraising capabilities. In 2020 the restricted entry of just one hundred entrants raised an amazing £26,000 so, with that attitude repeated it is hoped this year will yield more than normal by using the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) facilities, or a downloadable sponsorship form.

Registration details and information are on the new website with fees before the May 8<sup>th</sup> being: £12 for adults and £6 for children in School Year 1 to 11. All proceeds will go to East Anglia's Children's Hospice [EACH] at Milton, Cambridge and Rowan, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities. Others local groups to benefit are: Friends of Bellbird Primary School, Jigsaws Preschool, Shelford & Stapleford Youth Initiative, Boys Brigade, Pippins Preschool, Caring Together, Sawston Scouts, William Westley School PTA, Sawston Toy Library, A M Challis Trust, Sawston Girls Football Club, Sawston & Babraham Cricket Club, Sawston Nursery and dictionaries for six primary schools.

The routes will be the traditional 7.4k route around Sawston that appeals to all sections of the running community and the shorter 3.8k route that appeals to families and young children, many of whom are in fancy dress. Elite runners are also expected from Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex again as they often claim: 'the atmosphere is akin to the London Marathon with crowds and bands on the route'. There will be attractions too at the venue, Sawston Village College.

The event has two new major event sponsors – Boswells, the local family bakery and Mica Hardware, Sawston. 'We are so pleased that these two local businesses who recognise how much the community value this event, have stepped forward in a generous way to become our new event sponsors,' said the event coordinator, Gerry Holloway. Other sponsors are Adams Harrison, Auto Now, Adcock Refrigeration, Gibbs Denley, the Hill Group, McDonalds, Morgan Sindall, Red Graphic, Sawston Parish Council, Star Radio, Stagecoach and CityView.

East Anglia Children's Hospice [EACH] [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk) has a local hospice in Milton, Cambridge. It supports the families and cares for children and young people with life-threatening conditions. Their care is tailored for the needs of all family members and delivered where the families wish – in their own home, at hospital, in the community or at one of three hospices.

Rowan [www.rowanhumberstoneco.co.uk](http://www.rowanhumberstoneco.co.uk) is a local, vibrant, independent charity that provides an arts centre and forest school for more than eighty adults with learning disabilities living in Cambridgeshire and adjoining counties. It offers a safe, creative and enriching environment where the arts are used as a tool to bring people together and tackle social exclusion. Skills and potential of students are developed whilst their happiness, health and wellbeing are improved.

**Quotes:**

*Tina Burdett, Community Fundraising Manager of EACH has said 'I'm delighted that East Anglia's Children's Hospices have been selected by Cambridge Sawston Rotary to be a beneficiary of the 2022 Sawston Fun Run. The event is a local institution and has done so much to help local organisations over its thirty-five-year history, so it's an honour to be involved.'*

*Rose Bloomfield, Fundraising Engagement Manager has said 'We are so happy to be involved with the Sawston Fun Run this year and all the funds raised will enable Rowan to continue to support local adults with learning disabilities.'*

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## Busy programme at the Infant School

WELCOMING back the children after the Easter break to start the final term of the year is always filled with optimism and excitement. The evenings are longer, the weather is (hopefully) nicer, and the opportunities for learning are endless!

We are thrilled that the PTFA are able to start planning some in-person events. A Quiz Night is being organised for 20<sup>th</sup> May, and our Summer Fair is on 17<sup>th</sup> June. I do hope you will be able to support these events as we open our school up to the community for the first time in what seems like an age!

This term is also always about transition. We think about those children leaving us to start the next phase of their education, and we are planning for those children joining us in September. Offers have been sent to those children. If you have received an offer and you haven't done so already, please could you contact the school office by email, [office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk), to accept or decline your space.

We would also like to invite parents to our New Parents Evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm-7pm. This is a chance for parents to meet the staff and learn more about the school, and it would be lovely to meet you all! We then hope to be able to arrange opportunities for children to join us before term ends in July.

We do have spaces in our school. If you know of someone who is looking for a school space, please do contact the school office for further information.

Kelly Harries  
 Headteacher

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## News from the Gardening Club

AT THE Gardening Club's April meeting, fellow club member Wendy and I gave a propagation demonstration. We showed how easy it is to increase the amount of plants for your garden at little cost. The forms of propagation demonstrated included heel cuttings, hardwood cuttings, root division of perennials such as primulas, and stem tip cuttings of pelargoniums and petunias.



**Petunias**

With most plants in full leaf, now is the best time to check the variegated or coloured varieties of your plants for leaf reversion. Snip off any plain green leaves and stalks as they tend to be vigorous and if left on, the whole plant will eventually become plain green.

Do look out for the club's pop-up plants stalls over the next month or two where you can buy plants to help fill your garden at bargain prices. If you have any plants you would like to donate for the stall for club funds, please contact me.



**Regal Pelargonium**

The National Garden Scheme, which raises funds for nursing and health charities, will be holding its first ever *Linton Open Garden* event on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. Over the years, we have enjoyed many happy hours visiting gardens in other towns and villages which private owners have opened for this worthwhile scheme.

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Wendy Over from Fenland Flowers and Foliage will be giving a talk on *Growing for Cut Flowers*. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about growing plants for vases and flower arrangements.



**Variegated Pelargonium**

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## Gardens in the Hundred Parishes

PUBLIC and private gardens provide opportunities for pleasurable exercise and social interaction. Our local sunny climate and fertile soils have encouraged those with green fingers to hone their design and horticultural skills to create some outstanding flower-rich gardens for their own delight. Some, like Bridge End Garden in Saffron Walden, are free but entry charges do apply at others.

Many delightful gardens are listed in the current National Garden Scheme handbook and website, [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk). This is a major showcase for owners who are willing to share their gardens with others; last year £3 million was donated by visitors to help nursing and health charities. Some gardens have limited opening days, others more frequent opportunities to appreciate seasonal changes; some offer opportunities for booked group visits.

Some gardens open early to showcase spring flowers, but as spring gives way to summer, more are opened to show off the variety of brightly-coloured blooms and intense floral fragrances, especially from roses. Enthusiastic and knowledgeable owners may specialise in growing cottage garden flowers, others in designing hidden features or ponds, and all are willing to share their passions with visitors.

With so many varied gardens to visit, it is a challenge to decide which one should top your list! I would recommend including Easton Lodge, where Harold Peto's Italian garden is always colourful, and recent restoration works to the balustrade have enhanced this area.

Throughout the summer at Henry Moore Studios and Gardens at Perry Green, many of Moore's sculptures are displayed in a garden setting, and an exhibition focuses on his work in the 1960s.

The What's On listing on the Hundred Parishes website includes dates for individual open gardens and also where a village has organised a group of open gardens, sometimes with added attractions like cream teas. Enjoy!

Tricia Moxey, Trustee  
The Hundred Parishes Society  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)



Bridge End Garden, Saffron Walden

## Listening to the newspaper

THIS article is a plea for help, and you may be able to provide it. We are trying to recruit more listeners for our service. The *Talking Newspaper* is a weekly recording of local news taken from the *Bishop's Stortford Independent* and the *Dunmow Broadcast*. It is a free service, including postage and all necessary equipment, for anyone who is visually impaired or who cannot manage a newspaper because of some physical

disability. The recording comes on a USB stick and we normally provide listeners with a special player for the purpose.

The restrictions placed on all of us over the past two years have highlighted the problems of social isolation. We know from our existing listeners how much they have appreciated the *Talking Newspaper* in keeping them in touch with local news brought to them by local voices. We are sure that there are many others who would feel the same if they were aware of it. These same restrictions have, however, made it much more difficult for us to identify new listeners, so please give serious thought to whether you know anyone who might benefit.

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## Granta Medical Practices Update

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### How does it work?

We will forward your details to the pharmacist, along with details of your minor illness. The pharmacist will contact you to arrange your consultation on the same day, or at a time that suits you. You may be seen in person in a private consulting room if the pharmacist thinks it appropriate, or your consultation may be carried out over the phone or via video. You will be asked about your medical history and symptoms and current medication, in the same way the GP would ask you about them. Usually, the pharmacist will provide you with advice and can recommend an over the counter product if needed. Details of your consultation with them will be sent to us for our records.

If the pharmacist feels you need to be seen by a GP urgently, they will call us to ensure you are seen, or they will advise you to contact the hospital Emergency Department if deemed necessary. You may also be referred back to us to arrange a non-urgent appointment or follow up.

### Why is this a good thing for patients?

Community pharmacies are local, can be open longer hours than us and can offer you the same consultation outcome at a time that is convenient for you. If the pharmacist thinks you need to see a GP, they can help arrange an urgent appointment for you. Patients who have already used this service liked the convenience of having a consultation on the same day, or a day that suited them, at a pharmacy of their choice.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01223 627743 or email me [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

Sandra East  
Head of Patient Services

## Hats and Fascinators

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

SUSAN Widlake, our speaker, has a background in IT with a pharmaceutical company, and began making embellishments for hats (such as rosettes and flowers) in her spare time while travelling with her job.

Sue displayed many of her creations and some are named after the places she travelled to, such as Barcelona, modelled after the city's Gaudi architecture.

Susan started making hats full time in 2019 but when COVID struck and weddings were scarce, she made face masks, supplying Saffron Walden tourist information among others. She explained how a cloche hat is made from a felt cone tilted round in a machine, then stiffened, put over a mould (cost about £100) and steamed, putting her kettle in a bin bag so the steam doesn't escape.

Sue stocks up mostly in Luton. Interestingly the best and cheapest place for fabric is Latvia. One very tall sequinned headdress made for a pantomime had to be mounted on a baseball cap, then changed to another cap when the actor changed.

Members had a go at making a fascinator from a kind of canvas called Sinamay which folds easily – not as easy as it looks.

There is still a tradition that hats are worn slanted a certain way so that a gentleman defending a lady's honour would not knock her hat off. Amal Clooney caused a stir at the royal wedding because her hat slanted the opposite way.

The lady who made Beatrice and Eugenie's controversial wedding hats taught Sue how to make leather roses which have to be glued in place.

After the talk members had fun trying on the hats and to those members who said hats don't suit them, Sue suggested wearing them at a different angle – it can make a huge difference.

Our next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm in the village hall. The speaker will be from The Anthony Nolan Trust. Ladies, please come and join us for a sociable evening and meet new people. You can come as a visitor for a taster.

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## COUNTRY MATTERS

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### Will a willow surprise you?

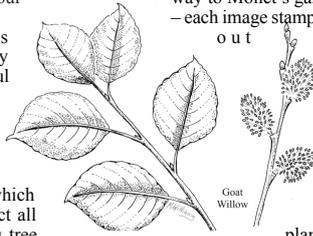
FEW trees in England are as recognisable as the weeping willow, and few species of tree have as many uses. From Biblical times all the way up to our recent requirements for biomass fuel and environmentally friendly coffins, the willow has served us well. There are 400 species of willow, but four is quite enough for *Country Matters*!

The most common shrub in damp areas is the goat willow, *salix caprea*, known as pussy willow, and also great sawall. It has wonderful early catkins, and grows short and stubby, with quite round leaves. If you see a large, shrubby thing, often by water and on damp paths, and it doesn't have thorns, chances are it is a goat willow.

Next is the crack willow, *salix fragilis*, which grows along the Granta in profusion, in fact all over the place. If you see a messy-looking tree, branches everywhere, falling across streams, regrowing, that is the crack willow. Its branches break off easily, set off downstream and replant themselves. The bark is very dark brown and deeply fissured. Only last week, Rob from the Trout Trust and the Friends of the Granta group used willow to create two brushwood ledges for fish habitat and bank defences in Pocket Park. In literature, Tolkien used the Malevolent Old Willow, creeping about at night looking for hapless hobbits, and J. K. Rowling frightened all generations with the Whomping Willow, striding forwards in fast fury to alarming musical accompaniment.

Third is the truly magnificent weeping willow, and it couldn't be more different from the two above. First brought from China in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the *Salix Babylonica* is now hybridised with

*salix Sepulchralis*. It is out first in spring, grows up to seventy feet high, with a dense circle of shade under the canopy. We have Shakespeare's Ophelia slipping into the deep of the weeping willow brook. Later the Spode blue willow design from 1790, all the way to Monet's garden at Giverny and *The Wind in the Willows* – each image stamped in our own imagination with punts peeking



from willows on the Cam.

Lastly, there is the cricket bat willow, *salix Alba Caerulea*. It grows fast and straight, and is tough and light. Once harvested, the wood is air-dried for around twelve months to reach the desired water content. It is then pressed at 140kg/cm<sup>2</sup> to achieve the right hardness and strength. A handle is spliced on, and shaping is done by hand with a draw-knife, a spoke shave, a plane and a practised eye. A fine sanding and a coat of wax finishes the job.

Over the years, different species of pliable willow have been used for hundreds of purposes from grouse panniers to the basket frames for busbies outside Buckingham Palace, to living garden seats, fish traps, soft charcoal to light aeroplane seats, and fast growing windbreaks. The bark has been used as an anti-inflammatory since Biblical times, and in 1915 the essential ingredient, salicin, was isolated. On a larger scale, willow copes with water-logging and flooding, and water companies pay farmers to plant willow to slow run-off. In the east, arable farming took over from willow culture, but it is coming back, slowly, while acreages of willow continue to be cultivated in damp Somerset. We are very fortunate to have such a species, both for function and beauty.

## Get active with 2523 Air Squadron

AS the weather improves we love to take the opportunity to get out and about. Our squadron training moves outside with practical orienteering exercises, radio practice and leadership skills all being honed ahead of the summer inter-squadron competitions.

Some of these skills are already being put to good use with bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expeditions taking place and with silver practice and qualifying expeditions scheduled shortly. Over the Easter break three Linton cadets are attending the much-anticipated Easter Camp. This is always a full-on week of adventurous activity, military exercises, rifle shooting and flying. I look forward to reporting back from those currently attending the camp.

A big congratulations to Cadet Sainsbury who has now com-

pleted the blue wings course. This involved a series of training sessions on the new squadron flight simulator equipment and a flying sortie in the Grob Tutor powered aircraft.

The training schedule has never been so varied and we look forward to catching up on all the competitions now we are back and running a full programme.

For those that missed our April open evening but are interested in joining, it is not too late to register for our summer activities



programme. This taster programme is a fantastic way to see what 2523 Linton Squadron has to offer before formal enrolment in September. You just have to be minimum age 12 and going into year 8 in September.

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Left: Cadets took part in a variety of activities during the Easter Camp.



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## POT POURRI 203

**How many regions?**  
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**Pot Pourri 202 - The Six-Digit Factor**  
The six digit number beginning 133 has only 3 numbers divisible by 5, 7 & 9.  
They are 133 245, 133 560 & 133 875.

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Do you want to learn more about the history of where you live? May is *Local and Community History Month* – a great time to explore our local studies resources, an interesting selection of books, or to use library computers for free access to *Ancestry.com*, *Find My Past*, and the *British Newspaper Archives*. Look out for our *Read Local* display, highlighting fiction set in and around Cambridgeshire.

### Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May is *Dementia Action Week*. We have books and information about dementia to help everyone better understand the condition and find support.

On Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are starting a fortnightly *Knit and Natter* session at the library, 2-3pm. Come along, bring your current craft projects, and enjoy working on them in the company of others at the library.

Tuesdays May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> we have our regular *Story and Rhyme Time* for under 5s, 10.30am-11am.

On Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, our *Engage* session is *What to do when a guest tells you they need a gluten free diet*. Please book at the library. On Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, we are making and decorating paper crowns for the Queen's Jubilee, 11.30am to 2pm.

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# District and County Councillors' report April 2022

**A1307**  
Progress is being made with the lights at the Hildersham Crossroads and with the extension of the cycle route into the Abingtons. Work is expected to continue for several months yet. The next project on the list is the roundabout at the Bartlow crossing and the changes to the Dean Road access to the dual carriage-way. We do not have a date for this yet other than to say it will be in this financial year.

**Afghan Refugees**  
South Cambs District Council has made available nine homes for Afghan refugees. All are now occupied, and the families are starting to make a new life for themselves. They are being supported by the local authority and funded through government grants.

**Ukrainian Refugees**  
The District Council is responsible for vetting the homes of sponsors and checking their suitability to receive their guests. They are not offering homes at this stage but may have an obligation later if the accommodation arrangements break down and the Ukrainians become homeless. If you are interested in this issue, there is a wealth of information on the District Council website [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk)

**Covid Funding**  
A new discretionary fund has opened to help businesses who have not benefited from previous funding rounds. Full details can be found at [www.scams.gov.uk/CARF](http://www.scams.gov.uk/CARF)

**Bin Collections**  
Covid is still making it very challenging to run all the bin collections. As we write over 40 of the workforce of 150 are away. Despite this it is the council's intention to continue the green bin collection but if your bin is not collected at the normal time please leave it out and we will be picking it up as soon as we can.

**Council Tax Rebate Scheme.**  
The government's council tax rebate scheme goes live on 1st April. FAQs will be on the district council website. It is aimed at homes in council tax bands A-D. The amount of £150 is not repayable and will not show up on your Council Tax bill.

**Zero Carbon Award**  
South Cambridgeshire District Council has been recognised for its work to tackle climate change, with a Silver accolade at the 2022 Public Sector Transformation Awards.

**Fitness and Wellbeing Grants**  
South Cambridgeshire District Council is urging instructors to apply for up to £300 to lead fitness and wellbeing activities in their communities. Anyone who leads an existing group or who wants to set up a new initiative in the district, such as leading a walking group in their local park or running a weekly yoga class in a village hall, could be eligible for the small grant. Providers running multiple groups can also apply to fund multiple programmes.

**Zero Carbon Communities Grants**  
South Cambridgeshire's community groups can now bid for a share of more than £120,000 from the District Council's popular Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme. The scheme has so far provided £310,000 to 51 grassroots projects that work to tackle climate change in South Cambridgeshire. The deadline to apply for the latest round of grants is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. Full eligibility criteria and ideas for projects are available at [www.scams.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant](http://www.scams.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant)

**County Underspend**  
Amazingly, the County Council has a forecast end of year underspend of £15.7m caused by short term implications of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is intended to use some of this in immediate and visible improvements to county highways including extra work in pothole 'hot spots', an increased programme to reduce surface water in locations highlighted by the community and improving lines and road markings in more rural areas to make driving safer at night and in bad weather.

**Family Support**  
Although Government-backed schemes set up to help struggling families during the pandemic ended on March 31, Cambridgeshire County Council's Joint Administration has agreed to earmark £3.6m to extend the Holiday Voucher Scheme for a further year. We will issue each eligible child or young person a £30 supermarket voucher to cover the Easter holiday period. It will be sent by email and/or text to the nominated parent or carer. The voucher does not need to be used in a single shopping trip and once claimed will last for at least a year. If your child is eligible for income-related free school meals as well as a number of other criteria, they will automatically receive a voucher for the Easter holiday period. Any children who become eligible up until 19 April 2022 will also receive a voucher. More at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Henry Batchelor County and District Councillor  
John Batchelor District Councillor

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### Linton Camsight VIPs The Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with sight loss

AT our April meeting, our members were once again delighted to meet in person, and were given a demonstration of various magnifiers by Georgina, one of the Camsight technical support team who suffers from sight loss herself. This was followed by a quiz, and our afternoon tea and raffle. Our members enjoyed delicious home baked Easter cakes and scones which were very kindly donated by a volunteer and a member. Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May at Chalklands Community Centre with a speaker from the Healthwatch team. If you or anyone you know would like further information about our meetings or on the work of Camsight, please contact us either through the Cambridge office on 420033, or on the number below.



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## Green Lane Junction... ...response to residents

IN RESPONSE to the article published in the Linton News April 2022, the Parish Council would like to reply with the following statement.

In July 2018 residents of Green Lane attended a Parish Council meeting to express concerns over the entrance/exit of the junction of Green Lane and the High Street. It was requested at this meeting that the mirror which had been removed from the lamp post opposite be reinstalled. County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor stated that the County Council do not endorse the use of mirrors, due to glare etc and confirmed that the previous mirror had been installed by a resident.

The Parish Council do not have permission to install a mirror, it is a decision for Cambridgeshire County Council. It was suggested that the LPC ask the resident living opposite Green Lane to install a mirror, but the implications of liability would be considered. The minutes of this meeting were published in the August 2018 edition of the Linton News.

The option to request that a resident install a mirror on their property was not pursued as it would result in a high risk of liability for the individual, should an accident occur.

The Parish Council met with the CCC Highways engineer and an adjustment to the loading and parking bays at the Cooperative was designed. This proposal would cost £6,456 for the work. This was agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 18th April 2019 and published in the May 2019 edition of the Linton News.

A public consultation was then held by CCC regarding the changes and objections to the changes were received. The relocation of the loading bay, five metres back, would cause a narrowing of the highway, resulting in vehicles mounting the pavement, which would put the properties on the opposite side of the High Street at risk of being hit by passing traffic. At this point, due to the serious nature of the objections, the Cambridgeshire County Council needed to reassess the problem and at the time no satisfactory solution to the issues over the junction were forthcoming.

March 2020 saw the whole country locked down by the Covid-19 pandemic and no progress was made on the matter throughout this period.

In May 2021, as soon as restrictions were lifted, the Clerk and the Chairman of the Parish Council met with the CCC Highways engineer and discussed the visibility and safety issues again. The Highways engineer explained that no further action could be taken without increasing the risk to the properties opposite the Co-op. The Chairman reported this to the Full Council and it is recorded in the minutes of the meeting held in August 2021 which were published in the October 2021 edition of the Linton News.

The main problem, as quite clearly stated by the residents of Green Lane, is the large lorries which deliver goods to the Co-op, however to use smaller vehicles would be cost prohibitive to the company, especially due to the fact that the store is one of the busiest for its size in the country and requires a substantial number of deliveries a week. The Co-op has taken temporary measures to increase the visibility from the junction which stops cars parking in the loading bay and this is appreciated. The Co-op, with its frequent deliveries is perhaps not in the best location, however, it is heavily relied upon by the residents of Linton and needs to receive stock.

The concerns raised about the state of the footpath leading from Green Lane to Mill Lane, which the Parish Council agree is poorly lit and maintained, is the responsibility of Public Highways at Cambridgeshire County Council. The Parish Council office has reported the path and request that parishioners also do so on the CCC website under Highways Faults. Clerk

## Annual Parish Meeting Update

THE ANNUAL Meeting of the Parish was held on Thursday 7th April 2022. For those of you unable to attend please see a summary of the evening below, full reports are available on the Linton Parish Council website.

Chairman, Merrie Mannassi, thanked the office team for their continued support to the Parish Council and explained that the role of Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer was now being shared between Jenny Seaward and Kate Dyer, formally Kate Wiseman, due to the increased workload looking after the interests of the village.

Clr Mannassi also spoke with great sadness of the loss of Clr Enid Bald who passed away on New Year's Day. Enid worked on behalf of the village and passed on her knowledge gained over twenty six years on to the Parish Council.

The Chairman went on to speak about the ownership issues on the Market Square, reiterating that the Parish Council will not give up until the matter is resolved once and for all. She also spoke about the junction of Green Lane and the High Street, the Parish Council's response to concerns from residents can be read in the adjacent article.

Clr Mannassi also stated that planning matters had been in full focus throughout the year and more detail would be given by Clr Kate Kell, Chair of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman explained the increase in the Parish Precept, which was not a decision taken lightly, the main reasons for the increase included; the high spend on play equipment and the skate park, replenishing funds from this major project and additional costs passed down from CCC such as street lighting. It was noted that although the percentage increase was high, the actual monetary impact equated to 43 pence per week, a total of £2.19 for a Band C property.

Clr Mannassi thanked the present Councillors for their contributions to the village, especially Clr John Bald, who had continued as Vice Chairman whilst caring and supporting his wife as she continued to work despite her failing health.

The Chairman then invited District Councillor John Batchelor to speak, thank him and County Councillor Henry Batchelor for their continued support to the Parish.

Clr John Batchelor spoke of the year sadly still dominated by Covid and stressed that he hoped we were reaching the end of the pandemic. He spoke of improvements to the A1307 including the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Hildersham and a roundabout at the Bartlow Road junction. He also explained that the Local Plan had progressed with preferred options for development being identified, thankfully all those in the immediate area had been rejected.

Clr John Batchelor thanked the Parish Council for their continued commitment to the village.

Grants for the coming year were awarded, details of which were published in the April edition of the Linton News. The groups present gave a brief overview of how the funds from the previous year had been spent and their plans for the current year's grants. They all extended their thanks to the Parish Council for the financial support and welcomed interest from the parishioners. If you would like to know more about getting involved with any of the groups, from Walking Netball to the Linton ACES, please contact the office who will be happy to pass your details on.

Next year's meeting will be held in the Village Hall and it would be lovely to welcome more parishioners. The Annual Meeting of the Parish is your meeting, it is an opportunity for everyone to get together and discuss the future of our village.

Clerk

## Annual Planning Update 2021

2021 has been an eventful year in planning. The loss of our former Chair, Enid Bald, has left a big hole in our committee, both in terms of the workload that she shouldered, and also in the knowledge she shared and her ability to help us navigate the complexities of planning. We would like to thank her for her service to the Planning Committee, to the village of Linton, and particularly for trying to ensure that the right development occurs in the right places.

Unless I have mis-counted, we have had 20 Planning Committee meetings in the last 12 months, making decisions on 99 planning applications (this includes some that have been withdrawn and re-submitted) and 18 applications for work on trees.

Our principles in decision-making have remained the same and we still endeavour to get the best for the village. Our need for affordable and social housing, smaller houses and bungalows remains.

The pre-commencement conditions for foul and surface water drainage on Horseheath Road have still not been agreed. They can no longer be discharged as construction has not only started but is nearing completion. Our hope is that the latest version of the schemes will not only prevent homes on the site from internal flooding in a 1 in 100 year event (with an allowance for climate change), but that they will not increase the risk of flooding the homes of neighbours as occurred on 20th July last year. They will be put before the SCDC Planning Committee on Wednesday next week for consideration.

Construction on Bartlow Road is underway. The terraced nature of these houses and their impact on the village will soon become clear. We are now trying to ascertain who has given the developer permission to move our village entrance signs ... these must be returned to their original location as they define the village envelope. We are also still concerned by the intent of the developer to "vary the foul water condition" which SCDC refused and the developer has now appealed. Given that the developer has not engaged in discussions with the landowner to connect to the manhole in the new sewer that they have consent for, we don't believe they have ever intended to follow the original consent.

The sites put forward for the next Greater Cambridge Local Development Plan have now been assessed and the preferred strategy is that new development should take place closer to the city of Cambridge and in and around the already agreed New Towns. While this will mean losing some areas of green-belt, development in these locations will put houses closer to places of work and should therefore encourage more sustainable living. It will be interesting to see how the recently approved Supplementary Planning Document for Biodiversity informs planning decisions as we move forwards. This calls for a 10% net gain in biodiversity to be delivered for all applications and we are keen to see how this will be both measured and monitored.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Committee for their time, knowledge and skills in reviewing the applications and for changing personal plans and being available for meetings at short notice when these have been critical for making decisions in a timely manner. As always, your experience of our village helps ensure that our comments reflect the local knowledge and perspective that would otherwise be unknown to planners responsible for making the decisions. Many thanks also to our planning consultant, Corrie Newell, for her invaluable legal and planning input and incredible attention to detail. Thank you!

Clr Kate Kell - Chair of the Planning Committee

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre.

**Chairman's Comment.**  
The Chairman requested that the councillors refer to the documents regarding procedural conduct during meetings. With an almost full complement of members, complex discussions have resulted in longer meetings, and this should be avoided by the measures in place. Members were advised that although they are permitted to address the Council more than once they should seek the permission to do so via the Chairman or Chair of the relevant committee.

Notification of the introduction of a strict by appointment only system at the Parish Council office which will apply to all councillors and members of the public. For Information. Noted. Open Forum for Public Participation) No public present.

**Matters Arising/Clerks Report.**

The Clerk updated the Full Council that the churchyard gates were due to be discussed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 14th March 2022 and would advise as soon as a response was received.

Consideration of the safety concerns raised by a parishioner on the footpath leading from the Churchyard towards Camping Close. The Clerk informed the Full Council about an incident on Camping Close following a trip on the uneven paths. She advised that the Chairman of the PCC had spoken about the churchyard paths being addressed without further delay. The Clerk was requested to report the uneven paths to the Rights of Way Officer and Highways at Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as the land including the footpath is owned by CCC.

Update on the new entrance door and security measures at the Parish Council office.

The Clerk updated the Full Council that a quote had been received for the new entrance door for the Parish Council office and the work would be completed in due course.

**District and County Councillors Report for March 2022.**

District Cllr John Batchelor gave an update on the Covid-19 positive cases now at 1600 per 100,000 with seventy patients in Adenbrookes receiving treatment.

County & District Councillor Henry Bachelor advised that the results for the 2022/23 Local Highways Improvement bids would be early April. He also advised that the Boundaries Committee were considering a change in the district boundaries and further information would be circulated in due course including details of public consultation.

**Planning**

**Bartlow Road**

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

Cllr Kate Kell advised that a letter was being written to SCDC on concerns over the way in which the materials condition was agreed. Cllr Kate Kell addressed County & District Councillor Henry Bachelor on the movement of the village sign whilst the developer moved the speed limit signage and queried if any contacts could be given to the Parish Council to ensure the reinstatement of the sign to the actual village boundary. County & District Councillor advised that he would escalate the issue with Highways. The office to contact SCDC Planning and CCC Highways and insist on the reinstatement of the sign.

**Horseheath Road.**

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

Cllr Kell also raised reports that it would appear more houses are now occupied with County & District Councillor Henry Bachelor. She raised concerns from a resident that road planings had been put in the attenuation basin and there had been further reports of sewage smells from the development site.

Update on the SCDC Planning meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022 to decide the Surface Water and Foul Water drainage conditions.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council following the SCDC Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022. Cllr Kate Kell advised the Full Council that the surface water and foul

water conditions were deferred at the SCDC Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9th March as the flood report from the events of 20th July 2021 had still not been received.

Cllr Kell commended the resident who spoke at the meeting and stated that the councillors were horrified by his detailed report, including photographs of his home during the flooding.

Cllr Sharon Parker stated that shared ownership housing was being offered and was believed to be available for immediate occupation. County & District Councillor Henry Bachelor confirmed that he would raise this at SCDC.

Consideration of the response to the request for information from the CEO of SCDC on the Planning Committee decision to refuse permission and the subsequent withdrawal of the application on land adjacent to 35 Balsham Road.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi spoke about the withdrawal of the application after the decision had been made to refuse by SCDC Planning Committee and noted that two applications at the same meeting, both internal, had been withdrawn. The timing of the withdrawal was questioned regarding transparency, and the response received from the CEO of SCDC spoke of a review of process.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that Linton Parish Council be provided with a copy of the process and be involved in the review. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

**Finance**

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding the change to the accounting software from Rialtas to Scribe and to adopt the Cemetery Management package available. Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the LPC change to Scribe in time for the start of the new financial year. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance Committee to provide a Unity Trust Visa Debit card for the use of the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) where the pre-paid Mastercard is not accepted.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the recommendation from the Finance Committee be accepted. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Consideration to revise the fees charged annually for the Fun Fair to be held 19th - 22nd May 2022.

Cllr Guy Ennew proposed that the annual fee for the Fun Fair be increased to £150.00. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

**Funding**

Consideration for the request for authorisation to make a final payment to the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) in March 22 which was not originally scheduled due to the value change of works through the COVID pandemic. Cllr John Bald proposed that the final payment be made in line with the amounts agreed by the RFO and Chair of Finance. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the request for match funding to the value £500.00. Supporting documents available in councillor packs. This item was deferred from the meeting held on Thursday 17th February 2022. Cllr John Bald proposed that the match funding to the value of £500.00 be paid to the Beacon Youth Trust. Cllr Chris Hine seconded. All Agreed.

**Contracts & Tenders**

Consideration of the quotes received for the required tree health & safety survey in the village. Cllr Kate Kell proposed the quote from Argenta Tree Surveys be accepted, followed by Haydens as reserve. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of the purchase of a storage shed and shelving to store the village flood kit. Cllr John Bald proposed that the shed and shelving be purchased to store the village flood kit. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

**Conservation Area**

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee regarding the open consultation on the Conservation Area Appraisal Review and comments to be submitted by 25th March 2022.

Cllr Kate Kell advised the Full Council that there were comments required regarding the changes

to the Conservation Area. She noted that the removal of Beech Way would be questioned due to the loss of tree protection, the houses on Coles Lane to be re-considered and recommended to remain. Little Linton also to be reconsidered for inclusion. Comments to be reviewed and submitted via the survey by 25th March 2022.

**Platinum Jubilee**

Consideration for the request to hang handmade bunting for the Platinum Jubilee on the railings at the High Street bridge near the Dog & Duck. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald proposed to agree to the bunting on the High Street bridge for the duration of the event. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Notification of and update for Parish Council on Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Cllr John Bald advised the Full Council that alternative music/entertainment would need to be found. He requested that the office contact the Accelerants and Wyld Sky Brewery to see if they would be available on Sunday 5th June.

**Recreation Ground**

**Bowling Green**

Update on the Future use of the Old Bowling Green following a remote meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022.

The Council requested that the office investigate lighting, CCTV, surfaces, and funding opportunities with the support of councillors and parishioners who had advised previously regarding potential funding. The office also advised that a blanket email would be sent to those who had expressed an interest of involvement on the survey to update them on the current progress and plans. Consideration of the safety concerns raised by a parishioner on the footpath leading from the Recreation Ground towards The Woodlands.

The Full Council requested that the Clerk report the issue to the Cambridgeshire County Council, Highways & advise the Rights of Way Officer as the land is owned by CCC and their responsibility.

**River Granta**

Consideration for information signage at Horn Lane bridge. The area concerned is within the Conservation Area and is an area of natural beauty. The Parish Council will not install permanent signage at this location.

**Cemetery**

Consideration of the recommendation from the working group meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 for the review of Cemetery Fees to be charged from 1st April 2022. Cllr John Bald proposed that the recommendation from the Cemetery Working Group be accepted. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for amendments to the Cemetery Regulations 2.2 regarding conduct in the Cemetery. Cllr John Bald proposed that the Cemetery regulations be amended to include no advertising on the perimeter fence. Cllr Caitlin Seaward seconded. All Agreed.

**Matters for Future Consideration.**

Cllr Kate Kell requested that the location of speed watch signs be added to the next agenda.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds requested consideration for Samaritans signage in the Bowling Green area be added to the next agenda.

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Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Mic night	7:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pool Competition (quarter finals)	7:30pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz	7:30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pool Competition (semi & final)	7:30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Live Music – Adele Tribute	8pm

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