

# 'No problem here' - Anglian Water



Left to right - Firefighters pumped water out of houses long into the night; several inches of water outside the Dog and Duck; Sweet Talk News closed down by flooding

MY Dad's is first on the left, he wasn't a great swimmer." The words of Mark Wilkinson, who managed to remain good-humoured as pictures began to emerge online of flooded graves in the cemetery. Others were, understandably, less cheerful. On Meadow Lane, neighbours David Cheeseman and Samer Ghaitah watched the rising water with grim resignation. Both men had deployed sandbags and flood barriers, but knew that the fate of their properties, one a pub the other a home, now lay in the lap of the gods. At the other end of the village, water was running through the gardens and off the pavements of Lonsdale, making its way to the bottom of the peaceful cul-de-sac.

This isn't an unusual sight when it rains heavily, but on July 20<sup>th</sup>, something was different; the water wasn't going anywhere. One resident, who has lived on Lonsdale since it was built, said she had "never seen anything like it." In a little over an hour, untold damage had been done. Unlike previous floods, where the river has just been too full to accommodate any more water, the events of two weeks ago were concrete proof that the village drainage systems are simply unable to cope. For John Bald, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and head of the newly formed Flood Reaction Group, none of this came as a surprise. "For over 20 years, I've watched our planning

committee fight tooth and nail to protect Linton from ill-conceived, ignorant and anti-social development," John said. "I have seen well-founded arguments from engineers treated with contempt, and the damage caused by July's deluge is the consequence. The root of the problem is that the whole sewage system for a village of over 4000 people depends on a single, six-inch Victorian pipe." John was not alone in his condemnation. District Councillor Henry Batchelor said that there is now "an enormous catalogue of evidence to counteract the claims of both housing developers and Anglian Water, who say that the current system has enough capacity to take more hous-

ing." Henry sent his sympathies to all those who had suffered damage, and encouraged as many people as possible to contact Anglian Water and the Cambridgeshire Highways Department, adding that the more complaints they get, the more the problem is highlighted.

When asked to comment, a spokesperson for Anglian Water said that there are "No issues with our assets in the area of Linton," but rather that "The sheer volume of rain caused some of the roads to become overwhelmed with surface water." Responding to their statement, the Flood Reaction Group described the company's statement as a "poor excuse for our patently inadequate

drainage system." At the time of going to print, the exact extent of the damage inflicted is yet to be established, but the Linton News has received multiple reports of people forced out of their homes. One resident, John Wood, appealed online for help finding a rental property, after being told his family would need to leave their house for a period of six to twelve months. Residents living in areas prone to flooding have been advised to cover airbricks, protect doors with sandbags, and, if possible, move high value items to safety.

Linton News Team

Photos: Linton Community Board and Cambridge Fire and Rescue

## Bishop blesses Bartlow's brand new building

ST MARY'S Church Bartlow was very pleased to welcome the Right Reverend Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, when he visited the church on 27<sup>th</sup> June, the first visit from a Bishop since the 1960s.

This was to mark the retirement of Reverend Lesley Gore, who has been leading church services and supporting the village for over 15 years. She will be greatly missed. The occasion also marked the opening of the wonderful new kitchenette and WC facilities, which have been built in an old stable building adjacent to the church. These facilities were blessed by the Bishop after he conducted a Eucharist service in the churchyard.

The building conversion was made possible by the imagination and hard work of Stephen Bugg.

Financial assistance was generously given from Cambridgeshire County Council Community Capital Fund, The Garfield Weston Foundation and a number of individual donations. Thanks to the new facilities, Bartlow hopes to hold a wide range of events in the church and the grounds in the future.



The Bishop with Stephen Bugg, who led the project for Bartlow

Henrietta Findlay  
St. Mary's Church, Bartlow



Lesley Gore (right) retires after 15 years at St. Mary's Bartlow

## Rivey House triumph at Heights sports day

IN spite of Covid restrictions and inclement weather, Sports Day did actually happen at Linton Heights! Three of our Y6 pupils explain: On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Linton Heights Junior School hosted their annual sports day competition between the school house groups. For each track and field event, year groups were kept separated due to Covid protocols, therefore the day ran slightly different than usual. Unfortunately, parents were not allowed to attend, but this didn't stop the children from having an enjoyable morning and cheering on their teams. The morning contained a competitive array of intensive sporting activities. The activities included a throwing event, jumping event, novelty race and obstacle race. These events were followed up by track events which included running over different distances, tunnel ball and the fan favourite tug of war. The children enjoyed having a sports day for the first time in 2 years. Last year, sports day was unable to go ahead and a virtual sports day was run instead. The virtual sports day didn't focus on a winner, instead it focused on all children participating in events that could be done in or around their homes. The winner of this year's sports day was Rivey House, winning the morning for the first time in over 5 years. The secret behind their triumph? Their unstoppable tug of war teams! A huge well done to all children who participated in the morning, they should be proud of their efforts, constantly cheering on all pupils and Mr Russell for organising an incredible day.



Girls giving it their all on the track

by Charles E. Milner  
Year 6, Class 8 Student and School Cllr,  
Linton Heights Junior School  
and Jasper Morrissey + Jayden Phillips

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## Readers write...

Dear Editor,

The family of Sally Webb would like to thank all those who sent their wishes after she passed away on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July. She was well known in the area, having lived in Balsham and Linton for most of her life, and her cake making skills were legendary! She will be sorely missed by us all.

Ivor, Diane, John & Kim

Dear Editor,

In response to the request from Denis Handy, I am pleased to confirm that at midday on Euro Cup Sunday, a Red Kite was circling central Chalklands for several minutes. As to their disappearance over the last couple of weeks, it is believed that they had received a 'ping' from the NHS App in response to their calling. Hence the isolation.

Brian Buttle, Chalklands.

## Goodbye to the Linton Lunch Club... or can you help?

THE Linton Lunch Club has been a feature of village life for many years. Originally started by Canon John Cotgrove and his wife Gillian during John's time as Vicar of St Mary's in the 1980s, it has always been open to everyone in the village community; people living alone have been made especially welcome. It has played its part in helping newcomers to make friends and meet socially over lunch in a variety of venues, including our village pubs. On occasions, there have also been some highly entertaining guest talks!

Since John retired, the Club was run by Roy Petter, then by Bruce Conochie and others. For the past twenty years or so, it has been in the capable hands of Alan and Monica Clarkson, with around thirty people meeting each month at The Old Red Lion at Horseheath, up to the start of the pandemic. Alan and Monica now feel that it is time for them to take a back seat and consequently the Club will not start again after the pandemic has passed. They have tried to identify someone to take over the organisation of the Club without success but if there is someone out there who would care to take it over please contact me and, hopefully, it will be able to continue for many more years. In the meantime however, we must say goodbye to the Linton Lunch Club with sincere thanks to Alan and Monica from all the "Linton Lunch Clubbers" who have enjoyed meeting and eating together over the years.

Chris Morse  
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## Hildersham Jam Stall expands - herbs now available!

In May, we planted a herb garden adjacent to the jam stall. It's thriving, and we're most grateful to all those who have donated plants. Everyone is invited to pick some herbs in exchange for a small donation. Perhaps make your own bouquet garni or take a sprig of mint for the new potatoes? The chalk board lists the herbs ready for harvesting and, currently, there is a good selection including bay, marjoram, chives and fennel. Take a look to see what else there is – you may be surprised! Proceeds from the herb garden and the jam stall go to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) and we're pleased to report that we've donated £541 so far this year. Thank you and we look forward to a fragrant summer!

Cathy Myer and Jill Heale  
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# The community of Little Linton

IT'S hard to imagine, but there has been a settlement known as Little Linton since 1008. Little Linton has stood next to the main village or Great Linton, as Linton village was formerly known, for the last 1013 years. That is a long time.

Little Linton has its own discrete history. Romans walked here, and Little Linton was recorded with a population of between 45-55 people in The Domesday Book. Yet, by 1600, the settlement was deserted. Why? Well, that is unknown. Was it a deliberate act by a mischievous landlord to create a single farmstead or independent peasants moving to create a better life? Sounds like a familiar story. People moving in and people moving on. During lockdown, and the strange world we have inhabited since, the walk from Linton to Hildersham via Little Linton has been an opportunity to be part of the natural world and appreciate our green surroundings, a tonic for both body and mind. Did your mind ever wander to what is the story of the collection of buildings you pass through that is the community of Little Linton? Now, the barns are homes as is Little Linton House. There are cottages too, and the land is farmed, mainly with arable crops, but also as pasture for grazing and the much loved stables (don't feed the horses!) Walkers often come via the footpath, but others pass through Little Linton via the lane, along the site of an ancient path which connected the 'hamlet' to what was the site of Linton Wood up to Burton Wood in Great Chesterford. It is from these woods that the timber for the



17th Century summer house in the grounds of Little Linton House



The converted granary

barns of Little Linton were carried and hewn on site by local craftspeople. That was around the time of the Elizabethans.

As is common with small settlements, history can be patchy. We know there was a Roman settlement here from archaeological evidence. In 1066 it belonged to Eddeva the Fair, the settlement was sold, passed on to various landowners including one Roger of Leicester who was imprisoned for corruption in 1276. In the Middle Ages, there was a very English Act of independence made by the peasants who lived here, when they cut down willow planted by the landowner on the land which should have been for all. Point made. A moated manor house was built here and some of the moats can still be seen on an Ordnance Survey map. By the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Little Linton became a working farmstead with one owner, and it remained so until the late 20th century, when the sixteenth century barns were converted from buildings for animals and storage, to homes. The interiors are carefully preserved by Grade 2 listing for future generations. To bring us up to date, Little Linton House has been restored and significant flood defences added to protect it from future climate change. A Lockdown Wood has been planted by the current owners which will last long into the future. Our story goes on.

Helen Lawrence-Foulds

## Library hopes to resume normal service hours

CAMBRIDGESHIRE Libraries continue to follow government COVID-safety advice. At time of writing, we hope to be back to normal service hours in August. For the latest updates on opening times please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library), telephone 0345 045 5225 or ask at the library. Responding to a tough year when we've all had to manage around the pandemic, Cambridgeshire Libraries have created a new Libraries and Wellbeing webpage with links to activities, resources and support, both national and local. Please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/LibraryAndWellbeing) and tell us what you think – feedback helps us improve our services. Children can still sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. Have fun reading during the holidays and collect stickers and rewards. Visit the library to join in, see Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook for Families page @CambslibFamilies or our website for more. We have a good selection of junior fiction and YA/YA+ book sale currently available at the library. We hope adults will enjoy reading this

summer, too. We also hope to be able to restart activities like Storytime/Rhymetime soon, and we are looking for volunteers to help with this and other library events. Pop into the library if you are interested or for more information.

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

Linton Library opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

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## South Cambs Child and Family Centres

GROUPS are slowly returning to South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres; this service is for families with children aged 0-19 years old. As part of the service we have an outreach venue at the Cathodeon Centre on Horseheath Road by the library. Currently we hold face-to-face baby groups for non-mobile babies on Thursdays 10-11am, and stay and play which is also on a Thursday from 1-2pm for children aged 10 months – five years. All groups are bookable only, and do book up very quickly. To book, please go to our Facebook page South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres, and message us; alternatively you can email us on ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. The groups are a great place to come and meet other families; they are run by a Child and Family centre worker who will be on hand if you need any guidance or support around issues like feeding, sleep, child development etc. We will also be holding an outdoor Pop-up stay and play session in August; please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for a new Whats On for August. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Emma Chippy, Business Officer  
South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres

## Girlguides organise mystery trail around Linton

EVER wanted to see what Girlguiding does, or relive a childhood memory, or just want a fun family day out in Linton? Take our Linton Mystery Trail around Linton; everyone can take part. Visit the Linton Kitchen and pick up a free Linton Mystery Trail sheet. It has been designed for children of all ages by our very own Linton Rangers (aged 14-18yrs). Take the sheet and solve the clues as you walk around the village. If you find all the pictures and crack the secret message, take your finished sheet back to the Linton Kitchen to claim your prize. There is a level one sheet (easy) and a more difficult level two sheet; why not try them both?

Our Ranger unit have devised the Mystery Trail so you can all join in Girlguiding adventure during the summer. If you live outside Linton, come and see what there is in Linton, pick up a sheet and have a little adventure; or bring a picnic and have a family outing. Enjoy the Mystery Trail. The sheets are available at The Linton Kitchen throughout August.

Louisa Powell-Owens

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## Linton Gardening Club



THE Gardening Club is planning to restart its monthly meetings on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>. The last meeting it held was way back in March 2020. It has been good to see members out and about in the village since then but we are really looking forward to us all meeting up together again and to welcoming new people to the club. The weather continues to be challenging for gardeners and also for the birds and insects this year. Just as the plants were starting to put on a spurt of growth they began to slow down again and it is only in the past few weeks that we are beginning to see many of our summer flowers finally appear. We are only now spotting lots of bees and hoverflies buzzing around, and butterfly sightings have been few and far between. Hopefully more will turn up when our buddleia bushes finally decide to flower. In our vegetable plot the plants are gradually filling out. The potatoes are flowering indicating that we will soon have lots of what Jim, being Scottish, calls tatties. We have to keep an eye on the courgettes to make sure they don't become marrow sized. The dwarf French beans, peas, leeks, tomatoes and onions are all coming on well. Not only do we get the fun of growing things but we also have the pleasure of eating them.

Enjoy your plants and gardens.

Jim and Helen  
Linton Gardening Club, tel. 893577  
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## Granta Medical Practices update

HERE at Granta, we are always looking at new ways to connect with our patients and help assist them with their health care journey.

One of the options we are currently considering is a mobile telephone app called Airmid; a patient-facing app designed for patients and GP surgeries alike. From viewing upcoming appointments to video consultations, viewing your medical records and ordering your medication, you can manage all your health care needs in one place. There is also the option of incorporating and tracking your own personal health goals with Apple Health and Google Fit.

Airmid is a simple, secure app which you can log into using your NHS app login or your SystmOnline account. An NHS app login can also be created directly via Airmid.

Over the next few weeks we are planning to trial this mobile app with a number of pre-selected patients to test its suitability. If you have the NHS app, why not download Airmid and take a look? We would welcome any feedback you may have.

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## Life's a beach for the Chestnuts

At the end of the term we said goodbye to our pre-school children, who had a beach themed Graduation Party, including a very exciting visit from an ice cream van. We will miss them all so much and wish them the best of luck at school.

We also had a very successful Stay and Play session in July for some of the children starting in September. We are very much looking forward to seeing them again and meeting all our new families in September.

We would like to thank all of our families for their continued support for the playgroup, especially after this last year, and we wish them a lovely summer break.

We are now almost full for the 2021-22 academic year and will be operating a waiting list in some year groups. Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in a place for next year. For more information about registering please visit our website: [www.chestnutplaygroup.org.uk](http://www.chestnutplaygroup.org.uk).

The Chestnuts Team

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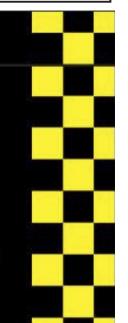
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## Emperor Moths really are in Pocket Park, or at least, they were...

THE Emperor moth, originally classified in 1758 by the Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus, is found across Britain, and is not on any 'critically endangered' lists of insects. Despite this, they have various agricultural and chemical threats which restrict them to certain areas of natural habitat.

In Pocket Park, there are just the right conditions for these amazing animals but an article published in the last issue of Linton News said that a recent survey had found no evidence for emperor moths. Well, last June I managed to photograph the first instars so I can attest to their being in Pocket Park, at least in the recent past.

Emperor moths are very beautiful animals that lay their eggs around ten days after mating on the stems of their chosen food-plant. After about two weeks the instars, the first larval stage, sprout from their gelatinous blobs. In the next stage of their cycle, the small, black wormlike creatures grow and change into the luminous green-coloured second instars that carry on feeding in



**Second Instars**

enormous amounts until they start to switch into making their cocoons. Eventually, after their cellular structure is broken down and metamorphosized into a new form, the ornate wings of the emperor moth emerge and uncurl in the sun's rays. Following this, they take to the skies, find a mate, begin courtship, and start the cycle all over again.

By Oren Thorne  
Junior Wildlife reporter



**First Instars**

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Emma Jennings  
Communications Officer  
Granta School Linton

Chalklands Community Garden are hosting an afternoon tea on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 3pm until 5pm. Tea and cake will be served in our beautiful garden and also there will be a tombola and Cancer Research merchandise including crocheted ribbons representing all cancers. All the money raised will be donated to the Breast Cancer Now charity. Thank you.

Karen Sanderson



The wonderful Chalklands Community Garden



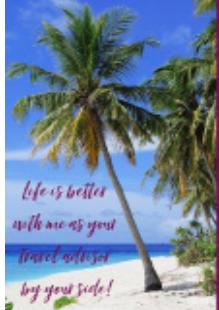
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## COUNTRY MATTERS

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams



# Badgers on the prowl

A LARGE hole appeared one June morning in the lawn, full of dead and live bees, prompting a bit of research, and badgers were discovered to be the guilty party. Stupidly I filled the hole, trying to protect the remaining bees, and the next morning the hole had been redug with dead bees everywhere. As this was the same week we had muntjac, rabbits, rats, squirrels and mice in the garden, Ben was getting a bit fed up with mother nature, so I had to dig up some redeeming features to redress the domestic balance.

Badgers are of the family Mustelidae, which includes polecats, ferrets, otters, stoats and weasels. They have lived in Britain for thousands of years, alongside wolves, arctic foxes, wolverines and bears. They are now our largest land predator, weighing up to 12kg, and living between five and eight years. They live in grasslands, heaths, farmland, orchards, woods, towns and gardens, but are more prevalent in the south west than over here. They don't peaty areas due to the lack of wetlands or worms, and the danger of flooded setts. They are described as opportunistic omnivores, with 60% of their diet being the humble worm, on the scale of 200 per night. When worms are short, they move to snails and slugs, fallen soft fruit, birds eggs, the occasional hedgehog and of course bees. There was a famous edition of Springwatch a few years ago when a webcam revealed a badger demolishing a nest of avocet eggs which the RSPB had been nurturing. A friend of mine looked out of the window one early morning last year and saw a badger kill 2 of her hens. They climb fences and swim in pursuit of food. It's not looking good so far, is it? Badgers have been described as the world's most fearless creature, undeterred even by motorbikes and fireworks, and we



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have about 400,000 in this country, living in around 80,000 family groups. They are nature's digging machines. There are hundreds of badger fans in every county who watch them and write about them. You will probably know about the badger culling done in the name of stopping the spread of bovine TB.

TB. As of last year the culling has stopped and, in its place, the Wildlife Trusts, the National Trust and hundreds of volunteers have been successfully vaccinating badgers against TB. On the positive side, they are attractive creatures and famous from The Wind in the Willows. They live in tunnels called setts, often hundreds of years old, and are a living symbol of our countryside.

The setts go deep underground, where the temperature remains constant year-round, and their bedding is dry grass, bracken, and sometimes even empty farm sacks. In a bitter north easterly

they have been known to block the entrance to the setts to keep warm.

They don't hibernate but go into a sort of winter torpor, using up their fat reserves till warmer times. Approximately every days the bedding is dragged backwards out

of the sett and laid out to air. Badgers groom themselves very carefully on emerging from the setts, and pull in bluebells and even garlic leaves in the spring into the tunnels to deter pests. They have latrines away from the setts, and several different scent glands used for warning, for establishing mating status, and for locating family members.

When it comes to procreation, badgers mate all year, but due to a clever delay process, cubs are only born in February. They are blind for several weeks, and emerge in the spring, between one and five per litter. Despite their cute appearance, even Chris Packham advises against keeping them as pets, as they trash everything in sight.

## Bevy of awards for Air Cadets

2523 demonstrated their sporting talent by coming first place in the recent sector sports and archery event. With it being the first time some of our cadets had picked up a bow this was quite an achievement. After performing well across all activities, the Linton cadets were then able to relax and socialise around the BBQ afterwards. Activities are starting to fill the calendar, and four Linton cadets will be attending the wing *Methods of Instruction* course, one of the final steps to being awarded the coveted instructor cadet lanyard. This is the culmination of many years of study, and several practical teaching and presentation courses. As we continue to get the squadron back to normality, Flight Lieutenant Tennison was able to present all the awards and badges achieved over lockdown. This included:

- 3 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards
- 6 St Johns Youth First Aid awards
- 1 Bronze radio operator award

*1 Bronze leadership award**1 Bronze cyber award**1 Blue music award**2 Leading cadet classifications**4 Senior cadet classification**3 Master cadet classification*

Congratulations to everyone for their achievements, I am sorry not to have space to name every cadet!

With so many more cadets completing final assessments, planning expeditions and with the training programme opening up further we look forward to being able to announce many more achievements soon. There is still space on the squadron for interested new cadets and staff, so please get in touch to join today.

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## POT POURRI 194

### The Tree Distance Numbers are?

Consider a scalene triangular field with a tree at each vertex and a tree somewhere inside the field. The tree vertices are labelled T1, T2, T3 in a clockwise direction with the inside tree labelled T4.

The distance between the trees are as follows;  
T1 -> T2 = 88 T2 -> T3 = 63 T3 -> T1 = 75 (ie. the outer edges).

Now, the distance to the tree inside the field is;  
T1 -> T4 = 56 T2 -> T4 = 44 T3 -> T4 = 31

The trees are given a number such that any two of them add up to the distance between them. What are the four tree numbers?

If T1 = x & T2 = y then x + y = 88 and so forth.

### Pot Pourri 193 - How many in each Carton?

**Unfortunately - La Bete 'Qwerty' (or should that be Hu-maine) appeared in print pp193 in the previous Linton News.**

**The previous answer to pp192 is 25.**

**The answer to pp193 is 5 and 11.**



The Hadstock Community Archive Launched 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021  
www.archive.hadstock.org.uk  
part of the Hadstock Village website (hadstock.org.uk)

With funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this archive has been developed as part of the Hadstock Millennium Celebrations. Please take time to visit the web site. We would value your feedback and would be grateful if you would complete a short survey as you leave the site.

Do you have any memories that can be captured in the archive? Further contributions are welcome and an option to submit material can be found on the site.

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# District and County Councillors Report – June 2021

## A1307 Update

The process of upgrading the road continues. The next schemes to be implemented will be the signalised crossing at Hildersham, the junction work at Dean Road and the roundabout installation at the Bartlow Road junction, Linton. The only scheme that hasn't been fully ratified yet is the Linton 'Greenway', a non-motorised user route, that will run from the new park & ride site on the Cambridge side of the A11 from Abington, all the way through to Linton. It's the actual route itself that still needs to be decided upon.

The local liaison forum meetings are still occurring, they are public, so please do register to attend the forthcoming ones to have an input.

There was a meeting of the Executive Board on July 1<sup>st</sup> that mainly looked at the proposed schemes from the A11 going west towards Cambridge, so not 'our' part specifically but an area that would still affect us. The Board agreed to proceed with an official Traffic Works Order to secure the necessary planning and consents.

## Covid

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

## New Business Growth Fund

The District Council has launched a new fund that businesses looking to grow and expand can now apply for. It's aptly called the 'Growth Fund' and between £1,000 and £50,000 can be applied for at one time. Full eligibility criteria can be found here - <https://www.scamps.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme> or by email [openforbusiness@scamps.gov.uk](mailto:openforbusiness@scamps.gov.uk)

## Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

The County Council are currently running a consultation on the creation of a local walking and cycling infrastructure plan for Cambridgeshire. They are looking for some initial feedback on the proposals before the close of the consultation on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please do feedback any thoughts for our local area that you may have as it could shape the future of walking and cycling in our part of the world [www.consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021](http://www.consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cc-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation-2021)

## Another Cycling Consultation

Another cycling consultation is now open for comment, this time run by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). It's asking for comment on the 13 cycle corridors that were identified as being well used, that could benefit from some improvement and possibly join up with the active travel network. The consultation runs from now until August 16<sup>th</sup> and can be accessed here - [www.consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cycling-plus](http://www.consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/cycling-plus) or by emailing [consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk](mailto:consultations@greatercambridge.org.uk)

## Summer Holiday Camps

South Cambs DC are offering their annual sports camps for children aged between 7 and 14. There are two types of camp available, athletics and netball. There are two sessions run for each sport in July and one of each in October. Each lasts half a day and full info and booking can be found at - [www.scamps.gov.uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing/things-to-get-you-out-and-active-in-south-cambs/childrens-sports-holiday-camps/](http://www.scamps.gov.uk/sport-health-and-wellbeing/things-to-get-you-out-and-active-in-south-cambs/childrens-sports-holiday-camps/) or emailing [holiday.camps@scamps.gov.uk](mailto:holiday.camps@scamps.gov.uk)

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## Camsight - Linton VIPs - for visually impaired people The Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with low vision and blindness

ONE of our founders and longest serving volunteers has decided to step down from her role at Linton VIPs, and it was with sadness but grateful thanks that we recently said goodbye to Mrs Jean Hardy of Castle Camps.

Jean was for many years our treasurer, and in addition has supported our group in countless ways, befriending members and taking an active role in our monthly meetings. We also thank Alan, her husband who has provided transport for members and who has also given invaluable support to our group. Our sincere thanks go to them both as we wish them a happy 'retirement' from Camsight.

Despite the changing restrictions we are still, at present hoping to meet in September, unless further developments occur. Our monthly meetings are

on the second Tuesday at 2pm, at the Chalklands Community Centre, with the exception of August when we don't hold a meeting, and July and December, when we meet on the same Tuesday but at the earlier time of 1pm for our Summer and Christmas lunches.

In September, when we hope to hold our delayed strawberry tea, we are looking forward to meeting some new members and new volunteers, and if you, or anyone you know, would like further information, please contact us through the number below, or on the Cambridge office number, 01223 420033.

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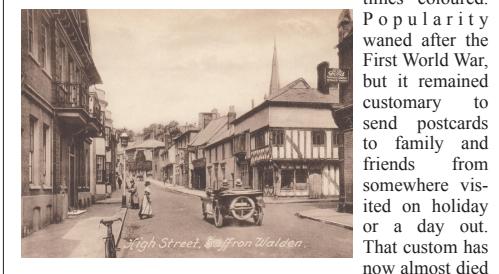
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# A brief history of the postcard

ON a recent visit to Thaxted's Tourist Information Centre, I could not resist buying their new set of postcards, featuring some of the town's well-known views. Nowadays, it is quite unusual to see postcards for sale – and even rarer to receive one in the post. How times have changed.



Picture postcards became extremely popular in the UK after the introduction in 1902 of the format with a picture on the front and a divided back - half for the address and the other half for a message. Pictures were generally black and white but sometimes coloured.



Popularity waned after the First World War, but it remained customary to send postcards to family and friends from somewhere visited on holiday or a day out. That custom has now almost died

out, no doubt due in part to the availability – albeit only in this century – of more immediate means of exchanging messages and photos electronically. Many people used picture postcards for sending short messages. Until 1918 it cost only an old half-penny to send a card – that's 480 cards for a Pound (today's price is 66 pence per card). In those early days, there could be as many as five postal deliveries in a day, at least in towns, so it was not unreasonable to expect a reply the same day. It wasn't just seaside towns that sold postcards; almost every town and village had its own postcard or set of postcards. Within the Hundred Parishes, it seems that only one parish has never had a postcard – Flitch Green, which became a parish only in 2008. Many of those old cards have survived. They often provide a revealing insight into our past and into an earlier way of life, for example buildings, roads, transport and dress.

Ken McDonald, Secretary  
[www.hundredparishes.org.uk](http://www.hundredparishes.org.uk)

Postcards from top: Linton Grip and railway bridge, Saffron Walden High Street, Stanstead Abbotts High Street



## WHAT'S ON

### August..

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Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Food van – Pull Me Cheri
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Live music – Frankie Valli tribute
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Karaoke
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Food van – Boho Kitchen
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Live music – Jaymz May
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz night
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Food van – Road Dogs
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Live music – Sax 'n' Soul
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rock 'n' Roll bingo
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Food van – Meat Up
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Live music – White Room
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## Care in our Community

### News and Updates

THE COMMUNITY Warden scheme, run by Age UK as a partner organisation to LPC and funded through the councils (with modest fees from the clients), has now been running for around 20 years. In that time it has provided support for many elderly to live independently in their own homes. This is important for those without family close by, helpful neighbours and friends, and who do not qualify for social care.

This Parish service has been especially important during the pandemic and lockdown, when there were extra tasks outside the job description and more time was needed to fulfil them - this was freely given, but has proved to be more than can readily be provided.

After nearly 3 years, Melanie Laing, our Community Warden, has decided on a change of direction. Mel, Clerk to Horse Heath Parish Council, has other commitments, but will continue to work in a freelance capacity. Mel has done a terrific job in building and extending the service and will be sorely missed - her yellow Mini zipping around the village has been such a cheery sight!

Mel will be succeeded by Chrissie, who has been sharing the Community Warden post for some months. We thank them both for all they have done especially in these difficult times and wish them both well in their new roles. Chrissie can be contacted on 07931 852019,

ACES, the social arm of the scheme, is hoping to start meeting again, but the beastly bug is making the usual events rather hard to organise. We will have to re-think what is possible and whether new types of meeting would be preferable; we know that our social gatherings have been missed. Coach trips could resume, but, dependent on the number allowed on the coach, might not be viable. We will keep you updated on what can be done and when.

What is clear is that there is more need in Linton than can be provided by the Warden - perhaps the volunteer groups formed during the pandemic could join us to support those who so obviously require ongoing help which cannot be met within the Warden scheme?

**Enid Bald for ACES.**

## Parish Progress

THIS MONTH we have held meetings to discuss the Leadwell Meadows and the opportunity to apply for Zero-Carbon and Woodland Trust grants. The working group hope to be successful and would like to plant a community orchard adjacent to the Cathodeon Centre with native fruit and nut trees. It is hoped that this will help to absorb carbon and increase biodiversity whilst creating a place of beauty in the centre of the village.

We will apply to The Woodland Trust for grants to increase native species of trees on the Leadwell Meadows. We would also like to plant some additional hedgerow near the Fire Station and in the Cemetery. We have a few willing volunteers on file, if you would like to help please let us know.

Further training on Incident Management has given us clear direction for the EPIC working group to start work on the Emergency Plan for the village. Again, if you would like to be involved please contact the office for more information.

The High Street bench is due to be installed this month, next to the phone box and an additional bench will soon be added to the Recreation Ground. We also have a memorial bench on order for Camping Close, which I am sure will be welcomed by many.

There have been many reports to the office regarding village maintenance, verges and footpaths. These have all been reported to the relevant Council or scheduled in for our contractors. The office is the first port of call for issues in the village and we would like to thank you for acting as our eyes and ears.

**Clerk.**

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## Planning Updates

### June - July 2021

#### Planning updates June-July 2021

**LDP Call for Sites** - See main article. Expect to hear more from developers as part of their consultations. Submit your comments to SCDC - it is not enough to post on social media.

**Bartlow Road** - The Planning Appeal continues, with LPC submitting their case to the Inspectorate. Applications very similar to those at Appeal are with SCDC. Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water and Landscape remain as major areas for objection. The permission for access points is disputed, along with harm to or loss of protected hedges due to proposed footway installation. CCC Highways insist that all permissions must be in place before this can happen; these footways have not been consulted upon nor permission given.

**Horse Heath Road** - Several conditions remain unresolved, including Surface Water Drainage, Foul Water and Boundaries. Cllr Batchelor, the Planning Officer and LPC met residents on their own land to see and discuss these and other issues. The recent rain might have illustrated the potential for flooding in the area, including down Martins Lane. New DoC applications received.

**41 Back Road 21/01237/FUL** - 2 new dwellings and garages. Permission refused due to effect on character of area and harm to the street scene.

**61 and 61A High Street** - Both have applications for extensive renovation and improvement work

**48 The Grip** - infill house proposed in an area prohibited by Linton Special Policy Area (LDP Policy CH10), the area south of A1307 being for commercial use. Several other objections raised

**32 The Grip** - Concerns with effect of proposed cladding on underlying render and being out of keeping with area.

**Other applications concerned extensions, some welcome others with concerns probably only recognised by those who know the village and sites and able to raise awareness of the problems.**

**Meeting updates:** We were less busy this month!

Informal attendance at meetings of the Chalk Aquifer Alliance, Chalk Stream conservation groups, etc. Concerns are mounting regarding pollution, over-abstraction of water and degradation of our rare resources. Development cannot continue if there is insufficient water, drought interspersed with flooding and a sewage system that cannot cope with effluent and flash floods.

**Planting in Linton** - meetings regarding grant applications for a second Community Orchard, new groves of trees and possible commercial planting, along with hedges and wildflower areas within the village. Accessibility, education and information will be part of applications, to encourage appreciation of our area and community input. Full reports as we progress. **Cllr Enid Bald.**

## Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday 19th August 2021. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm. It is thought that restrictions will be lifted before the meeting takes place and therefore a booking system will no longer be required. If you would like to address the Parish Council, but are unable to attend the meeting please contact the office for further guidance.

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# Parish Council Minutes

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at The Cathodeon Centre.

#### Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked Helen Brookes and the Linton Frogs, the Office team and parishioners, for their tremendous effort at the Linton Litter Pick.

The Chairman also congratulated Cllr Brian Cox on completing forty years with the Parish Council.

The Chairman also thanked Cllrs John Bald, Lee Gardner and Chris Hine for the completion of the Skate Park project.

#### Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

The Clerk updated the Council that Cambridgeshire County Council had spoken with residents, whose properties are adjacent to the Rivey Bridlepath and requested evidence of their boundaries. Until such evidence is submitted the riparian duties would be considered to be the residents' responsibility.

The Rights of Way Officer is in the process of submitting plans to secure funding to carry out drainage solutions to the surface water issues on the path and an update will be given in due course.

#### Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for June 2021.

District Councillor John Batchelor spoke of the development to the West of Linton and noted that this was one of 650 proposals on the local plan. He advised parishioners not to be too concerned at this stage as the shortlist will not be decided until the Autumn and it would be unlikely that the above development would be included. Cllr John Bald raised that he was aware that the developer had donated £150,000 to the Conservatives and this should be considered. It was noted that a similar development, having been rejected, was called in to the Secretary of State and the local planning authority overruled.

District Councillor John Batchelor gave an update on the current COVID-19 situation for the area, stating that positive tests have increased to 16 per 100,000 compared to three weeks ago, when there were only three per 100,000. At the time of the meeting, the regional statistic was 24 per 100,000 and the national statistics 47 per 100,000.

Cllr Enid Bald asked who is responsible for the naming of developments and District Councillor, John Batchelor advised that the final decision would lie with South Cambridgeshire District Council, LPC would be consulted. It was noted that "The Pastures" is simply a name the developer was using for marketing purposes.

#### Planning.

#### Bartlow Road.

Cllr Enid Bald gave an update on the Landscape, Foul Water and Surface Water conditions which were still outstanding. There were also issues noted that LPC requests for conditions to be referred to SCDC had been decided by giving delegated powers to the planning officer and those still at appeal should not be decided. LPC have written in detail regarding this and also regarding the Foul Water connections to the Victorian sewer that will not handle the required increase in capacity.

Consideration for the information received at the Meeting with Abbey Homes and CCC Highways on 08.06.2021 and to discuss a mandate for reporting on the development.

Cllr Enid Bald gave an update, stating that the proposal to extend and widen the footpath was illogical, the extensions would increase surface water run off into the properties on Bartlow Road and also threaten the existing verges and hedgerow with the requirement to reposition the streetlighting. An application for a TTRO to close the road for ten weeks was also considered to be linked to other areas of development such as drainage and access, both of which are still undecided by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

#### Horseheath Road.

Cllr Enid Bald gave an update stating that concerns continue regarding Surface Water, Foul Water and Boundaries. The proposed ten-foot gap between the site and existing properties had been reduced by approximately a foot and this would result in the properties on the development having much smaller gardens or land for allotments being reduced. It was stated that the bound-

ary must be preserved at all costs and that discussions must take place regarding proposed solutions to this issue without delay. A meeting was requested with the Planning Officers, Croudace, LPC and residents living adjacent to the development.

#### Finance.

#### Grant Applications and Financial Updates.

Consideration of an S137 grant application for Linton Heights Junior School for the sum of £2000.00 to help develop an Art Therapy room in the school grounds.

The grant application was discussed with concerns raised over community access at the school.

Cllr John Bald proposed to reject the grant request. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. 6 in favour with one against. The motion was carried to reject the application.

#### Quotations, Membership renewals and Donation requests:

Consideration of the quote received from Local Handyman Services for work at The Cathodeon Centre at a cost of £120.00 exc. VAT. Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the quote be accepted. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration to create a contract and request quotes from existing contractors for regular work at the rear of the Cathodeon Centre which is not currently covered by any other contract. Correspondence item 37 refers. Open discussion and response required.

Cllr Amy Smith proposed that a contract be created for a Village Ranger to attend to the Cathodeon Centre, the Cemetery and the Play Area inspections, to be revised when the current contracts expire. Cllr Enid Bald seconded. All Agreed. Clerk.

#### The Meadow Recreation Ground.

Cllr John Bald gave an update on the Skate Park stating that work was complete, and the area was now open for use. The Chairman thanked Cllrs John Bald, Lee Gardner and Chris Hine. The Clerk updated the Council that final tidying of the area was in hand and that the Skate Park would feature in the Linton News, July Edition, and the Haverhill Echo. It was also noted that the Skate Park signage was due to arrive week commencing 21st June 2021 and the basketball hoop would be replaced by Canvas Spaces Ltd. Consideration for the future of the old Skate Ramp. Canvas Spaces had advised that there were safety concerns raised over the condition of the old ramp. Cllr Chris Hine requested that the report be circulated and the findings be considered. It was decided to bring this back to Full Council at a later date.

Consideration of the request by Linton Cricket Club to allow an external catering van to be present on the Recreation Ground on match days. Cllr John Bald proposed that the Linton Cricket Club be allowed external catering to be present on match days providing the litter is cleared by the club. Cllr Chris Hine seconded.

All Agreed.

Consideration for the request by Linton Community Sports Centre to install a new entrance to the facility from the Recreation Ground. The Council requested that the Clerk gain further information with regard to the proposal for pedestrian access to the Sports Centre and also gain confirmation that car parking at the Linton Village College will continue, as many users of the facility will be driving to the venue. It would also be appreciated if the side gate entrance could be unlocked to allow ease of access to the Recreation Ground to enable those travelling by car to use the new entrance if it is agreed.

Consideration for three replacement bins on the Recreation Ground as part of the ongoing bins project. Cllr Enid Bald proposed that four bins be ordered, three for installation at locations 11, 21 and 24. The fourth to be situated near the Skate Park. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed.

#### Camping Close.

Consideration of the details provided regarding temporary electricity supply and compliance for the Medieval Theatre.

The Chairman read a statement from Cllr Lee Gardener stating concerns over the compliance of the temporary electricity supply for the event, and the implications on Public Liability to the Parish Council. The clerk was requested to confirm the liability for

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



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