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This paper needs you!



Going through letterboxes since 1987

AFTER three years in the job, Linton News Editor Jack Glossop has decided it's time for someone else to take the reins. "It's been an absolute pleasure to lead the paper," said Jack, "but an increasingly busy work life is taking its toll, and I feel a new Editor would be able to continue and improve the paper in the future."

The Linton News is produced and deliv-

ered entirely by volunteers, and the Editor is only one member of a friendly and supportive committee including a delivery manager, advertising manager, treasurer and secretary. The job requires no previous experience, but would suit somebody who is confident with email and word processing and who would like to take a greater part in the community.

Any candidate coming forward would be fully supported by Jack and the committee whilst they found their feet, and would of course be provided with any equipment needed to do the job. The time commitment is relatively light, and the work can be done entirely remotely with a computer or laptop. More than one issue of the Linton News has been sent to the printers from a beach bar on the Mediterranean!

If you are interested in finding out more, please email editor.linton.news@gmail.com

Linton News Team

A fond farewell to Tournants

SO the High Street has lost yet another shop, this time a very necessary one. It's such a sad day to see the closure of Tournants after trading for nearly 40 years. The shop was opened in 1974 by Jean-Claude Tournant who had previously worked for an electronics firm in Bristol and then relocated to Cambridge where he was employed by Philips. When Philips closed he moved to Wards and his son André also worked there for a time. Jean-Claude and his wife Lorna then opened the shop in Linton so that Jean-Claude could indulge his passion for electronics and Lorna hers for lighting and lampshades. He worked there until 2007 and his wife, Lorna, until her death in 2021.

After leaving Wards André moved to Vindis in Sawston, working on car electronics and running a TV rental business. He started building computers in 1980 and in 1987 found a house in Linton and moved here with his wife Debra, whom he married in 1989 having met her on a plane on the way to a holiday in Portugal. The couple have two grown up children and are both very keen runners. André will continue to run his computer repair business from home but is looking forward to having time for more walking holidays. It's good to know he will still be on hand to solve all our computer problems but the shop will be sorely missed.

Sarah Hurcum



Here come the girls: Students arrive at LVC for their end of year prom. See Marsh Mail page 3

Super summer flicks at Balsham Picture House

SATURDAY August 5th, doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute. Cate Blanchett as leading actress and BAFTA Award winner in the acclaimed film TAR (15) starring as the iconic musician Lydia Tar – a BAFTA award winning film examining the changing nature of power and its impact in our modern world. Dave's bar will be open for pre show drinks and nibbles as normal. Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/ film show.

Advance Notice!

Saturday September 2nd, doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute.

Allelujah (12) based on Alan Bennett's play, Allelujah is a warm, humorous and deeply moving story about surviving old age. When a geriatric ward of a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure the hospital decides to fight back. Stars include Derek Jacobi, Judi Dench and Jennifer Saunders.

Dick Paden



The importance of tea in firefighting

LINTON Community Fire Service attended their first overnight haystack fire of the year in late July.

Once a haystack is burning, there's very little that can be done to stop it, so the team's task wasn't about extinguishing flames, but rather watching and waiting, ensuring the fire didn't spread to the farmer's crop. "In these quiet hours, amidst the glow of the embers and the hum of the night, we're reminded that every part of this job matters, including making the tea," said the team.

The station is always looking for more on-call firefighters, and anyone interested in this rewarding and vital work should visit cambsfire.gov.uk or visit the station on a Wednesday evening training session.

Linton News Team



Haystack fires are an all too common occurrence in Summer



The team take a break

Beacon Youth
Trust Summer
Activities
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PAVILION CAFE OPEN FOR THE SUMMER!

ON THE MEADOW RECREATION GROUND

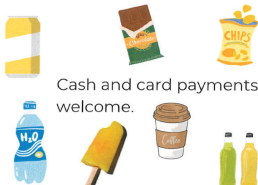
Linton Parish Council will be opening the Pavilion Cafe and toilet facilities this summer. This is made possible by the assistance of the volunteers from Linton Granta Football Club.



Opening times 12-4pm

Tuesday 25th July
Thursday 27th July
Tuesday 1st August
Thursday 3rd August
Tuesday 8th August
Thursday 10th August
Tuesday 15th August
Thursday 17th August
Tuesday 22nd August
Thursday 24th August
Tuesday 29th August
Thursday 31st August

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Readers write...

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all those who helped me when I fell in the High St, across from Green Lane, on Saturday morning 27th May. I broke my right wrist, and had a cut on my forehead, which bled profusely.

Two young men in particular, one from Bartlow, the other from Balsham, stayed with me until my family came to take over. I am sorry that one of them forfeited his handkerchief, and woolly hat, which was used to hold a bag of frozen peas on the wrist.

Thanks also to the Co-op staff, who provided the peas and a roll of blue tissue to mop up.

I am healed now, no long-term damage, and thankful for the kindness of strangers, and to live in such a friendly village.

Patricia Marshall

Dear Editor and Linton community,

I'm a member of the Friends of LVC and we have reached a rather unfortunate stage I'm afraid. Membership numbers have dwindled and now threaten to close the committee. We don't just add the icing to the cake, we use our funds for critical purchases such as learning equipment and seating. We are unable to operate without a treasurer and a secretary and members in supporting roles and we need your help filling these positions.

Typically there are 5 or 6 friendly meetings per year which can be attended via zoom if needs be. We serve refreshments at a similar number of events and volunteer our time assisting with the important annual fundraising walk.

If you are able to spare some time to help continue the essential work of the Friends of LVC, have a say where the money goes and make friends along the way please consider joining us!

If you are able to, please come along to the AGM at the college on the 18th September 2023 at 6.45 pm where I'll meet you at reception.

Phillipa Warden Hill on behalf of the committee.

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all of the friends who came to join the family of Dennis Tiplady at his funeral on July 4th 2023 to celebrate his life.

A total of £369 was collected in his memory and sent to Macmillan cancer care.

Mark Tiplady

Bartlow walk committee counts the cash

AFTER a really enjoyable day earlier in May, three local charities have been delighted to receive their cheques from the 2023 Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk. There were a record number of walkers registering this year at 1,101.

It was therefore a jolly occasion at The Three Hills pub in Bartlow on Wednesday 5 July when Ed Mayer, the head of Residential Sales at Savills, the main sponsor of the walk, handed over the cheques. An incredible total of £19,771 was raised, giving each charity £6,590. Reverend Paul Seaton-Burns accepted the cheque for the Bartlow Church North Entrance restoration appeal.



Ed Mayer and Paul Seaton-Burns

Donna Lee-Willis from Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust's head of fundraising accepted on behalf of the Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital Appeal. Kirsty Keegan, Head of fundraising at Tom's Trust, accepted their cheque. Kirsty said the money would support 4 children and their families for a year as they navigate through their difficult brain tumour journey. Duncan Ogilvy, the walk co-ordinator, then said a few words, thanking all the helpers, the sponsors, the landowners, and the walkers for making it such a successful year.

He asked everyone to put 5th May 2024 in their diaries for the next Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk.

The Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk has now raised over £200,000 for local charities since it started.

Henrietta Findlay



Donna Lee-Willis accepts a cheque on behalf of Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust

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August bin collection dates

Black bins: Monday 14th, Tuesday 29th
Blue bins: Monday 7th, Monday 21st
Green bins: Monday 7th, Monday 21st

Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

For entries, email: diary.linton.news@gmail.com

AUGUST

Tue 1	Linton W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Thu 3	Friends of St Mary's Afternoon Tea, 3.00pm	Richmonds, 65 High St.
Mon 7	Lego session, 2 - 3.30pm	Library
Tue 8	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Thu 10	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Sat 12	Gardening with Climate Change Event, 10 - 4pm	W Wickham Village Hall
Wed 16	Learn about Bee Keeping, 10.30 - 11.30am	Library
Thu 17	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 18	Daylight Readers Book Club, 10.30am/2.30pm	Library
Mon 21	Magic Show, 2 - 3.15pm	Library
Tue 22	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Thu 24	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Mon 28	Bank Holiday	

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Linton Village Cricket Club Information Wanted!



LINTON Village Cricket Club history – what do you or your family know?

Research has begun to chart a unique part of Linton's history and it may be that you and your family can help! The cricket club are looking to compile a history of the game in the village.

They already have information about the period 1827-1846 and a good amount from 1979 onwards. Information between 1846-1978 is pretty much non-existent – can you help?

Have you found any old documents or scorebooks; did any of your family or friends play for the club? Please have a think and a hunt around for any potentially useful information.

Please contact the club at: linton.village.cc@gmail.com
Alternatively why not come down and discuss what you know with our members? We would love to hear from you!

Luke Ennew
Linton Village Cricket Club

News from the WI Winnie Cobb's Car

MARION Leeper, our speaker, showed members a photograph of a big old-fashioned car driven by a young woman in uniform and from the name and address on the back discovered the history of Winnie Cobb who was born in 1891.

Her dad was a chauffeur who taught her everything about cars and how to drive, not a job thought suitable for a woman at the time, so she pursued a career in dressmaking.

She met her future husband Frank just before the first world war and after he was posted to Gaza in the middle east, she applied for a job in a garage. She was given a month's trial and met hostility from the men working there, although they all cheered when she became the first woman taxi driver in Cambridge.

Frank was killed in the trenches in Flanders in 1918 and when the war ended she couldn't continue with her job because men returning from the front needed jobs. Winnie's story had a happier ending. Frank's wartime buddy, Jock, visited with tales of Frank and they eventually married.

Our next meeting on 1st August is a social evening for members only. Ladies, why not join us on 6th September for a talk on chalk streams in Linton Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

You will be most welcome.

Sally Proberts 891021

Morris Men at the Dog & Duck



The Devil's Dyke Morris Men

THE Devil's Dyke Morris Men were photographed dancing at the Dog & Duck on Thursday 15th June. They were welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd of spectators who generously donated to their collection.

This year, they will be making a donation to the Rooptai Spinal Trust – a national charity which helps paralysed individuals and which has its origins in Cambridgeshire.

Morris Dancing is a great way to keep fit, meet others and help to keep an ancient tradition alive. It's also free to join!

The Devil's Dyke Morris Men would also like to hear from any dancers or musicians who would like to join them at a practice session in Bottisham.

For more information, contact: Gordon Heald on 01223 833983 or bagman@devilsdykemorris.org.uk or visit www.devilsdykemorris.org.uk

Keith Farrow
Devils Dyke Morris Men

St Mary's Church Monday Gang Report

DESPITE the weather challenges of the past 12 months – a prolonged drought and high temperatures in the summer and exceptionally low temperatures in the winter – the trees, shrubs and smaller plants in the churchyard seem to have survived.

The spring flowers, aconites, snowdrops, daffodils and wood anemones have done well and the cow parsley or St Anne's lace will shortly take over. It remains to be seen how many summer flowers will reappear and how well the grass will do.

The lime trees, lining the wall along Church Lane, had always been pollarded every other year. However, a tree officer had decided this should be done every three years, so the Monday Gang did not pollard in the winter of 2021/2022.

The growth of branches was thus much greater by last autumn/winter and too much for our volunteers to be able to tackle. Furthermore, the branches were found to be fouling the telephone lines to houses in Church Lane – a Health and Safety issue.

Fortunately, there was enough money in the Parish Council's churchyard fund to pay for the pollarding to be done and, after much delay it was carried out, just before the trees were due to sprout again.

There are now only four members of the Monday Gang, all enthusiastic and long-standing, but not all able to carry out the tasks we did 20 years ago.

We DESPERATELY need more volunteers. Working in the churchyard on Monday afternoons is enjoyable and would suit anyone who loves nature and has a few hours to spend – the recently retired for instance.

The Monday Gang @ St Mary's Church

Thank you! for 18 years of service

FIREFIGHTER Gary Doggett, who has faithfully served Linton and the surrounding areas for over 18 years, has decided to retire and "hang up" his fire boots.

Gary, 55, became a member of the Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service shortly after relocating to the village in 2004. Throughout his career, he has responded to numerous fire calls, including the notable Chilford Hall blaze in June 2012, which was one of Linton's largest fires.

Reflecting on his time in Linton, Gary expressed his enjoyment of working alongside dedicated and professional individuals and considered it an absolute honour to serve his community.

As Gary embarks on his well-deserved retirement, the Linton Fire Service family



Gary Doggett
at the Linton Fire Station

extend their warmest wishes for his future happiness.

Linton Fire Station

Marsh Mail

OUR annual Prom for our Year 11 leavers on 30th June was an amazing event. Parents and members of the school community joined us to welcome the Class of 2023's arrivals. Students looked very glamorous and it was lovely to see their eclectic methods of transport.

The school was decorated in keeping with the Prom Committee's chosen theme of 'celestial' and looked really sparkly and special. Students enjoyed the food trucks, DJ, mocktail and sweetie bars, photobooth and outdoor games throughout the evening. I'm grateful to all of the staff who were involved in organising the event and supervising, particularly Mrs Harris who arranged the whole evening. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11s back on 24th August to collect their GCSE results.

We also enjoyed Year 6 transition in July, welcoming our newest cohort of Linton Learners to the College for two days of induction and a parent information evening. The Year 6s experienced a range of lessons, a dance performance from the current Year 7 students and a chance to tour the school and meet staff. Our fabulous team of 8M8s showed great student leadership in supporting our youngest students to settle in and be excited for moving up to secondary school.

It's great that student numbers have increased this year with 180 in the year group and a waiting list for places at the College for Year 7.

Helena Marsh



Oliver arrives with a few spare horsepower

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To rock or not to rock



Year 6 treading the boards

THIS week, Linton Heights' year 6 have put on a production called *Shakespeare Rocks*. It is a modern retelling of the life of William Shakespeare. The story is told by the characters Aubrey and Al, who read from the Bard's perspective.

Throughout the play there are many songs but our personal favourites are: *To be or not to be*, *Don't mention Mac*, *No girls allowed* (alluding to the fact that women weren't allowed on the stage) and *Show in the Globe*. We also enjoyed choreographing the dances and elabo-

rating on the jokes.

We also did a mini scene on Romeo and Juliet after their beloved Globe Theatre burnt down. We try to encourage the audience to join in. The costumes were amazing and the make-up was funny; it really brought the characters to life. We would not have been able to do all this without the ITT and prop team. After 6 weeks of gruelling rehearsals, we were all very proud of our performance and hope that everyone who attended enjoyed it: we definitely did!

Maia, Evie, Isla and Felisity

Local treasures to discover

THE Hundred Parishes is blessed with an exceptional number of museums, all open at this time of the year.

Saffron Walden Museum was purpose-built in 1835. It displays a real treasure trove of material relating to the local area.

Imperial War Museum, Duxford is enormous, displaying all kinds of wartime material including its own listed buildings from each World War, as well as many aeroplanes, both civilian and military.

Great Dunmow Museum is housed in a former maltings. It encompasses displays about its former function as well as broader elements of Dunmow history.

Forge Museum in Much Hadham includes metal tools from the forge, while its own medieval wall paintings reveal an insight into Tudor fashion. Still in Much Hadham, the hamlet of Perry Green was for many years the home of sculptor Henry Moore. Today, the Henry Moore Studio and gardens includes an extensive outdoor display of his large works

and indoor history of his life.

Ashdon Village Museum has an exceptional display of all aspects of local life in the 20th century – and an excellent tea room.

Stansted Mountfitchet has an extensive toy museum within Mountfitchet Castle which is itself a popular destination for children who probably don't realise that this fun place is teaching them a lot about the history of Norman times.

Finchingfield's 15th-century Guildhall incorporates a small collection of local history, pre-

sented with the help of modern technology.

Great Bardfield has a small Cottage Museum and also a village cage, a former lock up.

Further information for each of these can be found on www.hundredparishes.org.uk – either towards the end of the relevant Parish introduction, on What's On, or on the Attractions pages. There, you will also find information about Fry Art Gallery, Linton Zoo, Hinxtown watermill and several windmills. We are, indeed, blessed.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Chishill Windmill

Granta Medical Practices Flu Clinics

INFLUENZA (flu) vaccines protect against the influenza viruses. Most flu vaccines are given with a needle in the arm but there is also a nasal spray flu vaccine.

Flu vaccination is important because, whilst flu is unpleasant for most people, it can be dangerous and even life-threatening to others, particularly those with certain health conditions. The best time to have your flu vaccine is early autumn before flu starts spreading. However, you can get your vaccine later if necessary.

We are holding our flu clinics on the following dates:

Saturday 23rd September – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
 Saturday 23rd September – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
 Sunday 24th September – Royston Health Centre, SG8 7BS
 Saturday 30th September – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
 Saturday 7th October – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
 Sunday 8th October – Royston Health Centre, SG8 7BS
 Saturday 14th October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
 Saturday 14th October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
 Saturday 21st October – Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
 Saturday 28th October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
 Saturday 28th October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY

All clinics start at 8:30am and finish at 4:15pm.

Groups eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine from 1st September 2023 are:

Those aged 65 years and over

Those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups:

Chronic respiratory disease
 Ischaemic heart disease and vascular disease
 Chronic kidney disease

Chronic liver disease
 Chronic neurological disease
 Diabetes and adrenal insufficiency
 Immunosuppression and those who are in close contact with an immunosuppressed person
 Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
 Pregnant women
 Morbid obesity, BMI 40+

Carers in receipt of a carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
 Care home residents
 Children aged 2 or 3 years old, specifically at 31st August 2023

Primary school children will be vaccinated in school and only eligible to have through us if they have an underlying health condition mentioned above.

Please note that over 50's with no underlying conditions are no longer eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine. However, private flu vaccinations will be widely available through high street pharmacies, etc.

Whilst you are having your jab don't forget to ask about your eligibility for other vaccinations such as shingles, pneumonia or whooping cough.

Eligible patients will shortly receive a text with a link to book a flu jab, or you can call us on 0300 234 5555. Clinics will be available to book into from August.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Carry on reading!

READY, set... read! Sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Linton Library – it's free! With stickers to collect along the way and a medal and certificate for everyone who finishes, it is a fun way to keep children reading all summer during the long school break.

Don't forget, if you are travelling on holiday you can pack a mobile device with library eBooks, eAudiobooks and eComics to keep your luggage light!

At the library this month:

For the family, come along and enjoy creating with Lego on Monday 7th for £2/ child (2-3.30pm). Learn all about Bee Keeping on Wednesday 16th for £2/ child (10.30-11.30am). Be captivated by a Magic show on Monday 21st for £5/ child (2-3.15pm). To reserve your place, please call into the library or contact Cam-bourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

For adults, bring along your latest craft project to Knit and Natter, 2pm on Tuesday 8th and 22nd. Daylight Readers, our Book Club, meets on Friday 18th at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Also, Justine from Reach Community Projects will be here to offer advice and help 3 – 4.30pm on Thursday 10th and 24th – no appointment necessary.

Have you heard of Social tariffs? They are low-cost broadband and mobile phone package deals offered to customers claiming government benefits. Ask for more details or check out: www.ofcom.org.uk/cheap-broadband or www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/about/help-to-get-online.

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

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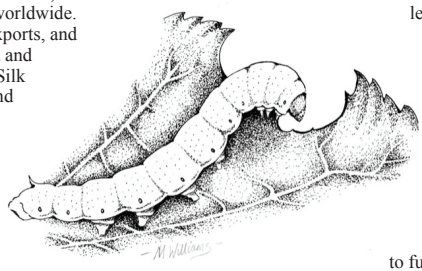
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COUNTRY MATTERS
Text by Oriol O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams

The strange world of Silk Worms

LAST month I saw a silkworm larva for the first time. It was more than intriguing to learn even a little about these creatures. Here is a short summary of what must rate as one of the most extraordinary tales of man and nature. For more than 5000 years people in China have been breeding silkworms for the production of raw silk. The practice, called sericulture, spread to Korea, Japan, Nepal and India, and is now worldwide. Weaving was one of China's chief exports, and the caravan route taking silk to Syria and Rome was known as the Silk Road. Silk was also used for diplomatic gifts, and to buy off threatening nomads by giving them a taste of luxury. To give an idea of the scale of current production, each year the world uses around 32 million kgs of silk, and this requires around 10 billion silkworm cocoons. 10,000 silkworms are killed to make just one sari. Animal rights activists disapprove strongly of this practice, and Mahatma Gandhi spent years promoting cotton spinning machines, by which no living organism was hurt. There are no longer any wild silkworms, only domesticated ones living in captivity. The silkworm is the larva (caterpillar) of the silk moth, Bombyx Mori. The adult moth has a wingspan of 40-50 mm and a thick bristly body. It is blonde to light brown, with cream wings. Mouthparts are minimal, they can't eat or fly and they only live for 2 or 3 days. However in that time the males perform a flutter dance, provoked by the female producing pheromones, and she then lays 300-500 eggs, which hatch in a couple of weeks. These newly hatched larvae are rather

better at eating, and they grow for around 45 days. They grow so fast, they have to shed their skin four times. If you think some humans are fussy eaters, these caterpillars eat only white mulberry leaves. After these 45 days, pupation occurs within the cocoon. The cocoon itself, about the size of an overgrown broad bean, is made up of one continuous strand of silk, between 900m and 1km in length. Honestly this is true. If left to their own devices, the cocoon will develop a hole to allow the moth to emerge. Silk production means this must be stopped, so the cocoons are boiled and the silkworms killed. The water makes the silk easier to unravel. The technology of spinning the silk has changed over the centuries from hand looms to fully computerised production on a vast scale. All the information gathered while breeding silkworms has meant decades of scientific study, genome sequencing, school projects to breed them, their use in antibiotics and disease resistance, and now the most spongy silk is implanted during reconstruction surgery to support ligaments and tendons. They have been genetically modified by the introduction of spider genes to produce stronger and more elastic silk. From reading about the legends behind the discovery of silk, you can now go online and buy a 5 litre box of Dried Chubby Silkworms, for £11.99. Highly beneficial for growth and colouring of koi. Reptile experts say "Silkworms are the healthiest insect you can buy." You can check out the FAQs – such as "My silkworms are not moving or eating, What should I do?"



Summer activities from the Beacon Youth Trust

REGULAR activities are taking place at the Drop - in Centre on the Linton Recreation ground. All youth clubs Monday to Wednesdays are drop-in sessions (no pre-booking required) and they are FREE to attend. Anyone going into year 7 this September is welcome to join too. All trips on Thursdays require pre- booking and will be off-site.

For more information contact:
Cynthia on cynthia.mukoko@romseymill.org 07821 797181
Becky on becky.campbell@romseymill.org 07784 886871

BEACON YOUTH TRUST - SUMMER HOLIDAY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Monday 24th July, 1-4pm Movie Afternoon Drop-in Youth Club	Tuesday 25th July, 1-4pm Around the World - Cooking session Italian Food day (pizza)	Wednesday 26th July, 1-4pm Indoor and Outdoor sports and Games Day	Thursday 27th July 10am - 4pm Trip: Aqua Park <i>Pre-booking required</i>
Monday 31st July, 1-4pm Movie Afternoon Drop-in Youth Club	Tuesday 1st August, 1-4pm Around the World - Cooking session	Wednesday 2nd August, 1-4pm Indoor and Outdoor sports and Games Day	Thursday 3rd August, 11am - 3.50pm Trip: Cinema - Barbie <i>Pre-booking required</i>
Monday 7th August CLOSED	Tuesday 8th August CLOSED	Wednesday 9th August CLOSED	Thursday 10th August CLOSED
Monday 14th July, 1-4pm Movie Afternoon Drop-in Youth Club	Tuesday 15th August, 1-4pm Around the World - Cooking session Mexican food day	Wednesday 16th August, 1-4pm Indoor and Outdoor sports and Games Day	Thursday 17th August, 11.50am - 5pm Trip: Bowling <i>Pre-booking required</i>
Monday 21st August CLOSED	Tuesday 22nd August CLOSED	Wednesday 23rd Aug CLOSED	Thursday 24th August CLOSED
Monday 28th August BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED	Tuesday 29th August, 1-4pm Baking session	Wednesday 30th August, 1-4pm Indoor and Outdoor sports and Games Day	Thursday 31 August, 10am - 4pm Trip: Aqua Park <i>Pre-booking required</i>

Camsight Linton VIPs

The Cambridgeshire charity for people of all ages with sight impairment or loss.

IN July our members enjoyed the summer lunch which ends our year, which was provided and served by the volunteers. On the menu was a ham salad with new potatoes followed by fresh fruit and cream ringues. We were joined by Claire Haggarty, our new

volunteer manager at Camsight, who came to meet us, to see how our group works and to update us on how the varying needs of people with sight impairment are being addressed by Camsight. This was followed by our usual raffle and a short talk by Claire who will keep us in touch with new developments at the charity. We do not have a meeting in August but will meet again on Tuesday, September 12th at 2.0 at the Chalklands Centre, when we will be joined by a speaker from Mercy Ships, the fully equipped hospital ships which go to various parts of the world where acute medical needs cannot be met. If you or anyone you know would like further information, please contact us on the office number 01223 420033 or on the number below.



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Jean Mannion
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District and County Councillors' report

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4 Day Week

The trial of a 4-day working week at the District Council was recently extended by another year for office staff and will also be introduced to the waste service as of September this year. This will mean residential bins will only be collected between Tuesday and Friday each week – meaning our area will have a new bin collection day. This will be communicated, by the council, once the detail has been finalised. More recently, you may have seen in the news, a junior minister has asked the council to cease the trial. He asked this without giving any real reason for doing so, or with any kind of legal backing – SCDC have responded with a request to meet with him, to understand what the concerns actually are.

A1307 Works

Work continues on the upgrades to the road and the next scheme to be implemented is the roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction, which started in early May and is due to go on for about 40 weeks.

For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-current-schemes

The A1307 was closed between Hildersham and Linton over the weekend of the 15th and 16th July to complete the works to that remodelled section of the road.

Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

The County Council have updated and rebranded the Communities Capital Fund that they ran a few years ago. The fund is designed to support local communities in projects that enable them to upgrade community buildings and assets. There is up to £40,000 available in each bid. The Council are currently asking for an 'expression of interest' from those community groups/parish councils that are thinking of applying. Full information, plus an application, can be found on the website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/cambridgeshire-priorities-capital-fund

Parliamentary Boundary Changes

The Boundary Commission has announced the final proposals for the new parliamentary boundary, which will come into play before the next general election, which is currently scheduled for next year.

Our villages are currently proposed to move from South East Cambridgeshire into South Cambridgeshire, with the exception of Abington, which is already in South Cambridgeshire. This will move them more broadly into line with the District Council's boundary so is generally a good move, in our view.

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com
 District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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Ref. No: 23/02811/PRIOR | Validated: Fri 21 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Proposed first floor rear extension Open for comment icon

83 Chalklands Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JQ

Ref. No: 23/02792/HFUL | Validated: Wed 19 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by condition 19 (Travel Welcome Pack) of outline planning permission S/2553/16/OL An updated Travel Welcome Pack is being submitted to clear Condition 19, having been updated to suit the the Parish Council's comments on the previous report.

Land Off Horseheath Road Linton Cambridge CB21 4AY

Ref. No: S/2553/16/CONDR | Validated: Fri 14 Jul 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 Copper Beech - Crown lift eastern side of crown to achieve 1.5 metres clearance over car port roof at Kinsey Place

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Market Square Update August 2023

THE DISPUTE over ownership and therefore ability of Parishioners to use Market Square, without let or hindrance, is now in the Public Domain and therefore the Parish Council can provide an update.

I have almost forgotten how we started all this as it was nearly 3 years ago, however, as with many issues in this village, it has to do with car parking. There are other uses of the Market Square, such as - the Christmas Fair and, during the pandemic, permitting The Linton Kitchen to use it for providing a welcome outdoor café, for which the Parish Council gives permission and, as a courtesy, informs the neighbours.

A bit of history – circa 1950 the old Market House, built on the site of a Market established there in the 1640s (this is very old history!) fell into such decay that the Cambridge County Council had it demolished. Since that time the Parish Council has maintained the area, replacing the cobbles in the 1980s, erecting bollards to protect walls of the surrounding houses and even adding a paving stone path to aid an elderly resident of no 32. In 1984, it was established by Deed, that no 32 would have right of access for vehicles over the Market Square, to enable access to their rear garden. However, as with many parcels of land in England, often owned by Churches, Government Departments and Councils, if there has been no sale transaction then there is no record at the Land Registry.

However, the Custodianship of Market Square by the Parish Council has been disputed by a resident, as has been observed by the parking of a car and leaving of other items (bins, fencing, etc.) on a strip of the Market Square. This has made this much needed space for parking so much more difficult to use.

Therefore, the Parish Council took the decision to have the ownership of Market Square registered, to ensure its benefit in perpetuity for all Parishioners in Linton.

This has been a long, complicated, time-consuming and expensive process, using funds raised from the Parish Council Precept (that line on your Council Tax bill) in order to engage a suitably qualified Solicitor, expert in Property Law and Disputes.



The Market Square - Linton

We are now in the end game, as, on the 24th and 25th August the case will be heard by the First-Tier Land Tribunal.

Members of the public wishing to observe the hearing, or representatives of the media may, on request, join any telephone or video hearing remotely while they are taking place by sending an email in advance to the tribunal at landregistration@justice.gov.uk with the following details in the subject line

OBSERVE REQUEST (or MEDIA REQUEST) – CASE REF/2022/0469 – 24th & 25th AUGUST 2023 and appropriate arrangements will be made to allow access where reasonably practicable.

The Parish Council office is not going to make requests on behalf of members of the public/media in order to remain impartial and to ensure that all related responsibility lies with the applicants.

We await the decision of the Land Tribunal.

Cllr Mannassi

RoSPA Play Awards 2023 Linton Recreation Ground

THE RECREATION ground in Linton has an extensive play area which has been improved over the past few years. The Parish Council has recently been given an award for Play Safety Excellence by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA).

Cllr John Bald gave an overview of the facilities to a panel of judges, explaining that the village has age appropriate play areas ensuring that all children are able to play safely and enjoy the park.



RoSPA - Winners 2023

There is an area specifically designed for children under 8, and more complex activities for older children.

The recent addition of the Skate Park has been well received by all age groups and can be used with skateboards, roller skates and BMX bikes.

Visit the Pavilion Cafe

In response to requests from parishioners, the Pavilion Cafe will be open throughout the Summer Holidays on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12-4pm. You will be able to buy tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks. The toilets will also be available while the cafe is open to the public. Please support the facilities and thank you to the volunteers from Linton Granta Football Club for helping the Parish Council to provide the service. Full details are available in the main pages of the Linton News.

Clerk.

Coffee with a Cop - July 2023

ON TUESDAY 11th July 2023 Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Team for Cambridgeshire Constabulary hosted a Coffee with a Cop session with Linton Parish Council. The session, was held at the Cathodeon Centre in Linton between 4pm-6pm. Parishioners were invited to raise concerns and discuss solutions on local issues.

Alongside the ongoing issues of parking, speeding and traffic violations parishioner also raised concerns about E-Scooters and potentially dangerous dogs in the village.

Chris and John were able to give sound advice and also offered contacts for the RSPCA and the local Dog Warden to get further advice.

One of the most important messages from our local PCSOs was to ensure that crime is reported. This can be achieved by calling the Police on 101 or by reporting crime online using the following website. <https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/>

You can also sign up for news from the Cambridgeshire Police via eCops at <https://www.ecops.org.uk>. Unfortunately, police resources are stretched and have to be allocated in relation to the needs of the area. If crime is not reported the Police are not aware of the issues faced at local level. They can only act if they are fully in the picture.

The local Police have confirmed, they **do not** monitor Facebook, please ensure you use the correct channels to report crime!

The Parish Council office is also available to help and advise. Email us on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01223 891001. We are not a replacement for the emergency service but happy to support and advise you.

Clerk.

Planning & Meeting Update June/July 2023

NEIGHBOURHOOD Plan Update:

The Planning Committee has taken advantage of the slight reduction in planning applications over the last couple of months to work on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. Please don't forget to visit <https://linton-pc.gov.uk/draft-linton-and-hildersham-neighbourhood-plan> to view the plan and have your say about the future of our villages.



SCDC gave us a list of 500 Consultees to contact in addition to our residents and local landowners! The consultation ends on 13th August, so please send your comments to the Parish Office before then.

20 Cambridge Road:

Work is continuing on this site despite the fact that the pre-commencement conditions are yet to be discharged.

Horseheath Road:

The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) completed their surveys in April and have now reviewed the results. We understand that these were being discussed with Croudace and await further information.

Bartlow Rd:

Residents have raised concerns about drainage works taking place across Flemmings Field following the result of the planning appeal. The consent says that Abbey can either connect to the 6" Victorian sewer on Bartlow Road OR to the newer 12" sewer at the bottom of Finchams Close. The PC has received notification that Bartlow Rd will be closed to allow connection of the sewer for the Northern site – Highways signs will be put up to notify residents of the timing.

Station Rd:

The Outline Application for development of the land off Station Road is due to be decided by the Planning Officer under delegated powers by 19th July. We note that Highways have raised an objection over access to the site by HGVs, so we await the decision with interest.

A1307 Works including the Bartlow Road Roundabout

At the time of writing, the A1307 is about to be closed to complete the resurfacing works associated with the delivery of the Greenway between Linton and Abington (and ultimately Cambridge). The works had to wait a while in order to coordinate with the closures for works on the A11, as this was a key part of the diversion route.

Hopefully you will have had the chance to use this new Greenway – perhaps to visit local businesses, other village amenities, or even for your commute. We would be interested to hear whether there are sufficient facilities to secure your bicycle if you stopped along the route.

Phase 2 of the construction works for the Bartlow Road roundabout is now fully underway and the diversion routes will be in place until this is complete. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the team via <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/get-in-touch>

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 15th June 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Acceptance of Apologies for Absence. Open discussion and Decision required.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked the office team for all their hard work organising the Picnic in the Park.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Notification of the response received from CCC regarding the outstanding Highways Issues.

The Clerk gave a verbal update that since the two items of correspondence had been received no further progress had been made. The Clerk was requested to investigate the procedure of a formal complaint and raise any breach of policy with CCC due to the lack of a timely response.

Consideration for proposal from SCDC for a mobile food hub in Linton.

The Clerk gave a further update since the correspondence circulated stating that the Linton Free Church, Community Interest Company (CIC) Hope and SCDC were working collectively on the project. Linton Village Hall Trustee Committee had expressed interest in being a location, pending further discussion.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee. Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that the Planning Committee would continue to dispute that Condition 6 (Landscaping) had been fulfilled and the Assistant Clerk was requested to raise this again with Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) Compliance.

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.

Cllr Kate Kell updated the Full Council that Hilary Tandy, Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and a member of the Compliance team at SCDC, had been in contact but they were unable to give full details due to pending procedural action by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC).

Update on the request made to Stephen Kelly regarding the flooding on the development on 10th March 2023.

Cllr Kate Kell informed the Full Council that no further update had been received from Stephen Kelly, Director of Planning other than he was chasing Highways for an update on the Surface Water scheme. It was noted that the Highways scheme and the Eastern boundary were not as they should be.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan Public Exhibition held on 27th & 28th May 2023 and notification that the public consultation is to run until 23rd July 2023.

Cllr Kate Kell informed the Full Council that following urgent correspondence received on the day of this meeting, adjustments would need to be made to the consulting period and procedure. The public consultation would now run from 27th May 2023 – 13th August 2023 and information regarding accessing paper copies of the draft plan would be made clear to parishioners.

Cllr John Bald expressed thanks to the Planning Committee and the working group for their commitment and continued hard work on the progression of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Allotments

Notification of the update received from James Fisher, S106 Officer at GCSP, regarding terms of agreement relating to the allotments on the Horseheath Road development.

Notification of details received from Croudace regarding the LEAP transfer proposal.

It was noted that sufficient detail and documents had not been received. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds queried if LPC should be formally adopting any areas of the development while there are still outstanding issues to be addressed. The RFO was requested to raise the matter with James Fisher, S106 Officer at GCSP.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Finance

Contracts

Notification of termination of all contracts held by Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance as of 31st July 2023.

Cllr Guy Ennew raised concerns regarding the cutting of the Recreation Ground after the termination of the contract. The RFO advised that discussions are taking place regarding alternative contractors. Cllr Guy Ennew was invited to attend the internal meeting scheduled to be held on 29th June 2023.

Notification of the financial contribution offer from CCC in relation to verge cutting for the period April 2023-March 2024 and consideration to continue the current agreement of verge maintenance being undertaken by the parish.

Cllr Guy Ennew proposed that the invoice for the financial contribution be sent to CCC, as it was confirmed that LPC would continue to cut the verges until October 2023. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Grants Available

Consideration for the proposal to apply for a grant from The Hundred Parishes Society to progress the Heritage Trail.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the application be submitted by the RFO to enable an online village guide to be created rather than a printed version. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

The Clerk advised that a new website could be built which would incorporate the Linton Village Directory and volunteered to investigate further.

Consideration for the application of free hedge packs from the Woodland Trust for the areas adjacent the Cathodeon Centre and the Cemetery.

Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed the application be actioned by the RFO. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Grants Awarded

Consideration of the authorisation for the RFO to release the S106 funding grant payment of £26,954.17 to the Village Hall as the amount previously agreed by the Parish Council.

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed the grant payment be released. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. Agreed with one abstention.

Traffic & Highways

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

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

05.05.2023-19.05.2023 and 19.05.2023-05.06.2023. Written reports available. It was raised that the MSID was giving conflicting messages at the current location. The Clerk advised that the parameters would be checked and adjusted.

Highways

Update on the drainage works to take place on the High Street due to commence on 12th June 2023. Cllr Kate Kell advised that the planned works had been postponed to the end of July 2023.

The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received just prior to the meeting that a hub was requested to be placed on Parsonage Green for the duration of the work for Granta Vale and Lamb Fair Court.

Cllr John Bald proposed that a remote meeting be scheduled with all parties, including the sports clubs using the Recreation Ground, to discuss the planned works, with express concern raised over the potentially dangerous kerbs due to be installed on the High Street and the disruption to the Recreation Ground and the village as a whole. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Notification of a TTRO for drainage investigation at Granta Vale from 17.07.2023-01.09.2023. It was noted that the correspondence received just prior to the meeting advised that work on Granta Vale would commence after the work was completed on the High Street.

Update on the request for data from the 7-day survey conducted in February 2019 in relation to the LHI bid 2019/20.

The Clerk advised that correspondence regarding 7-day speed

survey on the Hadstock Road had been received but had missed the deadline for this meeting. It would be deferred to the meeting scheduled to take place on 20th July 2023.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Notification from SCDC of the availability of grants for EV charging points. Correspondence item 79 refers. Verbal update from the RFO. Open discussion and Decision required.

The RFO was requested to contact Cllr Geoff Harvey of the Balsham Ward, as he will be able to give further information on EV charging points. It was requested that the project be discussed by the Traffic Working Group (TWG) and that working with Linton Granta Medical practice should be encouraged. It was also requested that the TWG look at all potential locations for EV charging points in the village.

Fireworks 2023

Consideration for additional restrictions to be applied on the use of Camping Close for the Fireworks 2023.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the Clerk advise the Fireworks Committee that there will be stipulation included for the full protection of the grass on Camping Close in connection with any future request to hold the event. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground & Play Equipment

Bowls Green

Update on progress of the redevelopment of the Bowls Green. Verbal update from the Clerk. For Information.

The Clerk was requested to confirm the specification of the basketball goalspost installation and how the surface will be back filled in relation to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) surface. It was noted that the MUGA is now securely locked.

The Pavilion

Consideration of the possibility of opening the facilities at the Pavilion during the summer holidays. Verbal update from the RFO. Open discussion and Decision required.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the facilities should only be opened on a voluntary basis if this could be arranged. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. 7 in favour, 2 against with one abstention. Motion carried.

Gigaclear

Notification received that the Pavilion will not be suitable for Full Fibre to Premises (FFTP). Confirmation of the replacement of the grit bin on Parsonage Way following completion of works. Consideration to request remedial works to repair the damage caused to the paths and verges by the contractor installing FFTP for Gigaclear. The Clerk was requested to contact Gigaclear in writing to request all areas are restored where damage has occurred during the installation of FFTP.

St Mary's Churchyard

Update on the remedial works due to be completed on the Churchyard paths. For Information.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the RFO approach other contractors to specify the details of the works quoted for the same on the Churchyard paths. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Matters for Future Consideration.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi requested that the format of the Annual Meeting of the Parish (AMP) be discussed.

Cllr Kate Kell requested Climate Change be discussed.

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