

Heights wins prestigious Green Flag award



Pupils have been directly involved in the schools eco efforts

PUPILS at Linton Heights Junior School have earned an international accreditation this academic year, recognising their amazing work in making their school more environmentally friendly and raising eco-awareness in fellow pupils.

Eco-Schools is an international education programme that prompts young people to explore sustainability and climate change and take action. Pupils at Linton Heights collaborated with Mrs Clare Ball to conduct an environmental review, assessing how eco-friendly their school is. They reviewed everything from the school's recycling practices, to energy usage, to how environmental themes are covered in classrooms. Building on their findings, the pupils and Mrs Ball planned a year of activities that would up their green-credentials. The group connected their work to 3 Eco-Schools topics: litter, waste and transport. Activities included holding a 'Go Green Day' where pupils spent the day taking part in environmental activities including making bird feeders and improving the Forest School area.

Mrs Ball says "I am so proud of how hard the Eco-Council has worked this year. We are look forward to building on the work we have started this year and continuing to embed even more eco-awareness in the local community." Linton News Team Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, said: "Earning an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award takes passion, commitment and a desire to make a difference. Pupils should be proud of their great work. They're an inspiration and it makes us feel heartened and positive about the future of our planet."

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk

Linton News Team

Learn to dance with the Devil's Dyke Morris Men



MORRIS Dance is a great way to keep fit, meet others and help to keep an ancient tradition alive. Its also free to join!

Why not come along to one of our "have-a-go" sessions every Thursday at 8pm from 22nd September to 13th October? We would also like to hear from any musicians who would like to play for us.

Venue: The Scout Hut, Bottisham, CB25 9BB. For more information or a lift contact: Gordon 01223 833983 or bagman@devilsdykem.org.uk or visit www.devilsdykem.org.uk

Keith Farrow

ACEs meet for first time in two years

ON JUNE 30th we had a coffee morning in our usual venue, the pavilion on the recreation ground, after a break of over two years. Opened with a welcome speech by our new chairman, John Bald, we took the opportunity to plan ongoing events for the rest of the summer. The next meeting will be a strawberry tea in the garden of Jan and Mike Shepperd on August 18th at 2.30pm, with a raffle and bring-and-buy stalls. At this event, there will be an opportunity to buy tickets for an outing to Sheringham on September 22nd. Unfortunately, prices for places will be higher than we were used to due to increases in fuel costs, so be prepared!

The meeting ended with a decision to donate the profit of £160 to Cancer Research in memory of our dear Enid Bald, who was the founder of ACE, and who always helped members and the committee so much.

Colleen Lockstone



Enid Bald, founder of ACE, who passed away earlier this year



In pictures: A field fire rages at the side of the A11 after flames from a burning vehicle spread. Scorching temperatures and a lack of rainfall have created dangerous conditions for wildfires. Firefighters from several local stations responded and there were thankfully no casualties. These drone shots of the incident were taken by Linton resident Les Redhead

New look for the Free Church



A Visualisation of the finished work created by Nathan Burns

AFTER three years of planning, on August 1st Linton Free Church in Horn Lane begins a major interior refurbishment. The work will last until the end of the year, reopening fully in January 2023. Church services will continue, for the duration of the project, at 10.30 am each Sunday in the Church hall and on Zoom.

The total costs of the project will be around £370,000. The Church members have contributed almost £60,000 themselves and raised a further £125,000 from various grant-making Trusts. The United Reformed Church, who own the buildings, have offered to match this with a grant of up to £185,000.

The project will create a more flexible space downstairs and a far more usable and comfortable space in the upstairs gallery. Main changes include:

- Downstairs pews being replaced with individual, movable cushioned seats;
- Pulpit and platform to be replaced by movable staging;
- The solid wooden gallery balustrade panelling to be replaced with glass, creating better connection between those upstairs and what is happening downstairs;
- Gallery pews being retained but fitted with seat and back cushions for improved comfort;
- New audio-visual and sound system to sustain and improve streaming of services and quality of visual presentation and sound in the Church, aided by two large flat screen monitors;
- Several energy saving measures, including increased loft insulation, secondary double glazing with E rated glass and new, dimmable, LED lighting throughout.

As a Listed Building, built in 1818, some features will be retained including the organ, the upstairs pews and a section of the gallery panelling that will screen the new sound desk, and which contains the historic Church clock. The exterior will also be repainted.

When the project was recently explained to the children at Church, one young boy commented, "It's like making the Church leave the Middle Ages and become modern!"

The visualisation shown gives a flavour of how the Church will look when completed. The colour scheme and some of the final details now agreed are slightly different than those shown. The Church has continued to grow in numbers during the pandemic, and we feel the changes will both allow people to come and worship and use the Church building more flexibly, whilst retaining important features that remind us of the past. It will also potentially enable other uses for the wider community.

Rev Chris Kemshell, Minister & Ian Burns, Church Secretary
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Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I am a year 4 student in the Linton heights junior school. On 11th of June, my family and I took part in a 20 mile charity walk to support the motor neurone disease association. My mother walked 20 miles with her colleagues, my sister, my dad and I walked 8 miles, we were exhausted after we finished, but we shared lots of jokes along the way. Before the charity walk, we baked 50 cookies and made £50 during the jubilee celebration. In total, this charity walk raise more than £3,000 for the MND association. We write to thank the people of Linton who supported us, we could not have done it without the kindness and generosity from our village.

From Erin (age 9) and my sister Anna (age 7)

Dear Editor,

I am puzzled by the changes that seem apparent at the Health Centre. The triage operated at the reception seems all powerful. At one time I had to go into quite personal and embarrassing detail before I was given a doctor's appointment and on another occasion I was directed to the village pharmacy as (I quote) 'you don't see a doctor now, that is the way of the world'

My wife was told recently 'we are not a walk in surgery' - is it now the practice to call an ambulance and go to A and E for any minor injury that requires immediate attention? There is a lot of frustration at the changes from pre Covid times that have been made and I sympathise with the receptionists who are in the front line of the public's dissatisfaction.

Colin Faulkner

Fireworks committee seeks help

DESPITE the scorching temperatures at the time of writing, we've started to plan and think about the Linton Fireworks Display. We are really looking forward to putting this on again after a couple of years' break. However, since COVID we are significantly down on our volunteers for the committee and are desperate for more people. We need 4 more volunteers to commit to 8 meetings down the pub between September 1st - November 5th. We are looking for people to train up as firers to run the lines in the field - an excellent job. Check out our Facebook page for a video from the other year of what these guys get up to. We also need a numbers person to help keep the costs under control, and a couple of people to help front of house on the night making sure everything is going smoothly.

- Your pay and benefits are:
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 - Bacon Sandwiches during set up on Saturday
 - Having a laugh
 - Meeting new people
 - Making a fire
 - Setting off fireworks

We've had a tremendous response from local businesses who are happy to sponsor so big shout out to: McKenzie and Hayward, Camgrain, Cooper Barnes, Daryl Nantais Gallery, Linton Kitchen, Cambridgeshire Family Chiropractic Centre, Paintins, Nextnorth, Brick Marketing, Rutters. We have sponsorship opportunities ranging from £150 upward or if you want something bespoke for your budget contact us natalie@brick-marketing.co.uk Want to join the village fireworks committee? then email info@lintonfireworks.co.uk

Natalie Morris



Volunteers hoist up a Spitfire Guy from a previous year

An Englishman's home is his castle?

THINK again. I was lucky. My alarm alerted a neighbour, who disturbed a gang who were touring the area in a stolen BMW, looking for targets. The car, police said, had been used in a burglary in Bramwell. After threatening my neighbour, they made off, taking nothing and leaving me counting my blessings, beginning, of course, with the neighbour. Here's what I learned. First, most of us are at work most of the time, and a drive without a car in it suggests an empty house.

They will knock on the door. If they get an answer, they will ask for directions. If they don't, they will go round the back and break in, ignoring any alarm, though it will probably hurry them up. They will make for the bedrooms, which are still where most of us keep jewellery. If they have time, they will ransack the house.

Lesson one is not to keep valuables under the mattress. If our drive has a gate, we should shut it, and preferably lock it, even with only a padlock. Next, make it difficult for them to get to the back of the house. Padlocks on gates, and as well as bolts, help, as do spiky plastic strips and anti-climb paint. Security cameras are not expensive, but it's best not to hope for too much from them, as burglars are usually masked and gloved. Forensic evidence is rare.

I've attended neighbours' alarms in the past. Burglars will normally just leave if we greet them in a friendly way - this happened to a friend in Saffron Walden recently - though we mustn't take risks. I am upgrading my alarm to one that alerts me by phone if it's activated. I was visited by a retired police officer from www.thebobbyscheme.org, who provided further advice - e.g. that a flimsy trellis on top of a fence makes it harder to climb. The main lesson is that we need to look out for each other!

John Bald

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Like every other Church in the country, St. Mary's receives no funding from national or local government, or from the Diocese of Ely, so the upkeep of the building must be funded locally.

The Friends of St Mary's is a group originally founded in 1984 but reconstituted as a separate Charity in 2001, whose object is to fund the restoration, preservation and repair, maintenance, improvement and beautification of the Church. We are a Heritage organisation, so members can be of any faith or none, and of all ages, we hope that anyone with an interest in Linton and its history will consider joining. The Friends have various fund-raising events throughout the year, curtailed in the last two years by the pandemic, but a core part of funding is the membership. The minimum annual donation is £20 per person, but more generous donations are welcome, and Gift Aid can add to this for UK taxpayers.

For application forms, please contact our Treasurer, Hugh Paton
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Richard Tonry



The Friends focus on the fabric of the church, rather than its message



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The great Elm tree revival



A grove of the new disease resistant Elms

AN article in the news a few years ago declared that Elm trees could make a comeback now that disease resistant elms have been bred that are close to the original "English" elms that were once common. This news, combined with some old snaps of Linton pre-Dutch Elm disease (the last epidemic of which wiped out over 90% in the 1970s) got me thinking: how about if we start reintroducing them to our beautiful landscape?

The need for trees is undoubted, given that with developments and hard-landscaping of gardens, run-off straight into the Granta is a major flood risk. Trees not only help with carbon capture, they help to maintain the soil structure, preventing this run-off and loss of topsoil from parks and fields. Elms will help with this, as they grow slow and large. Elms are not just a part of our landscape, they are an investment in our children's and grandchildren's future. We are now looking for sites for the Elms: suggestions are welcome (either public or private sites) and any companies or individuals wishing to sponsor a tree would be very welcome to. Please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Jenny Seaward, on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk

Ed Groenhart

2523 Linton Air Cadets

THE squadron put in a great effort in our annual wing field day competition at RAF Henlow. Linton's cadets had to compete across an array of key skill areas against each of the other 27 squadrons in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

Our first event was the ensemble: the cadets serenaded the judges with the tune of "Sweet Caroline". It was then straight on to some coding and map reading exercises.



Sgt Vellacott led the squad through a full drill routine, calling all movements from memory for the entire sequence. There was then a full leadership task to complete, giving Flight Sergeant Murray a chance to show off his command and control of the group.

We finished off with the first aid competition where the cadets had to treat multiple casualties in a simulated accident. The event was finished off with a final parade, where every squadron in the wing was represented.

It was great to be back out at a large-scale competition and all the cadets did themselves proud.



Also in July we assisted with the Balsham Feast event. We set up our full flight simulator and enjoyed showing off all that Linton Squadron has to offer to the public.



We were also lucky enough to have a talk by Cambridge University Air Squadron, on how the cadets can progress and the opportunities available for those moving on to university life.

If you're going into Year 8 this September, then join today.
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Meeting Granta's local heroes

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Sharon has lived in the village for 8 years and has worked at Granta as a teacher for 11.

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Sharon Collins has taught at Granta school for over a decade

Angela has lived in the village for 45 years and has devoted 15 years to Granta as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

I have always loved my job from the day I started. Every day is different, and it is a privilege to see pupils begin their journey with us, watch them grow in confidence, move onto further education and for some, independent living. From pupils choosing to take your hand for the first time, to others working with a communication switch being able to say good morning to peers, is both rewarding and amazing. The staff team is fantastic, we all support each other and I have made lifelong friends.

Emma Jennings
Communications Officer

Sailing into disaster

OUR speaker at the July meeting was Edward Gildea, and the title of his talk was 'Adventure, Activism and the Climate Crisis'.

Edward's love of adventure started when he learnt to sail with his father on the Norfolk Broads and later joined the Boy Scouts.

In 2013/14 he took part in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, sailing 24,000 miles from Brisbane to London via Singapore, China, San Francisco and New York. He illustrated his talk with slides showing life on board: sleeping and cooking - often at an angle of 45 degrees.

In 2018 he completed his circumnavigation by sailing a further 15,000 miles from Uruguay to Australia.

During his travels he has seen the consequences of global warming and has become very active in campaigning for measures to reduce CO2 in the atmosphere.

He was instrumental in organising over 1,000 church bells to be rung on the eve of the COP26 conference as a warning for climate change.

He finished his talk with tips on how we, as individuals, could play our part in making a greener planet for future generations.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 2nd August will be a social *Happy Holidays* - wine, nibbles, a quiz, souvenirs - no CO2 emissions involved.

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A handmade card for her majesty

THE children at Chestnut Playgroup have had a busy summer term. They have been celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by hearing stories, having tea parties, and even making the Queen a special card that we sent to Buckingham Palace. They also had a special visit from Zoolab, where the children got to meet and hold a variety of animals and reptiles. The pre-school children have enjoyed a superhero themed Leavers' Party, followed by their Graduation Ceremony.

We would like to wish them all a wonderful time in their adventures at school, and say thank you to all of the families for your amazing support. We hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday!

We are also looking forward to meeting all our new Chestnuts from September, and welcoming back our current families after the summer holiday break. We have limited places and availability for the next academic year in the youngest year group, and we are full and operating waiting lists in the top two year groups. Please see our website for further details and contact our Administrator via the web contact form.

Save the date for our late Summer Fete!

We are having a late Summer Fete on 10th September 1.00pm - 3.00pm at the Cathodeon Centre on Horseheath Road. There'll be stalls, a raffle and refreshments. All welcome!

Chestnut Playgroup
chestnutplaygroup.org.uk



Don't forget the stamp! The chestnuts card for the Queen

Gardening Club visits two Duxford gardens

IN MID-JUNE, Linton Gardening Club members visited two contrasting Duxford gardens where we were shown around by their very knowledgeable and enthusiastic owners.

The sunny aspect and gentle, sloping garden in Ickleton Road was packed with a colourful array of traditional and exotic planting with numerous contrasting shapes and forms normally found in warmer climates. Highlights included kangaroo paws, colourful variegated sedums and deep purple dragon arums (voodoo lilies) which have a pungent aroma of rotting flesh! Nowadays, some so-called tender plants can survive a mild English winter given a dry site and a little shelter but cuttings and offsets should be overwintered in frost free conditions in case we get another *Beast from the East*.



Above: dragon lily Above right: kangaroo paws



By contrast, Bustler's Cottage was set in an acre of gardens with newly planted hedging dividing it into compartments with traditional borders, wildflower areas and productive vegetable and fruit gardens, a lovely setting for tea and cake, rounding off the evening nicely. Colourful floribunda roses were the highlight of this garden. Do look out for local gardens opening for charity as you are sure to find something of interest.

The Committee have been preparing a varied and interesting programme for the 2022 to 2023 programme, including talks on companion planting, gardening at RHS Wisley, labour-saving gardening ideas, and dealing with difficult garden areas. The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th of September, when Nigel Start will give a talk on *A History of Gardening in Britain*.

Jim and Helen
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Lots going on at the Library

DURING the school holidays Cambridgeshire Libraries are running a Summer Reading Challenge for children. This year the theme is Gadgeteers, a celebration of science and innovation, in partnership with the Science Museum Group. Come along to find out more or join in the fun online. Everyone can enter our *Guess the Gadget* competition; will you win a prize?

We have a children's Craft event at 12 - 2pm on Tuesday 2nd. Pop along to get creative with old CDs. Please book a place at the library.

Monday 8th at 2pm is our Engage session (with refreshments), Karen Sanderson will help us discover what Yarn Bombing is all about. All welcome.

Our popular Knit and Natter group will meet at 2pm on Tuesday 9th and 23rd; just bring your latest craft project (knitting or otherwise).

Family Lego fun is back at 2 - 3.30pm on Monday 22nd. Please call in at the Library to book your place.

All libraries in Cambridgeshire offer a warm welcome to refugees. We have a welcome leaflet in various languages - please ask if you need a copy for yourself or to give to a new arrival.

Lindsay Healy and Ann King,
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm
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Volunteer for the Linton Children's Book Festival

AFTER a rocky few years we are excited to announce the return of our award-winning village book festival in the summer of 2023! The festival is made up of school visits and garden story times as well as a big celebratory weekend filled with talks by authors and illustrators, workshops, storytelling, poetry, music and more. We are looking for new and enthusiastic committee members to join our team and help us organise this event. This could involve anything from organising a competition to creating signs to co-ordinating with schools and local groups. Everyone is welcome and no experience or set time commitment is necessary! Email us at info@lintonbookfest.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Blakeney Clark



Roses in Bustler's Cottage garden

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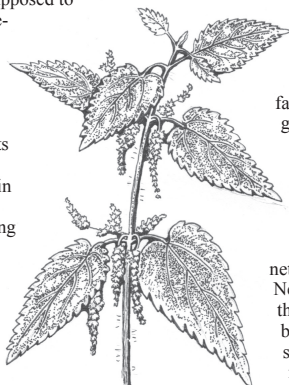
The humble Stinger

A CHANCE conversation the other day led me to choose the nettle as a topic. Apparently, my new friend thrashes her husband with nettles to provide relief from arthritis, a treatment called urticification. The sting is supposed to stimulate inflammation, and therefore somehow relieve pain. It will occur to you I feel sure that perhaps it just supplied distraction pain. When I suggested this to Ben, he decided he didn't have arthritis after all.

Nettles are our only common stinging plants and are widespread worldwide, their abundant seeds and yellow roots spreading fast in all habitats, usually reaching 4 foot high in summer and dying back in winter, recovering quickly even after fire. Archeologists have proved they were here long before the Romans. Our version is *Urtica Dioica*, from the family *Urticaceae*, with *urtica* being Latin for sting. They can be recognised by the hairs on the stem, their drooping catkins and the oval toothed leaves.

When you have been badly stung, you somehow feel and see their evil intent next time around. The stinging hairs are called trichomes, and they act like hypodermic needles, injecting histamine and other chemicals into your skin. However, like wasps, there is a good side, in fact several.

For centuries, nettles have been used in the treatment of muscles, joints, gout, eczema, anaemia, arthritis and urinary problems. Nettles in your garden attract all the right kinds of insects, especially as food sources for red admiral butterflies and small tortoiseshell caterpillars. Ladybirds feast on the



aphids that shelter among them, and seed-eating birds enjoy their autumn spoils. The aphids that might be destroying your veg garden are lured to the nettles. Nettles are an excellent compost activator (avoid the roots), and keen gardeners make liquid fertilisers from shoving them into sealed containers full of water and leaving them for a month. In World War 2, they were famously gathered by children to produce a dark green dye for camouflage, and the foraging community uses young leaves as an alternative to spinach for soups and stir fries. Lime Bay Winery made 3000 litres of wine using 40kg of nettles, and De Montfort University made dresses and cushion covers from nettle fibres. Cornish Yarg cheese is wrapped in nettles.

Nettles have been used in folklore: to grasp the nettle is to deal with an issue fully, not just brushing past and kicking it down the road. In some countries, pushing your granny into the nettles means worsening a situation that should be dealt with. Let's end with this old ditty:

*Tender-handed stroke a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of nettle,
And it soft as silk remains.*

From A Useful Hint by Aaron Hill (1685 - 1750)

POT POURRI 206

Pot Pourri 206 - Find the end

Find two 2 digit numbers when multiplied by themselves (i.e. squared), have the last two digits the same as the number being multiplied.

Pot Pourri 205 - Which is larger?

Using the formula for the sum of the first natural numbers lets us see that the first is the largest. i.e. 2021(...) - so no need to do a full calculation.

A cause worth celebrating

THE Waggon and Horses in Linton is kindly hosting a breast cancer charity event on August 13th to raise funds and awareness for Addenbrookes Breast Cancer Unit.

Local Linton resident Kelly Sibbons (Pictured), in whose honour the day has been arranged, has much to smile about as she celebrates 10 years clear of breast cancer this August.

Please come and join in the entertainment which starts at 12 noon. Families and children of all ages are welcome in the garden until 6pm where there will be plenty of fun and games including face painting, cake, and sweet stalls. In the evening there will be darts and pool competition and karaoke.

A raffle supported by local businesses has some great prizes. Please come and support this community event and worthwhile cause.

Linton News Team

BREAST CANCER CHARITY DAY

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

THERE ARE SOME AMAZING PRIZES UP FOR GRABS DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESS SUCH AS:

The draw will take place at 4pm all proceeds raised will go to Addenbrookes Breast Cancer Unit.

Raising the roof at Ely Cathedral

ON Monday 11th July Linton Heights Junior School (LHJS) joined all the other seven Anglian Learning Trust primary schools for a belated Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration. It was our very own Mrs Emma Mason, the LHJS music lead who planned, organised and coordinated this magnificent celebration.

On one of the hottest days of the year, the venue for the musical collaboration was St. Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St. Edmunds. Brought by coach from Trust schools in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, a total of 785 pupils and 57 staff members were in attendance.

Pupils made flags from all of the countries of the Commonwealth with a message on and swapped them with other children from the Trust. Each school took it in turns to perform to the others. Performances included: "Here's to the Queen"; "Count on me"; "Save the Planet" and of course the National Anthem. Prue Rayner - Trust Director of Primary Education gave a speech, and I had the privilege of giving the welcome. The morning was thoroughly enjoyable and it was wonderful, after several years of not being able to meet/ perform with other schools, that in July so many schools and children were able to join together in celebration.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is living history and I know that so many pupils will now keep memories of this momentous occasion in their hearts and minds.



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Friday 19 th	Disco	8pm
Wednesday 24 th	Rock 'n' Roll Bingo	7:30pm
Saturday 27 th	Live Music - Kyle & Myke	
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District and County Councillors' report June 2022

Local Plan Responses

THE first draft of South Cambridgeshire District Council's local plan has now been commented upon by landowners, potential housing developers and members of the public. The Local Plan is a hugely important document as it dictates where houses can be built in the district over the next 30 years. The proposals were to concentrate all of the development into existing and forthcoming towns – such as Cambridge, Northstowe, Waterbeach New Town etc. The consultation was an interesting exercise as it was the first opportunity for the land allocations to be officially challenged. The comments will be digested by the District Council and then a final proposal published – time frame TBC. If you are interested, all of the comments can be viewed on the Greater Cambridge Planning website - www.consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals

A1307 Upgrades

The next set of upgrades that are being currently implemented on the A1307 is the safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction. This involves putting in a crossing that all non-motorised users (pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders) can use. This has begun already and will be fully completed in the summer.

Some good news on the route of the Linton Greenway – a 'non-motorised user' route that begins in Cambridge and runs through to Linton. There was a lot of concern over the routing of the greenway through Abington, the issue being whether directing non-motorised users through the village centre is the correct way. There are also proposals to close, or partially close, some of the roads in and out of the village to motorised

vehicles. Following lobbying from residents and your local councillors, the GCP are going to relook at the route down Pampisford Road, avoiding the village centre in its entirety. The cost benefit analysis is due to be completed in the Autumn.

The final decisions on these are still pending, but if anyone has strong views one way or the other, please do write into the GCP, who will be making the decision – contactus@greater-cambridge.org.uk

Planning Department Reshuffle

The South Cambs planning department has had a slight reshuffle due to staffing issues in the service – the new senior officer that is managing our area is Jane Rodens, who has been with the authority for some time and is very experienced.

LHI Bids

The next round of bids for LHI (Local Highway Improvements) will be opening soon for Parish Councils to bid into; the likely date will be September/October time. If you can think of a small highways project that might benefit the village, please do contact your parish council, as it is they who have to bid for them.

Innovate and Cultivate grant

The popular Innovate and Cultivate grant, administered by the County Council, has had a rebrand. It is now called Cultivate Cambs. The first round of funding has just been announced and bids are open until September 16th. Full information can be found at - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities-localism/cultivate-cambs-fund

Odessa Project

There is a new scheme that has been launched called the Odessa project, based in Bourn, which helps Ukrainian refugees find jobs in the catering industry – www.theodessaproject.com – if you think anyone you know may benefit from this, please do pass this on.

Bin Lorry

South Cambs District Council, the council that collects our bins, has invested in a second electric bin lorry to add to the one that they already have within the fleet. The fleet will be powered from a new solar farm next to the depot in Waterbeach, which has been built to make the waste depot completely self-sufficient.

District Council – John Batchelor
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District & County Council – Henry Batchelor –
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Single storey rear extension

10 The Grove Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire
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Linton Camsight VIPs

The Cambridge Charity for people of all ages with sight impairment and blindness.

AT our July meeting we held our summer lunch which was provided and prepared by our volunteers. This included a ham salad and new potatoes, with a strawberry and mixed fruit cream meringue for dessert. This was followed by tea, chocolate mints and biscuits baked by one of our members.

Despite the heat we managed to keep cool with all doors and windows open, and our members very much appreciated another opportunity to meet together and enjoy a chat over lunch.

We do not meet in August but will stay in contact with all our members until we meet again in September.

Our next meeting will be at 2.0pm on Tuesday, 13th September at the Chalklands Community Centre, when we shall welcome a speaker from Lifeline, who will share information on staying safe and independent in your own home.

If you or anyone you know would like further information, please contact us through the Cambridge office on 01223 420033, or on the number below.



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Adding a little jazz to the Linton Parish Council

MANY OF you living in Linton will already know me, but for those that may not, I would like to introduce myself.

I was born in Doncaster, South Yorkshire and moved to Cambridge to study music. As a young married couple with our first son, Ben, we moved to Linton in 1988. In 1994, our second son, Daniel was born.



Cllr Karen Sanderson

After working in private schools for years I was offered a job at Linton Village College (LVC) to work as a Peripatetic Flute Teacher. From the very start we loved village life and soon became involved, including running the toy library and in 1997, setting up Linton Jazz, a community Big Band.

Over the last twenty five years Linton Jazz has played at only charity events, raising over two hundred and seventy thousand pounds for many different charities. I am so proud of them all.

Life changed dramatically when my husband, Mark, was diagnosed with cancer at the age of forty. I went back to college to gain my teaching degree so I could work in the classroom, with a regular wage. I worked at LVC, Castle Hill Middle School and Castle Manor in Haverhill. Unfortunately, due to ill health I had to take early retirement.

I used crutches for many years but then had to use a wheelchair but I believe this gives me a unique opportunity to view life from a different angle and perspective.

I decided that as I was retired it was time to use my experiences as a wife, mum, nanny, carer, teacher, musical director and disabled lady to do more to raise awareness of the challenges I face and have faced to help people now and in the future.

In 2016 we moved to Chalklands and with help from Mark and a neighbour, set up and look after Chalklands Community Garden. This has brought people of all ages together, we have a monthly meet with Tots in Tow. The pupils from Granta Special School have visited and we have hosted many charity events. We welcome visitors everyday and groups of us can often be seen drinking tea and chatting in the garden.

Linton is a very special place, with so many wonderful people and I feel privileged to part of the community. I am looking forward to new challenges ahead as a Parish Councillor, working with others to protect Linton's past, present and future.

Cllr Karen Sanderson

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT Full Council meeting will follow on 18th August 2022. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre. 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

Clerk

Planning Statement July 2022

LINTON Parish Council (LPC) supports small-scale infill development within the village envelope of Linton. Genuinely affordable and social housing is needed in Linton in tandem with smaller homes for downsizers. Some of our younger residents wish to remain in the village where they were born and some of our more mature residents wish to remain in the village, which has been their home for decades, but in a smaller more manageable home thus freeing up larger homes within the village.

Over the years LPC have supported numerous applications for infill development: Whyts Acre, redevelopment of the old police houses, extensions to Copperfields and the former van centre on Cambridge Road. These developments were appropriate for Linton, in the right place, and within the village envelope. There are ongoing renovations, extensions and well-placed infill housing by many properties within Linton which LPC support. These are sympathetic to the street scenes, retain established trees, make serious provision for water management and are considerate to their neighbours.

The Croudace Development land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road.

LPC have consistently opposed the development by Ely Diocese and Croudace of the land south of Wheatsheaf Barn, Horseheath Road and are critical of the woefully inadequate role of South Cambs District Council in ensuring the planning, build and inspection process was undertaken lawfully and correctly to protect both new residents, future residents, and, existing residents of Linton.

Sites outside the village envelope, such as the Croudace and Abbey developments, were granted consent in 2017 when the previous Local Plan was out of date. The loophole of not having a local plan in place was used by Ely Diocese to gain outline consent which was approved at Appeal. Two applications were made for 50+ homes which were refused by SCDC because of the general overall effect on the landscape and the approach to the village. In 2017 this application was reduced to 42 homes and The Planning Inspectorate surprisingly gave the approval to Ely Diocese for up to 42 houses with a set of pre commencement conditions. Nothing should have been built on the site before these conditions were met, particularly surface water and foul water pre commencement conditions. In planning terms these conditions should have been discharged (approved) before any development started on site to confirm that the schemes include "appropriate flood mitigation measures". By allowing Croudace to start development before these conditions were discharged, SCDC ignored their own Planning Policy statement that development should "not cause flooding on the site or increase risk of flooding elsewhere."

At every stage LPC tried to convey to Case Officers and District Planning Committees the elements they were not scrutinising sufficiently and the pre commencement conditions they were ignoring. LPC expressed the known problems of the site from a knowledge base on the council of four decades and contributions shared by parishioners who have been part of the village for generations. These concerns were diminished and ignored as nimbyism despite the composition of LPC having a strong academic base, deep technical knowledge and decades of local knowledge. So, deep agricultural drainage ditches were filled in, established mature hedgerows removed, the land used as a water meadow was built on and no understanding of water flow from farmland above the site was planned for.

SCDC would not listen. The Lead Local Flood Authority, technical council lead who is supposed to examine the details of

Rant about it and Report it! but tell the right people.

THE LINTON Parish Council recently met with the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to discuss the increase of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the village. In preparation for our discussions the office was able to give reference to over twenty crimes featured on Facebook, few of which had been reported to the office. The PCC had also done their homework and were able to advise that there were very few reported incidents on their system for Linton, and partly due to these low statistics, police presence had not been increased.

It is beneficial to post about crime on social media, it alerts everyone online and often allows the victims to vent their emotions, **but it is essential** to report crimes when they happen. We can hardly blame the police for thinking that Linton is peaceful if they don't have any records or reports to show otherwise.

The Parish Council Office is not responsible for traffic offences, such as speeding and illegal parking, these issues must be reported, with evidence, directly to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary via 101.

On the subject of speeding in Linton, the village has an extremely active Speedwatch Team who hold regular weekly sessions in various locations. The data is collated and sent through to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary. They are actively seeking more volunteers. Remote training is provided, free of charge. If you are concerned about speeding in Linton and are able to give a couple of hours a month please get in touch with the office.

In addition to the excellent work that the Speedwatch volunteers do, the Parish Council have a Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) the MSID is placed in numerous locations on a rotational basis. This provides data which can help support applications for reductions in speed limits and traffic calming measures. The Linton Parish Council have recently requested more locations are added and are waiting for the go ahead from Cambridge County Council (CCC)

Clerk

a scheme, would not listen. The Surface Water Drainage Strategy was recommended for approval seven weeks to the day before the village was flooded. Damage and flooding occurred throughout the village but the damage from this site, evident by its colour, occurred from Lonsdale through Bakers Lane to Finchams Close, while also affecting Bartlow Road, Emson's Close and Mill Lane. The route the water took is well documented eventually exiting through the foul sewer manhole on Horn Lane and directly into our protected chalk stream – the river Granta. We appreciate all the work civic minded residents made to record this.

Everything LPC has done to demonstrate the flaws in the plans and implementation of those plans has been done to protect current residents of the village and future residents of the site. The Pre-Commencement conditions have now been agreed by SCDC, but the development of the site remains unlawful. LPC consider there are still problems with the site and are very concerned that these problems now rest upon the shoulders of our new residents.

Residents of The Pastures are now liable for the resolution of problems caused by sewerage and surface water issues on the site. If these problems affect the rest of the village they are liable for those too! This is not usual procedure. Please be aware that section 1 of the Defective Premises Act has now been extended to six years after the completion of the dwelling. The current MP has all the relevant information should you have any problems with the site in the future and the planning documents are on the SCDC planning website. We hope you never have need of them.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2022 at the Cathodeon Centre. Acceptance of Apologies for Absence. District Councillor John Batchelor & Cllr Paul Poulter No apologies received from Cllr Sharon Parker. Councillor Vacancies. There are currently 3 vacancies for co-option on the Parish Council.

Consideration of the application for Parish Councillor for co-option from a parishioner.

Chair invited the parishioner to address the Parish Council. The parishioner introduced herself to the Full Council and shared details of her life in Linton, explaining her work in the community and extensive fund-raising for charity.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed the parishioner be co-opted to the Linton Parish Council. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the office team for their efforts in organising the Picnic in the Park. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her recent article in the Linton News giving an overview of the current members of the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr John Bald for his support as Vice Chair over the past few years.

Open Forum for Public Participation

The Chairman invited the member of the public to address the council.

The participant spoke about her work with hedgehog protection which is conducted locally. A request was made to investigate the possibility of installing warning signage in various locations in Linton.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the Clerk raise the request to the CCC Highways Officer. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. Agreed.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Update on the Picnic in the Park and consideration for the request to hold a Picnic in the Park on Saturday 10th June 2023. The Clerk gave a brief update on the Picnic in the Park and requested that the Parish Council consider the request to hold a similar event in 2023 on Saturday 10th June.

Cllr Caitlin Seaward proposed the request to hold the event on 10th June 2023 be granted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

District and County Councillors Report for June 2022.

In addition to the written report the following information was shared. Greater Cambridge Planning (GCP) have agreed to review the options for the Greenway route following objections from Abington regarding the proposed route through the village and the alternative route through Pampisford. Hildersham crossroads expected to be completed by the end of August 2022. District & County Councillor Henry Batchelor is currently Chair of Planning of both South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) and Cambridgeshire District Council (CCC). Cllr Carl Cieluch queried the £15.7 million underspend at Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Batchelor explained that most of the underspend was previously allocated funds for projects which would be completed and approximately £2 million had been allocated to remedial work on Highways.

Committees and Council Representatives.

Parish Council Representatives for 2022/2023 – Confirmation of the existing Councillors who represent the Linton Parish Council and an invitation for changes and/or new nominations. The following Councillors offered to represent the Linton Parish Council.

Cllr John Bald – Cathodeon Trust Trustee Committee.
Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds – Linton Parish Charities.
Cllr Merrie Mannassi – Linton Village Hall Trustee Committee.
Clerk.

Planning

Bartlow Road

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

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee relating to the movement of the white gated village sign and the 30mph speed limit signage.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the recommendation from the Planning Committee that the Clerk thank the Site Manager of Abbey Developments for his written agreement to reinstate the village signs once the development was complete and requested the white gated village sign be returned to the Parish Council office, for safe keeping for the duration of the build. Cllr John Bald seconded. All agreed.

Horseheath Road.

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

Update following the SCDC Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2022 to discuss the Foul Water drainage condition.

Cllr Kate Kell advised the Full Council that the wording of the Foul Water drainage condition had been approved by the SCDC Planning Committee with 7 in favour and 2 against. LPC noted that the Planning Officer, Karen Pell-Coggins stated that the pipes would be checked to ensure that they had been installed in accordance with the plans. LPC will request the findings of the investigative survey.

LPC Planning Committee will draft a statement concerning the issues and arguments concerning the development on Horseheath Road, to be circulated in the public domain and retained for reference in case of further issues.

Finance

Notification that the Linton Parish Council was successful in the bid for a grant from the Jubilee Community Chest Grant Scheme from South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Contracts, Quotes and Remittance

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance Committee relating to the financial contribution from Cambridgeshire County Council for the cutting of verges in the village. Cllr Chris Hine advised that the cost to the parish of the verge cutting had increased but the contribution from CCC had remained the same for several years. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had historically required more frequent cuts than CCC would provide.

Cllr John Bald proposed to invoice CCC for the actual cost of the cutting of verges in line with the number of cuts they would perform should the work be conducted by CCC, if this was more than the £1221.53 offered in contribution. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Funding Requests

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance Committee relating to the funding request from Visually Impaired Club for £100.00.

Cllr John Bald proposed the grant of £100.00 be awarded. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the funding donation for the Linton Friends of the River Granta (FROGS) to progress with projects in 2023. Cllr John Bald proposed a grant of £250.00 to the Linton FROGS. Cllr Caitlin Seaward seconded. 9 in favour with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Consideration for the request for contribution to the costs of utilities at the Pavilion on 5th June 2022 from Linton Granta Football Club (LGFC). Cllr John Bald proposed that the contribution to the cost of utilities be limited to £25.00 in line with the calculations by the Finance Committee of the electricity used at the event. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Finance Committee relating to the additional funding request from Linton Granta Football Club following an increase in costs for additional maintenance of the Recreation Ground.

The Finance Committee recommended that an additional £1000.00 grant be provided to assist in covering the costs due to the additional works.

Cllr Guy Ennew proposed to award £1000.00 as an additional payment with provision that no further funding would be considered. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. Agreed.

Disability, Access & Safety

Consideration for the design of the bollards to be installed at the entrance to the Recreation Ground (Meadow Lane entrance) as

part of the Greenways plan. Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed design 1 in black and white if possible. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 21/03/2022-13/04/2022 and 13/04/2022-27/04/2022.

Notification of the data captured by the Speedwatch Team in April and May 2022.

Cllr Kate Kell advise that the Speedwatch equipment gives a higher degree of accuracy than the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

Notification of a new Speedwatch Information poster to be displayed in the Village Notice boards, the LPC website and on social media to raise awareness and encourage volunteers. Supporting document available at the meeting. For Information.

The Chairman invited a representative from Speedwatch to address the council. The Clerk confirmed that they would continue to share the monthly Speedwatch data in time for it to be presented to the Parish Council at the monthly Full Council meetings for review and would enable the data to be published on the Parish Council website.

Open Spaces, Environment & Biodiversity

Notification of the completion of the Tree Health & Safety Survey for 2022 and consideration to delegate the organising of any action to be taken, as recommended in the survey, to the Tree Warden and Clerk. Cllr John Bald proposed to delegate to the Tree Warden and the Clerk and bring back to Full Council if required. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed. Clerk.

Youth

Consideration of the Monthly Report for the Beacon Youth Trust for April & May 2022. Written report available in the Councillor packs. For information. Noted.

Cllr John Bald commented that there was positive movement with Linton Village College referring students to Beacon Youth Trust. The clerk was requested to invite the Youth Worker to the Full Council meeting in July.

Crime & Police Liaison

Update on the meeting held on Monday 13th June 2022 with Mr. Darryl Preston and the Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) to discuss ways to reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism in the village.

Cllr John Bald gave an update on the meeting held on Monday 13th June and expressed his thanks to the Police & Crime Commissioner for his time. Cllr John Bald advised on the need for consistent reporting of crime to ensure accuracy of the number of incidents. An article outlining the importance of this to be published in the Linton News and published on social media. The Clerk will consult with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and arrange a meeting for all relevant local authorities asap.

Meeting Dates

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st July at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm to which all Councillors will be summoned. For Information. Noted.

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

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