



The bell chamber at St. Mary's, where a quarter peal was recently rung for the first time since the start of the pandemic. See page 3

Fireworks cancelled for second year

IT is with sadness that the Linton Fireworks Committee confirms that for the second year running we have little choice but to cancel the annual village fireworks display. Believe it or not, planning for the event starts mid-summer, as we make arrangements for event essentials such as safety, sound, and lighting equipment, insurances, food and drink arrangements, and of course the largest single expense of the fireworks themselves. All of this involves a significant upfront financial commitment, which in usual times we can safely cover with ticket sales. However, with COVID far from being over, the committee is unable to guarantee income will cover these costs, let

alone generate excess to donate to the schools.

We put the event on for two main reasons, to be the largest annual village event, and also as a key fundraiser for our village schools and community groups. As all profits are shared out to these parties, we don't have a funding pot to delve into when revenue is uncertain and being a volunteer committee we cannot be loss-making.

In addition, after many years we have sadly lost our headline sponsor to help offset upfront costs. We are so grateful for all the sponsorship support we receive, but appreciate budgets are tight and other charities need to benefit from corporate giving as well as us.

Do not despair however! The committee is focused

on coming back stronger in 2022 to celebrate as a village once more and we are thinking of alternative ways to raise money this year. Many committee members have given a decade or more's service to the event and no longer have children at the schools, so we need new hands to ensure the continuation of events from 2023. Commitment levels start from simply being a pair of helping hands on the day, up to Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair roles. We really would love some new faces to join the event to keep it going for future generations. If you are interested in learning more, please contact current co-chairs Natalie or Ian on info@lintonfireworks.co.uk



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Look out for plans of other fundraising activities in 2021 to help our schools

A look back at three decades of fireworks

Linton Fireworks Committee

Parish Council seeks judicial review over Bartlow Road

LINTON Parish Council announced that it has delivered a 'pre-action protocol letter' on a judicial review to South Cambridgeshire District Council, and will be instructing their legal representatives to follow up on the matter. The action comes after the PC received "little reassurance" in their communications with SCDC.

A judicial review will enable an independent assessment of the planning permission status for the proposed Bartlow Road development, on access, pre-commencement conditions and the tested effect on landscape.

Linton Parish Council have stated that they "strongly disagree" with the planning permission status, which they believe has been granted unlawfully. Kate Clerk, speaking on behalf of the PC said "It is frustrating that, despite the extensive evidence submitted, approval of conditions is being allowed to continue without due care being taken to verify that they have actually been met.

It is unfortunate that the Parish Council feel forced to take the legal route, but they believe this is the only way to get the Planning Committee to seriously consider the evidence and validity of the objections, on behalf of the parishioners of the village." The dispute continues.

Linton News Team

New defibrillator for sports field



Andrew Clark (left) and Aztecs Coach Neil Sharpe with the new unit

WATCHING the football match between Denmark and Finland when Christen Eriksen suffered from a cardiac arrest was a wake up call to everyone, but something good has come out of it for the community in Linton.

Linton Aztecs Football Club and Nextnorth Web Design have funded a defibrillator for the top of the Linton Village College sports field.

When a defibrillator is needed, time is of the essence. We felt we needed to make an AED Defibrillator as close as possible to the pitches we play on. Previously, the nearest AED Defibrillator was at the sports centre or at the pavilion, each a significant distance. We also felt we needed to make this unit available to anyone in the local community. Therefore, this device has been added to the "The Circuit", the national defibrillator network. By dialling 999, you will be given the access code to use this unit. We would like to thank Andrew Clark for his extremely generous donation.

"These community defibrillators help to save lives and are so simple to use as they talk you through what to do. As a father and a football coach I am pleased to have been able to help out," Andrew said.

Natalie Morris
Linton Aztecs

Caring for our community, and the environment



Care staff team member Ashitha, pictured with her electric bike after a busy morning attending calls around Linton

THOSE visiting the Grip Industrial Estate may have noticed the bright red livery of Trinity Care, a care and care home provider who have recently been nominated as the Bloc provider for Cambridge County Council. The company has recently purchased a fleet of electric bikes that allow staff to travel easily between appointments without the need for a driving licence, which can be prohibitive to some. Company Director Praveen Jose has also begun the purchase of a fleet of electric vehicles which will further enhance Trinity's green credentials. Trinity currently has a range of vacancies and welcomes new applicants. Visit www.tcsmed.co.uk or call 375 100

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Talking Newspaper to hold AGM

GRANTA Grapevine, Linton's talking newspaper, will hold its AGM via Zoom on Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm. Granta Grapevine provides a spoken version of the Linton News and an audio magazine every month for those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading the text for any reason. Contact me if you know anyone who might like a copy of the recording on USB memory stick. Though an in-person meeting would be possible this year, it was decided that for the safety and comfort of everyone the meeting would be online as last year. Please contact me if you would like to take part. The group is looking for more volunteers to help in the production of the recordings so give me a call on 893619 for further information or see our website grantagrapevine.org.uk

Mike Crofts
893619

St Mary's Zoom quiz

THE events committee of St Mary's Church Linton would like to invite you to join us for a quiz evening on Saturday 16th October at 7.30pm via zoom. To join us please email events@stmaryslinton.org.uk for zoom details. There is no entry fee, but if you enjoy the quiz a small donation to the church would be appreciated.

Charlotte Ellis,
Chair of St Mary's Events Committee, 892257

1000 mile slog for our beautiful hogs

AS of last year, hedgehogs are now on Britain's 'red list' of mammals vulnerable to extinction. These cute little nocturnalists are under threat from an intensification of agriculture, greater numbers of badgers (their biggest predator), an increase in roads and traffic, and of course, climate change. Previously of Linton, Claire Buckle found an injured hedgehog in her Haverhill garden, which led her to search for help. She discovered the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital, which is "dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of hedgehogs", according to its website (www.suffolkhedgehoghospital.com).

Claire was so impressed with her experience with the hospital, that she was inspired to take on a challenge of walking 1000 miles to raise awareness and funds for these prickly hogs. She is also campaigning to have road signs erected in Suffolk to encourage drivers to slow down at

night in specific areas where hedgehogs tend to live.

Her tips for people wishing to help hedgehogs are:

- Leave water out in shallow bowls during drier periods
- Leave an untidy patch in your garden where they can hide
- Make a small hole in your fence for free access
- Check before strimming, as hedgehogs could be resting
- Ring a rescue centre if you see a hedgehog out in the day, chances are it's not well.

"I've decided to walk 1000 miles in all weather, from torrential rain to scorching heat," says Claire. With a target of around 12-15 miles a day, Claire has already raised close to £1000 for the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital. Donations supporting Claire can be made directly on the website.

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Claire with a patient

New public involvement group for people with hearing loss

THE Hearing Services research team at Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH) has launched the Hearing Loss Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Group to help patients give their views on how research is carried out and how hearing services could be improved. The Group is open to people from across the region who have hearing loss and related conditions, and their carers.

Members will take part in a number of ways, including giving feedback on how research is designed and carried out, and discussing ways to improve the experience of people taking part in studies. They will also help find ways to make positive changes to the department, services and facilities. The group meets twice a year via Zoom, with monthly email updates. No experience is necessary, but members need to be willing to share their views.

Sophie McKenny, Senior Research Nurse, said: "We feel it's really important for the people we're trying to help to have a voice in deciding how our research is carried out and services can be improved.

We also want to help people with hearing conditions to meet others like them, so they can share experiences and give support to each other, so we hope as many people will join as possible." Ruth Meyer was the first person to sign up. Ruth has hearing loss due to a non-



Sophie, lending an ear

cancerous brain tumour. She said: "The NHS care I received when I was being treated for the tumour was outstanding. I feel that I should be prepared to make a contribution in recognition of this."

If you are interested in joining the group or would like more information, please contact Sophie McKenny, PPI Group Coordinator, at cambridgehearingppi@nhs.net or 586625.

Esther Reeve

Appeal for help cleaning the church

OUR church is not just used by worshippers but by many others in our community. Do you have a few hours to spare once every four weeks or so to join a group of St Mary's cleaners? I'm told this is also a very convivial group who make sure there is a chance for coffee and tea and a chat when the cleaning is done! Please contact Mrs Jo George on 894964 if you would like to find out more.

Reverend Michael
Wilcockson
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Music Mark award for Linton Heights Junior School

WE are excited to be starting a new school year, welcoming pupils and their families back after the summer break. Our dedicated staff have been busy, knowing our broad and balanced curriculum makes learning irresistible to our pupils, and it is with great pride that I announce Linton Heights Junior School has been nominated by Cambridgeshire Music to become a Music Mark school for the 2021/22 academic year. This prestigious accolade would not have been possible were it not for our amazing music lead, Emma Mason. Emma has continuously raised the profile and standard of music at Linton Heights, sharing Music Mark's vision: that a high-quality musical education plays a vital role in school life. In June we wrote about our new ukuleles, and how our school's passion for the creative arts has continued to thrive despite the Covid pandemic. At the end of last term we were also delighted to celebrate the wonderful success of Mia Arana-Tagle. Mia came third at the Cambridgeshire 'Rhapsody Song Competition', competing with over 70 pupils across the Key Stage 2 to 5 age range (7-18 year olds). It is a real pleasure to hear singing and live instrumental music returning to all classrooms, and see a school calendar full of performance dates and events. The awarding of the nationally recognised Music Mark is testament to our pupils' and staff's on-going hard work, some of which can be found on our school website www.lintonheightsschool.co.uk/music

James Puxley
Headteacher

Bells ring out for Jason's departure

Continued from front page...

ON Sunday 19th September at 2pm, six Linton bellringers gathered to attempt a quarter peal. This was to mark the departure of Jason, one of our young ringers, to Lincoln University. Jason first came to the tower aged eight, already armed with an encyclopaedic knowledge of bells and bellringing, but was unfortunately still too physically small to begin learning, so we told his mum Karen to bring him back when he was ten. Sure enough, on virtually his tenth birthday, he was back and the rest, as they say, is history! He learned, he rang, he grew - and has turned into a delightful young person and an extremely competent ringer. So, to Sunday. Jason asked a few weeks ago if he could organise, record and film a quarter peal to mark his departure to Lincoln, helped by Stephen, our tower captain. None of the band had done very much ringing at all since lockdown and I think everyone was a bit anxious, but we were all willing to give it our best. Jason was to set up the equipment and Stephen was to 'call' the quarter (this means putting in the right number of 'Bobs' in the right place so we repeat the bell order as few times as possible). We lost Stephen on Sunday morning due to family illness so we quickly regrouped, girded our loins, and rang the quarter beautifully! In fact, it was so lovely that Jason has sent off part of the recording to radio 4's Bells on Sunday. If you are interested in learning to ring bells, contact the Tower Captain, Stephen s.a.croxall@gmail.com

Jackie Latham

Gardening Club

IT was great to welcome everyone back to the Club's meeting in September where I gave a talk on two formal gardens in my native north of Scotland. Some 50 miles north of Inverness, Dunrobin Castle perches on a cliff and its ornate French Chateau style frontage dramatically overlooks a Victorian era formal garden, as well as the Moray Firth and mountains beyond. The garden's terraces, balustrades, fountains and clipped box parterres are full of colourful flowers and foliage and were inspired by the 17th century gardens of Versailles. Located about 25 miles north of Aberdeen, Pitmedden was gifted to the National Trust for Scotland in the 1950s. Seventeenth century designs were then recreated on the upper and lower garden terraces. Flanked by herbaceous borders, intricately clipped and patterned box parterres are planted out in various colourful schemes throughout the year. Gardening is always interesting. One of our members recently spotted a colourful vapourer moth caterpillar, below, which was predominantly grey-black with rows of small red spots running along its body and four bright yellow tufts on its back. This caterpillar is a relatively common jewel of nature. Do look out for all the fascinating creatures living in your garden. The Club's next meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October in the Village Hall will be a short AGM, followed by a talk from Hilary Thomas on "Bulbs for Every Season". Annual membership remains at £10 or visitors can pay £2 per meeting

Jim, Secretary, Linton Gardening Club,
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A Vapourer moth caterpillar

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Granta School welcomes Laurence

IT has been an exciting start to the year, with Granta growing from 150 to 180 pupils. We have welcomed lots of new students and many new staff, all of whom have settled in wonderfully and had a fabulous first fortnight. Speaking with Destiny who joined Dolphin class in September, she said "I thought I would find Maths tricky but it was good, and I really enjoyed eating grapes in Food Tech Life skills."



Laurence Carey, (pictured), our new music therapist said "Although I've only been at Granta School a short while, I'm really enjoying the very vibrant atmosphere and strong sense of community and bond between staff and pupils - as well as the rolling countryside of Cambridgeshire, having relocated from London to be here. I'm really looking forward to harnessing the powerful expressive qualities of the music to support the emotional well-being of pupils and to help encourage greater self-expression and communication." It has felt strange returning to school with no bubbles in place and has been a mix of scary and freeing. Our students are so glad to be back with one another at playtimes and lunchtimes and our staff are relishing seeing old friends in the staffroom whom they have been apart from for well over a year. We are working hard with keeping up our hygiene measures and home testing regimes and we hope very much that this coming academic year will be a positive, fruitful one, full of learning opportunities on and off site and the collaboration that we have missed so much.

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Sue King



Make your own Willow Christmas Decorations!

The art of women

A four week course entitled *Muse, Model and Mistress – Conversations about the roles of women in the history of art* will take place on Thursdays from 14th October to 4th November at 11.00 to 12.30 at Hadstock Village Hall.

Tutor Deborah Monteiro writes, “Exhibitions and displays featuring women artists have become more frequent in recent times, reminding us of their role, as models or muses in works of art but also (somewhat invisible alongside their male counterparts), as professional artists in their own right.”

This short course builds on shows that have been on recently

or currently, and so will focus on just three areas – Artemisia Gentileschi in the C17th, Angelica Kauffman in the C18th and the fascinating group of Pre-Raphaelite women in the C19th (e.g. Jane Morris, Christina Rossetti, Lizzie Siddal, Fanny Cornforth, recently exhibited at the NPG).

We will evaluate the status and ambitions of these women together with their successes and failures. We shall consider the multiple roles expected of them in society viewed alongside individual talent, ambition and opportunity, plus their more famous contemporary male counterparts.

An opportunity for you to learn about a topic that is always wanting in the history of art.

The fee is £45 for 4 weeks. Contact Deborah via her website www.arthistoryincambs.com for more details and to enrol.

Sue Albrow
Editor Hadstock Magazine
and ex Community Education
Officer at Linton Village College

Infant School news

SO, here we all are, back in school and cautious steps being taken towards the “old” way of working. No more bubbles, no more large groups of children being sent home due to close contact. I must say, it is taking some getting used to! However, as always the staff and children have taken it all in their stride. That said, we are still continuing with increased handwashing, increased cleaning, increased ventilation, staff twice weekly testing, keeping year groups apart inside the building and staff wearing face masks when they are not in their “normal” working area. Let’s see what happens next.

It was wonderful to meet and welcome the new Foundation Stage children and parents into our school community, all of the children looked very excited on their first day. It was equally wonderful to welcome back our Year 1 and Year 2 children who all seem to have grown over the summer break!

As last year, the school was a hive of activity over the summer break. The Anderson Trust, our PTFA and the support and expertise from some of our parents has resulted in the most fabulous pond area in school!

This area was as a result of a request from our School Council and we hope the children will enjoy not only the wildlife but the sense of quiet and nature the area brings. We are hoping to start the next phase; a Wildlife Area, over the October half term.

Kelly Harries, Headteacher



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News from St Mary’s: All Souls & Remembrance

AS we edge cautiously towards normalising our everyday lives, we have to remind ourselves that for many life has been far from easy, especially when restrictions have limited mourners attending funeral services. Every year on All Souls Day (2nd November), St Mary’s holds a quiet and contemplative service for all those who would like to come and spend 40 minutes at an evening service to remember someone who has died. Even if you are unable to attend the service, do pop into the church during the day and light a candle and/or leave a prayer for a loved one.

November is also a time for remembering all those who gave their lives for others and their country, not only in the two great wars but in all subsequent conflicts and most recently in Afghanistan. This year, Remembrance Sunday (14th November) will be celebrated in full with a service in church, followed by the act of remembrance in the cemetery and tea afterwards in the Village Hall. Our youngsters from the Scouts, Brownies, Guides, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps will be playing a key role in the services; I hope this will also be a time when villagers will be able to support an important event in Linton Life.

Dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 2nd November, 7.30pm All Souls service

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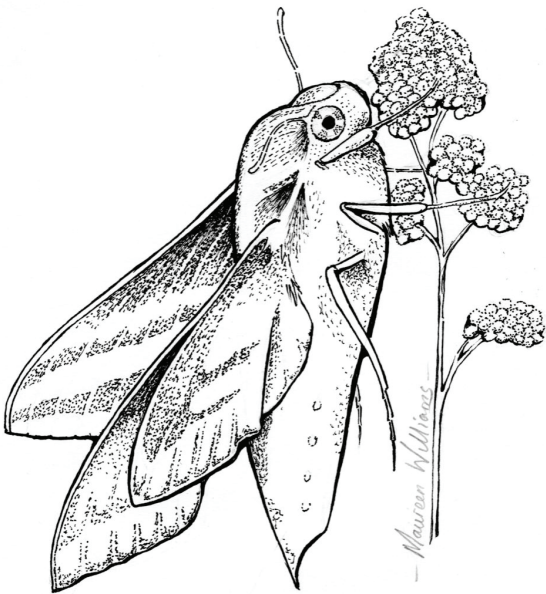
A PHONE call from Mill Lane in August resulted in Ben taking some great shots of an Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar lurking in the veg patch. What an amazing creature, looking like a diminutive ET with an elephant's trunk, brown and grey with black dots and huge eyes. Looking at the life cycle of a moth is the best way to get children interested in nature.

This particular chap is Deilephila Elpenor, nocturnal and quite common. But how does it turn into the extraordinarily beautiful Elephant Hawk Moth? It's tempting to see caterpillars only as destroyers of your lovingly nurtured plants and vegetables. New resolution – look at them instead as a sign of a healthy garden ecosystem. Moths and butterflies are vital pollinators, pollinating between 5 and 10% of our trees and shrubs. Looking at the life cycle of a moth is the best way to get children interested in nature.

Here, in short, is what happens.

1. Moth lays eggs which last 4-10 days.
2. Eggs hatch as caterpillars.
3. Caterpillar eats own eggshell, and then the plant it was laid on
4. Caterpillar sheds its skin 4 or 5 times within 2 weeks. It can eat many times its own body weight in one day. This stage lasts between 2 and 30 months.
5. Full grown caterpillar finds safe place to pupate. The pupa, or chrysalis, lasts 8-10 days.
6. An extraordinary chemical change takes place and gradually the moth emerges.
7. FREEDOM. Wings and body are soft so blood is pumped round, and within a half hour it has an exoskeleton and wings are rigid. Miracle.

If you would like to encourage moths and butterflies into your garden, the top 10 plants are fuchsia, foxglove, holly, honesty, honeysuckle, hops, ivy, primrose, rocket and verbascum.



POT POURRI 196

How Many Flowers were there?

Helen and Jim each have a large collection of flowers. If Helen gives Jim 7 flowers, then they both have the same number. However, if Jim gives Helen 7 flowers, then Helen will have twice the number that Jim has. How many flowers did both possess?

Pot Pourri 195 - The Wine Drinkers

100ml of wine was consumed in a quarter of an hour.

Child & Family Centre at the Cathodeon

SOUTH Cambridgeshire child and family centres have an outreach venue at The Cathodeon Centre in Linton. We currently hold a stay and play group for children aged from 10 months to five years; we also have a baby group for babies who are non-mobile. These happen on Thursdays. All groups are bookable and please note we are now charging for the sessions which are £2 per family unless you are in receipt of any additional income support e.g. Universal Credit. These groups are great for meeting other parents and children; we also have a child and family centre worker who runs the groups and who is on hand to give you any advice and guidance if needed. Aside from groups, we also hold parenting workshops around positive toileting and toddler outbursts, currently these are held virtually. We work closely with the district team and can also signpost families to more in depth parenting courses. These courses will cover different topics e.g. meeting children's needs, managing your needs as a parent. We are also on hand to issue foodbank vouchers via the Trussell Trust if any families need them. Please follow us on Facebook – our page is 'South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centre'. This is where you can message us to book into groups or alternatively email us on childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Emma Chipps

Changes in the Churchyard

ANYONE walking through the churchyard last summer and this might have noticed either the array of wildflowers or how untidy it looks – opinions are divided. There is growing awareness of the need to maintain wildlife and encourage biodiversity.

Last summer during lockdown, much of the usual mowing, trimming and weeding was postponed or reduced. In late summer we were delighted to see many species of flowers appearing in the unmown parts. So we decided, this year, to reduce the mowing again.

Diana Cook from the Wildlife Trust (with a particular interest in churchyards) visited and was impressed by St. Mary's churchyard, believing it was ideal for encouraging wildlife, and might with some further conservation steps be eligible for the Bishop of Ely's Bronze Award. Whether or not we apply, we plan to adjust mowing to encourage spring flowers in some areas and summer flowers or insects, etc. in others. In some parts, the grass will be kept short all the time to create paths or enable outdoor activities for the church congregation.

In the middle of the summer, Judy Nightingale and Oriel O'Loughlin identified no fewer than 36 wildflowers including an orchid in the long grass. They plan to repeat their survey at different seasons.

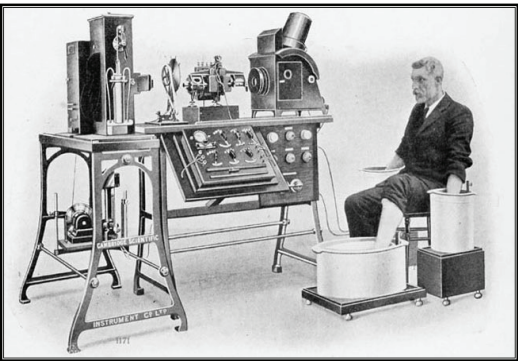
Despite the altered mowing schedule and more judicious weeding, there is still plenty to do in the churchyard. The Monday Gang is short of volunteers and would welcome help from anyone who would like to join us on Monday afternoons.

Margaret Cox 891231

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SUCH was the title given to Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), whose life and work was the subject of Fiona Rose's talk in September. In 72 years as an architect he designed 700 buildings, of which 300 came to fruition. Lloyd Wright's career was nearly ruined when he left his wife and children and eloped to Europe with a client's wife. On his return, his mother gave him acres of land, but the house he built was burnt to the ground by his butler and his partner was murdered. His life entered a happier period and he opened a school of architecture where apprentices learned about architecture and construction as well as nature, cooking, dancing and music, and were expected to work on the farm. Fiona showed us the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo, which withstood an earthquake, the Johnson Wax office building in Wisconsin which is now a World Heritage Site, and the Guggenheim Museum in New York; Lloyd Wright's first commission for a public building. The Museum took 15 years to build and attracted much criticism. Famous quotes from Lloyd Wright include, "The truth is more important than the facts" and "Give me the luxuries in life and I will willingly do without the necessities".

Our next meeting will be on 5th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Kate Kirk, with a talk on "The Cambridge Phenomenon". Ladies, new members and visitors are most welcome.

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District and County Councillors Report – September 2021

Call for sites

The District Council have now released their much awaited “short-list” of parcels of land in South Cambridgeshire that they believe have planning merit and will be taken forward to the next stage of the process. The short-list was derived from a much longer list of sites put forward by potential developers and landowners earlier this year. The outcome is that NONE of the parcels of land in our area are being taken forward by South Cambs, as their policy, which has been stuck to, is to PROTECT OUR VILLAGES and concentrate the major development into existing and forthcoming settlements, such as Cambourne, Northstowe, Waterbeach, Bourne Airfield etc. We anticipate that this news will largely be taken positively by those living here, but appreciate that some housing needs to be permitted to allow for growth in the District. However, the overwhelming feedback that we have received is that this should be, as it has, concentrated into the towns in our area that have the infrastructure to better cope with the increase and keep our villages as villages. A thank you to all those that had an input into the process so far but there will be further public consultation on these short listed sites, should anyone wish to make further comment.

Full site listings can be seen at - www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local/plan

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 can be found here - www.scambs.gov.uk/business/business-support-and-advice/growth-fund-grant-scheme or by email openforbusiness@scambs.gov.uk

Flooding

We reported last month that the issues surrounding the aftermath of the extensive flooding back in July were being investigated by the various bodies involved - the District Council, County Council, Anglian Water and the housing developers of the Horseheath Road site. Discussions between all of these parties are still ongoing with a viable solution, both in the short and long terms, sought. There is clearly varying levels of responsibility for flooding between these various parties and that is what is being discussed. The local residents who have been terribly affected have been hugely helpful in this process, at a time of great difficulty to them personally.

Visit South Cambs - Business Listings

South Cambs have launched a new business directory of businesses in the District. This is to try to boost local commerce now that we are coming out of the Covid restrictions. Any viable, independent, business in South Cambridgeshire can apply to be listed on the website. It is essentially free advertising - <https://www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk/>

Chief Executive

The County Council is going through the recruitment process for a new Chief Executive, as the current one is retiring. The process has begun but if anyone knows any suitable candidates, just let Henry know.

Civil Parking Enforcement

There is an item on the September meeting of the Highways Committee at the County Council relating to parking enforcement. Currently the parking enforcement (ticketing) is the responsibility of the Police. The County Council are looking to write to the Secretary of State to request that they are allowed to explore carrying this out themselves and actually put some money and momentum behind it. Currently, the Police, understandably, can’t prioritise parking enforcement over other Policing.

Six Free Trees

You may remember a few years ago the District Council ran a scheme whereby they offered vouchers to parish councils for the value of three free trees that could be redeemed from local garden centres and planted on parish council land. This scheme has been rebooted but with the offering doubled at six rather than three. Please do take advantage of this, if your parish council has the land on which to plant them.

Horseheath Parish Clerk

Horseheath Parish Council are looking to recruit a clerk. Should you be interested and need any further detail please contact the Chairman, John Howard - johnhhpc@gmail.com.
District Council - John Batchelor - johndbatchelor23@gmail.com
County & District Council - Henry Batchelor - henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Change of use from General Store/Outbuilding to Art Room.
Linton Heights Junior School, Wheatsheaf Way,
Linton CB21 4XB
Ref. No: 21/03738/FUL | Validated: Tue 24 Aug 2021
Status: Awaiting decision

Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a single storey rear extension
26 Wheatsheaf Way, Linton CB21 4XB
Ref. No: 21/03997/CL2PD | Validated: Fri 3 Sep 2021
Status: Awaiting decision

Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for a single storey rear extension
3 Bakers Lane, Linton CB21 4NF
Ref. No: 21/04063/CL2PD | Validated: Wed 8 Sep 2021
Status: Awaiting decision

1. Fell Ash Tree No 1 on plan. 2. Fell Ash Tree No 2 on plan.
3. Fell Lime Tree No 3 on plan
5 Market Lane, Linton CB21 4HU
Ref. No: 21/1192/TTCA | Validated: Wed 15 Sep 2021
Status: Awaiting decision

Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the proposed construction of a signalised junction incorporating an active travel crossing at Hildersham crossroads
Land at Linton Road, Hildersham CB21 6BS
Ref. No: 21/04013/CL2PD | Validated: Mon 6 Sep 2021
Status: Awaiting decision

Camsight - Linton VIP’s (visually impaired people)

DESPITE the rainy weather on 14th September, we were all very happy to meet at the Chalklands Community Centre for the first time in eighteen months. It was a joy to welcome back our old friends, some new members and volunteers too, to enjoy afternoon tea with strawberries and cream and to meet our new outreach officer, Alex.
Alex told us that the new mobile unit will be coming to Linton for our next meeting in October, when it will park outside the Chalklands Centre. Any members requiring information about aids for use in the home, or needing repairs for aids which they already have, will be able to talk to the resources manager and possibly try out new items.
Camsight also offers emotional support and information together with advice about a wide range of topics concerning sight loss, including allowances available.
Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday 12th October, when we are also holding an auction of items brought by the members and volunteers which is always very enjoyable.
We are very happy to welcome new members so if you, or anyone you know would like further information, please contact us on the Cambridge office number 01223 420033 or on the number below,

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Time for Trees Pruning & Planting

AUTUMN is the perfect time to start tidying up the garden and pruning trees. If you are unsure where to start please ask for advice from the Parish Council Tree Warden, Cllr Kate Kell. Overhanging branch queries often reach the office and the law states the following:

Legally, you may remove branches which overhang the boundary but this should be carried out with caution and must only be actioned up to the boundary line. Any branches and/or fruit remain the property of the tree owner and their return then must be offered. If the tree owner does not want the branches, then you will need to dispose of them, you cannot simply throw them back over the fence! Cost of pruning overhanging branches falls on the neighbour, not the tree owner, however if the work required is extensive it is always worthwhile requesting to share costs.

The best advice from the office is to seek permission from the tree owner and ask if they want the branches or fruit returned, if not dispose of them in a responsible manner. Many trees in our village have TPO's (Tree Preservation Order) and these must not be cut back without permission from the Trees Team at South Cambridgeshire District Council. You can search to see if a tree has a TPO on the following website. www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/search-by-map



Mature trees on the Recreation Ground

In 2022 the Queen will celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, and members of the public are being encouraged to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" The Parish Council would like to play an active role with this project and have applied for a grant for native fruit and nut trees for the open space at Parsonage Way and also several Black Poplars to create a natural migration route for many moths between Leadwell Meadows and the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council encourages all residents of Linton to consider planting their own trees, to increase the overall green canopy of the village. As an initial target we would like to aim for fifty trees. If you are planting trees this year, please let us know

Clerk.

Parish Progress

THIS MONTH we are pleased to inform you that the grant for hedgerows from the Woodland Trust has been successful. We are now contacting volunteers to help plant these around the Fire Station perimeter late November

A new bin has been installed on Horn Lane and there are four additional bins on order for the Recreation Ground and Stanton's Lane, Symonds Lane end. The office is undergoing a restructure with Kate returning from her maternity leave in October and myself being retained on a part-time basis, due to the ever increasing workload Parish.

Clerk.

Anti-social Behaviour The Parish is paying the price!



Damage to the Parsonage Way Bus Shelter

IN RECENT months the village has seen an increase in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

The office has received reports of fires on Camping Close along with discarded nitrous oxide canisters which is extremely concerning. Anti-Social behaviour and littering is causing issues at the new Skate Park and the Play Areas on the Recreation Ground. There has been damage caused to bins, benches and the Skate Park safety signage, all resulting in repairs and replacements being required, and unfortunately this has to be funded by you, the parishioners. The recent expenditure on the Skate Park and Play Areas have provided excellent facilities for the youngsters and they certainly should not be bored. To give you an idea of the costs involved, a replacement standard bin costs in excess of three hundred pounds not including installation.

The recent vandalism of the bus shelter, which has now been repaired, cost over £1500. Further damage to an additional panel and the theft of the solar powered lights last week will cause even more unnecessary expenditure. Residents quite rightly voice their frustration on social media but it must be made clear that these incidents are not within the control of the Parish Council. The Police have been informed and they have been helpful at all times, however with their own resources limited there is no potential to increase community policing in the village.

So, what is the answer? The Parish Council is appealing to all those reading this article to speak with your children and explain the reasons for looking after our village. It is worth pointing out that funds spent on replacing and repairing equipment has to divert funds from other areas. The Parish Council office will highlight the issues on social media and also write to the schools, requesting an assembly be held on the topic. We appeal to everyone in the village to be vigilant and if you witness anti-social behaviour or vandalism please report it to the office and the local police.

Clerk.

Grant Applications

IF YOU are a local group or organisation that would like to see if you are able to obtain funding you may apply to the Parish Council for funding support through the S137 funding forms.

Linton Parish Council review these applications annually in November to allow for the allocation of funds for the forthcoming year in the precept. If you wish to apply for funds for 2022/2023 please ensure the application form on the Parish Council website is completed and submitted along with a copy of the organisations accounts information by the 31st October 2021. Alternatively if you would like any further information, please contact the office on 01223 891001.

Clerk.

Planning Updates August - September 2021

PLANNING, flooding and justice...updates for August

We may be close to final decisions on the large developments at Horseheath and Bartlow Road, which we have been opposing for over 5 years.

Applications to approve arrangements for Surface Water Drainage at Bartlow Road, and Foul Water Drainage at both sites, were due to be heard by SCDC Planning Committee. The meeting was abandoned due to audio problems (rescheduled for 29/9/21), but not before we had heard that applications at appeal should not be decided by SCDC. Developers try to get around this by submitting virtually identical applications under different numbers. Appeals have been submitted on other planning conditions by the developer and LPC have sent more objections; we await the results.

Similar tactics resulted in the approval of the current Reserved Matters (planning conditions) for Bartlow Road, which we feel should never have been heard let alone approved. LPC has delivered a pre-action protocol letter on a Judicial Review against this consent; we now have several grounds for this, including access, pre-commencement conditions and the tested effect on landscape (3 appeals on this issue have now been lost by developers). Drainage issues surrounding the recent Horseheath Road flooding look set to continue unresolved. More evidence is emerging, including compaction of underlying chalk which then cannot absorb water. Our comments on sources of flooding from outside the site were ignored in the calculations, as were the efficacy of the surface water drainage system (SUDS), loss of green areas for soakaway, etc. Overall, rainfall is not unusual and the south east corner of the site was always damp. The SUDS has no natural watercourse, so overflow from it floods into Lonsdale, Bakers Lane and the sewers and drains on Bartlow Road, resulting in floods in the village and pollution of our rare chalk stream. Planning applications involving foul water conditions would send sewage to the already overloaded Bartlow Road 6-inch pipe. Recent events show the extent of this. The Bartlow Road application seeks to alter a well reasoned condition, agreed by the applicant, and Anglian Water, at the Outline Planning stage, to have sewage pipes go across Flemings Field to manhole 7501. If the change is approved, sewage could go to Bartlow Road instead. Did the developer ever intend to go to the agreed manhole? Other applications have been coming in and dealt with as usual. Infill housing was refused on Coles Lane/Back Road junction, as was a house at the Grip. The Grip is a Special Policy Area, reserved mainly for commercial use, a policy upheld in the draft Local Development Plan (LDP). Plans for an extension to a house on Bartlow Road showed the slope from the road, and how neighbours have resolved the problem of parking by using platforms to the level of the road. The problems of slope on Bartlow Road are not new!

Good news is that first review of the LDP "Call for Sites" has not allocated sites for Linton. All that work on reasons not to develop the 13 proposed sites seems to have paid off, but we expect challenges. Unless the LDP is approved in good time, we could end up with the same situation of speculative and inappropriate development on unsuitable sites.

...and now it is raining again.

Cllr Enid Bald.

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT meeting of the Linton Parish Council will take place on Thursday 21st October 2021. The meeting will take place at the Cathodeon Centre. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. 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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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 19th August 2021 at The Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman’s Comment;

The chairman expressed sympathy to residents that had experienced flooding and stated that the Linton Parish Council have been fighting the drainage issues for years. She also said that it was most interesting to hear from the residents in Lonsdale that Croudace had admitted liability to them regarding the flooding on 20th July 2021. The Chairman also thanked Cllrs John Bald, Enid Bald, Kate Kell and Amy Smith for all the work they had been doing in relation to the flood.

Open Forum for Public Participation.

Participant 1 spoke of the history of flooding at his property, including flooding in 2017 stating the extensive flooding in 2021 was caused by the Croudace development and expressed that the problems must be stopped at the source. The flooding and threat of future flooding continues to cause considerable stress the resident, including concerns over increased insurance premiums. The resident spoke of the pre-commencement conditions not being discharged and questioned how the development has been allowed to go ahead without this in place. **Participant 2** spoke of being the first property to see the water from the attenuation pond flooding into the back garden of their property, located directly behind the pond and described the extensive flooding that occurred. They disputed the SCDC claim on the SCDC planning portal that excess water would be diverted to Martins Lane which is impossible due to the geographical issues. It was also stated that a response from Stephen Kelly GC Planning and Hilary Ellis, Lead Local Flood Authority was still not forthcoming, and the development continues despite the severity of the issues. The data supplied is inaccurate and the resident does not have any confidence in the developer being able to address the drainage problems.

Participant 3 reiterated the points made and stresses raised by the previous residents. The insurance claims for his property in Lonsdale currently stand at £140,000 for the building repairs and £30,000 for contents. The resident has no confidence in Stephen Kelly and stated that he is expediting the site when the total design needs to be resubmitted. Questions need to be answered prior to any further decisions being made on the development. The resident stated that he would like to understand the recourse and asked what the residents and the Linton Parish Council can do. Cllr Merrie Mannassi thanked the residents for their contribution and comments. Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report. District Cllr John Batchelor advised the council that the Call for Sites shortlist would be published on 31st August 2021. Cllr Enid Bald asked if further comments were required and was advised by District Cllr John Batchelor that this was not necessary at this time. He also advised there was a 35% increase in positive Covid tests and an increase in hospital cases to 84 in Cambridgeshire, an increase of 60 on the previous week.

Planning: Flooding Update

Cllr Kate Kell advised the Councillors that there is little confidence in Stephen Kelly, Director of Planning at SCDC. The Flood Risk data being used is out of date, the report being used is from 2017 which was originally used on the withdrawn application for the Horseheath Road site. Cllr Kate Kell will draft a letter to LLFA and SCDC to ask them to use accurate data. The geology of the site needs to be assessed. Velocity tests have failed, and this vital measure needs to be addressed.

Bartlow Road.

The clerk advised the Council that the recording of the Public Consultation on the TTRO to widen the footpaths had still not been made available and this would be requested again. Cllr Kate Kell clarified that “Means of Access” is different from “Access, which includes driveways and footpaths, this was not applied for in the RM. Cllr Kate Kell also clarified that “deemed consent” cannot be given legally on Reserved Matters. Although the TTRO is outside the site it is a Planning obligation and if the RM runs over time, a new one must be applied for under the current planning guidelines.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi advised the Councillors that an Extra-Ordinary Full Council meeting was needed next week to consider a judicial review.

Consideration of the recommendation from the Planning Committee for an initial budget to employ CN Historic for consultation on application S/2073/19/OL. Cllr Enid Bald proposed an initial budget of £500.00 to employ CN Historic for consultation on the application. It was noted that there had been minimal spending (£18.00) on Planning this financial year to date. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

Confirmation of the decision taken regarding the TTRO on Bartlow Road for the 30mph speed limit extension.

Cllr Amy Smith advised the councillors that the minutes in the correspondence stated that no comments had been received from the County & District Councillors on the TTRO for 30mph speed limit extension. County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor confirmed that he had commented and that he would take this up as he had been misrepresented.

Cllr Batchelor confirmed that he had not been consulted on the footpath widening as this was for a temporary works application.

Horseheath Road.

The Horseheath Road development site was discussed in the Public Participation section of the meeting.

Finance

Consideration for an application for an S137 grant from History Needs You to hold an event in the village. The Councillors had concerns regarding the amount requested. Cllr Enid Bald raised concerns that the Heritage Trail is a separate project which was funded by a lottery grant and has funds left in the budget. Cllr Kell expressed that the idea is good but that the budget proposed was very high. Cllr John Bald proposed to regretfully decline the request for funding. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the purchase of Remembrance Sunday wreath and wooden crosses for service personnel graves in the Cemetery. Cllr John Bald proposed a budget of £100.00. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed.

High Street

Consideration for the request to reconsider the proposed location of the High Street bench.

Cllr John Bald reiterated that the bench had been requested by numerous residents and was unconnected to the registration of the Market Square, and proposed that the original decision stand. Cllr Merrie Mannassi seconded. Agreed.

Green Lane and Co-op loading bay update. Cllr Mannassi gave an update regarding Green Lane, stating that there had been a meeting with the CCC Highways Officer, but due to an objection to the PHFI submitted by the Linton Parish Council from a resident to the relocation of the loading bay, no further action could be taken. Temporary measures by the Co-Op were in place and proving successful in increasing visibility from Green Lane.

Consideration for the request for a Christmas Tree to be situated near the Village Sign, and agreement for a budget to spend on fixings, installation, and decorations. Cllr John Bald proposed a budget of £150.00 for a Christmas tree next to the Village sign. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the application of a street trading licence for a kebab van in the village.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the Linton Parish Council object strongly to the application on the grounds of disturbance to nearby residents due to proposed trading hours and the excessive number of trading days applied for. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

LHI Application.

Cllr Enid Bald updated the Councillors that the LHI Bid is progressing and will be submitted in good time for the deadline on 30th September 2021. It was also noted that a signpost for the Coles Lane car park be requested from the Highways team at Cambridgeshire County Council.

Consideration for the information requested from Lucy Frazer regarding the proposal to re-open the Cambridge-Haverhill-Sudbury rail line. Cllr Merrie Mannassi and Cllr John Bald to attend a meeting with Lucy Frazer MP on Friday 27th August 2021. Cllr Merrie Mannassi raised that the potential route is now on private land and may involve compulsory purchase, so consideration is based on the practicality of delivery.

The LPC would like to propose that a better platform for discussion would be the A1307 forum and also suggested a public consultation be held.

Meadow Recreation Ground

Consideration for information regarding the resurfacing of the Bowling Green and potential grant application.

The Clerk was requested to arrange a site visit with representatives from Kompan to obtain a more detailed costing of resurfacing the Bowling Green.

Consideration for the request for a new entrance gate on the Recreation Ground leading to the Sports Centre.

The Clerk was asked to request that the verbal agreement regarding parking and access from the Linton Village College be submitted in writing to ensure future clarity and continuity. The request for a new entrance gate will then be considered at the next Full Council meeting.

Trees, Biodiversity, River Care & Wildlife

Consideration for a request from a parishioner for the Parish Council to pay a contractor to cut two access paths into the river from the public footpath on opposite side of the River Granta on Camping Close.

The Clerk advised the Council that the resident had informed the Parish Council that the riverbank on the opposite side of Camping Close is currently overgrown, and it was a shame that views of the river are obstructed.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the Clerk respond to the resident that the area is outside the responsibility of the Parish Council and CCC will cut the path as a right of way. Cllr Amy Smith seconded. All Agreed.

Conservation Area

Confirmation of meeting with the Conservation Officer on 7th September 2021 between 10-12pm.

Linton News

Two articles required for Linton News plus regular reports from Cllr Bald – October Edition.

Trees and Environmental - Clerk & Tree Warden.

Grant Applications in the lead up to Precept - Clerk.

Antisocial behaviour on the Recreation Ground and Camping Close - Clerk.

Meetings Dates.

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th September 2021 at the Cathodeon Centre at 7.30pm

Matters for Future Consideration.

Extra-Ord Full Council meeting to be held on 26th August 2021. Trees and Conservation Area in Little Linton.

FROGS and Rob Mungovan – work in the River Granta.

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

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Friday 1 st	Karaoke	8pm
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Friday 8 th	Food van – Meat Up	5 – 8pm
Saturday 9 th	Live music – Rachel Brooks	8pm
Friday 15 th	Food van – Happy Kebab Burger van	6 – 10pm
Saturday 16 th	Live music – Frankie Valli Tribute	8pm
Wednesday 13 th	Halloween Quiz Night	7:30pm
Friday 22 nd	Food van – Happy Kebab Burger van	6pm
Saturday 23 rd	Live music – Swing night	8pm
Wednesday 27 th	Halloween Rock ‘n’ Roll bingo	7:30pm
Friday 29 th	Food van – Happy Kebab Burger Van	6 – 10pm
Friday 29 th	Karaoke	8pm
Saturday 30 th	Halloween Fancy Dress Party	7:30pm
Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday Happy Kebab Burger van from 6pm		

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