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Second doses well underway

WE continue to deliver second vaccinations, working in date order, vaccinating patients 11-12 weeks following their first dose. Current guidelines state that patients have to return to the venue where they had their first vaccination, as the second dose will be allocated and sent to that venue. Should these guidelines change we will, of course, let everyone know. We appreciate that everyone wants to know when their appointment will be, and we are working as fast as possible to

get through our patient lists. Please bear with us as our team continue to work incredibly hard to deliver the vaccine into our community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety

The UK vaccination programme has been very successful. At the time of writing, more than 30 million people have been vaccinated and it is estimated that 6,000 lives have already been saved. There have been reports of a very rare condition involving

blood clots and unusual bleeding after vaccination. This is being carefully monitored and reviewed. Information is changing rapidly and we will keep our website as up to date as possible. If you do not have internet access, please feel free to ring us with any questions you may have.

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Diamonds for Joyce and Gilbert

ON 25th March, Gilbert and Joyce Roberts of Linton celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary, and the highlight of their day was receiving a personal congratulatory message from the Queen (see attached photo).

Joyce, nee Kelsey, moved to Linton in 1952, when her parents became landlords of the Princess of Wales public house. She met Gilbert, from Swain's Farm of Swards End, in the Dog & Duck in 1958. Once Gilbert had finished his National Service at Lark Hill in Salisbury, they got married in 1961 at

St Mary The Virgin Church in Linton - their reception was at the Swan Inn, and they honeymooned in London. Their first home was at 89 Linton High Street. However, they moved to Hildersham, where their daughters, Tracey and Alison were born, before returning to Linton in 1968, where they have lived ever since.



60 years and still smiling



Joyce and Gilbert with their message from the Queen

Luckily, due to Lockdown, Gilbert and Joyce's daughter Tracey and grandson Lorenzo, and his fiancée Ewa, are living with them - so although they were not able to celebrate with family and friends as they would have liked, Tracey, Lorenzo and Ewa made sure the couple had a wonderful day, filling their home with Diamond Anniversary bunting and balloons, "diamonds", cakes and surprises. Congratulations to them both!

Linton News Team
Photos: Tracey Zambrana Roberts

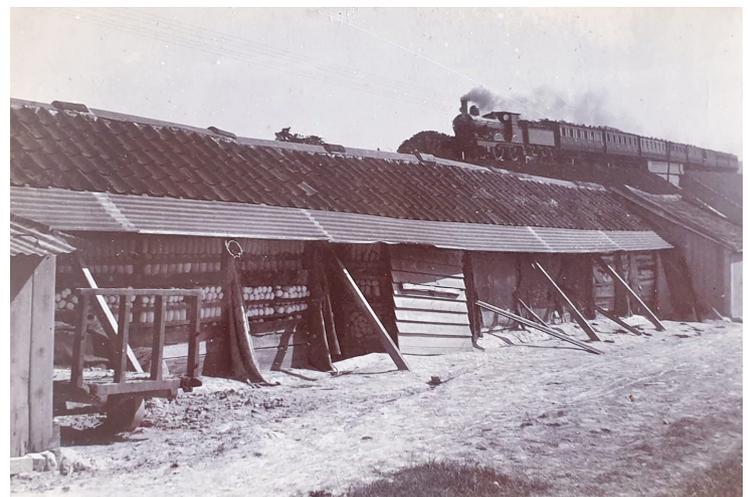
Long lost photo album shows village's past



Cows enjoying the river on Camping Close



A sunny day at the clapper stile near Little Linton



A train roars past over what is now the Grip industrial estate

A LONG forgotten album of photographs has shed light on Linton in days gone by. Though few of the pictures were labelled and most were undated, they show many of Linton's unmistakable landmarks, and appear to originate mainly from around the turn of the 20th Century. Dave Pilbrow, who bought the album at auction, has been digitising the collection and uploading them to the *Linton Past and Present Memories* Facebook page.

Linton News Team

Granta Grapevine, 31 years and still going strong

GRANTA Grapevine Talking Newspaper has continued throughout the pandemic, providing a spoken version of the Linton News to blind and partially sighted listeners in the area, by keeping most of its operations to one household. The monthly recording of news and a magazine section has now been running without a break for 31 years.

The text is separated into individual news items by a small team who pass these on by email, when it is printed out and read into audio recorders.

In normal times, a team of news readers meet and provide a selection of voice types producing a more balanced output but for the last year only two voices have been used.

Production of the magazine has also been difficult but by using groups of friends and relatives from different parts of the UK to provide recorded interviews, mostly using smartphones as audio recorders, this section

of the output has been able to continue. Some material however has been re-used from archive and it seems that even the BBC has been resorting to this practice more often than is usual. Memory sticks are distributed in special wallets, and postage is provided free by the Post Office for those registered partially sighted.

In addition to visual disabilities, the recordings are available to anyone who has difficulty reading the Linton News. Contact the group if you know anyone who might like a copy of the recording on USB memory stick, for which players are available.

Once the pandemic has subsided the group will need more volunteers, so if you think you can help call 893619 or see the website www.grantagrapevine.org.uk

Mike Crofts



Young Lintonian criticises Pocket Park's "harsh tidy up"



Oren surveys Pocket Park: the topsoil has clearly been damaged in places

LINTON'S Oren Thorne, 12, contacted the News back in April, after finding one of his favourite nature spots had been subjected to some very rough treatment. Oren wrote: "For many years, Pocket Park has been a beloved place for walkers who discover it and subsequently cherish it. You can walk through the clusters of trees and look for bracket fungus and insects, or watch egrets awaiting fish or nesting by the water. Recently, there has been a tidy-up of the place through trimming and mowing. Unfortunately, the tractor used did not just cut off the stems of plants but gouged up the land. In that same area of ground upheaval, emperor moths should be laying their eggs. This species may not be classified as rare, but it is the only member of Saturniidae to live in the British Isles. As well as this, our local park is a rare Cambridgeshire habitat just right for the moth. Now the caterpillars that the keen-eyed may have seen last year have been deprived of a habitat. Muntjac deer, rabbits, bees and more have been af-

ected this spring by this overly zealous and rough tidying up of the place. It should be viewed as a nature reserve rather than a neatly trimmed garden. Surely a more sensitive way of keeping the paths clear for walkers could be found in future."

Oren and his friends contacted the Parish Council, who gave the following response:

"The work was due to take place in September 2020 and due to the extremely wet season had to be postponed to the Spring. The cutting is usually carried out annually and had not been tended to last year, hence the need to cut short this time. It was becoming a problem as the growth was so abundant that the contractors struggled to find suitable equipment which would be able to access the area. Many options were discussed, including cutting by hand, which would have taken weeks and proved too expensive. The area had become almost unmanageable. A wet Spring caused further delays and the work was finally carried out by the end of

March 2021. The Parish Council are most cautious regarding cutting, especially in conservation areas and this work was felt to be just within the desired window. Any later and the work would not have gone ahead. Going forward, the plan is to cut the meadows in September to approximately knee height, to allow for seeds to drop and to encourage the wildlife. This late, harsh cut was unfortunately necessary on this occasion but will certainly not be the norm."

Asked about the Parish Council's reply, Oren said "It goes some way to addressing my concerns and I hope that future cutting might be more gentle. However, I also feel that it's important for the council to know that we care about our environment in Linton."

We couldn't agree more, and hope readers will be as delighted as we are that young people are taking an active interest in our local natural world.

Linton News Team
Oren Thorne

'A Good Place to Die'

Dying Matters Awareness week is taking place from 10th to 16th May, where people are encouraged to open up a conversation around death, dying and bereavement with family and loved ones. This year, the focus is on being 'in a good place to die'. Where people die is changing; more and more people are dying at home and the pandemic has accelerated this trend. But often, people don't feel prepared and they haven't fulfilled their wishes or communicated them to loved ones. It's so important to talk about being in a good place to die - physically, emotionally and with the right care in place. As a society we find it very difficult to talk about death; it hurts, it makes us sad, it upsets us. But it doesn't have to. Knowing the wishes of a loved one can be a relief once the subject has been brought out into the open. Expressing your wishes about how and where you would like to die can help your loved ones to cope better, both emotionally and practically with what your death might mean. It never seems to be the right time or moment to open this subject, but perhaps use this article as a way of opening up a conversation

with those closest to you. A good start might be 'How would you like to be remembered?' or 'Do you have a favourite quote or saying?' You may find out something surprising or funny about them that you never knew and they would want to be remembered for. One of my own favourites is from Dr Seuss, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." If you would like some guidance around areas to focus on, have a look at the Dying Matters website: www.dyingmatters.org.

Alison Walker



Alison is a Civil Family Celebrant based in the local area. She writes and performs funeral and memorial ceremonies. She also writes and performs wedding, vow renewal and naming ceremonies.

A local history of flight



A Spitfire at Duxford Air Museum and a postcard of Bentfield Hucks

MANY of us wait anxiously for the outcome of the recent public inquiry into a possible increase in the passenger cap at Stansted, yet the local community's love-hate relationship with the airport is only the latest in a series of significant aviation events that have occurred within the Hundred Parishes. In a field at Standon Green End in the parish of Thunthridge, a monument marks the spot where Italian balloonist Vincenzo Lunardi landed in 1784 after completing the first manned flight in England. He took off from London beneath a balloon filled with hydrogen. In 1913, Bentfield Hucks was the first Englishman to loop-the-loop in his Bleriot aeroplane. He was born in 1884 in Bentfield Cottage, Stansted Mountfitchet and thus acquired his unusual forename. Duxford airfield, now the site of Imperial War Museum, first became operational in World War I. Some of its buildings, constructed by German prisoners-of-war, still stand. In 1938, Duxford was the first airfield to take delivery of Spitfire fighter planes. Frank Whittle flew regularly from here while he was developing ideas that eventually led to the invention of the turbojet engine just before the end of WWII. Altogether, twelve military airfields operated within the Hundred Parishes during WWII. Andrewsfield, straddling the parish boundary between The Salings and Stebbing, was the first American-built base in Europe, becoming operational in 1943. Stansted was another American-built airfield. Thousands of Americans were based in this area; many never saw home again. Many of us have enjoyed the relative peace that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought to our skies, in particular discovering the joy of walking in the countryside. It is sad that it has taken so many deaths to remind us of the quality of life that exists right here, without the need to fly.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.
Hundred Parishes Society

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Library News

AT the time of writing, government restrictions had started to ease and we expect our managed browsing which restarted on April 12th to continue to be available at the library. We are very pleased to be able to welcome you back in to choose your own books. If you do enter the library, please sanitise your hands, complete test and trace by scanning the QR code or filling in the slip, and wear a mask, unless you are exempt. A one-way system is in operation, and we are restricting the number of people in the library at any one time so that we can maintain distancing, so please bear with us if you have to wait for a moment.

Our Select and Collect service continues to be available for anyone who would prefer to use this – we can choose a selection of books for you based on your preferences.

Please check our website and social media for further announcements if the situation changes.

Thank you so much for continuing to support your local library.

Lindsay Healy, Community Library Assistant, Linton Library

Linton Library opening hours: Tuesday 10am-2pm; Thursday 2-6pm

Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 5225

Bus Pass application & renewal: 0345 045 1367

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New home for Air Training Corps

WE have moved! But not far... 2523 Linton has been headquartered for over two decades at Linton Village College. Our return to Face-to-Face training has seen us move to new accommodation at the Linton Heights Junior School.

With fantastic facilities we look forward to parading from the Heights in the future, and offering a fuller and more diverse training programme than ever before.

At time of writing we are in the final stages of planning our return to face-to-face activities, and by the time you are reading this we should already be welcoming back cadets to the squadron for the first time in over a year.

We are delighted to be able to return to training and getting on with what we know and love. We look forward to settling into our new squadron accommodation and will be looking to invite new cadets and staff to join the squadron as soon as possible.

We will now be parading on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 19:00 to 21:30. If you are 12 years old and in year 8 you are most welcome to join. Please see www.2523linton.co.uk for more details.

Our initial training programme will see practical lessons covering all theory we have successfully completed over the past year on virtual parade nights. We eagerly anticipate a return to shooting, gliding and powered flying that will all follow shortly as the country returns to normality.

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Optimism at Linton Infant school

WE welcomed back all the children after the Easter break with a renewed sense of optimism. The sun is shining and the school photographer is here to take our class photos; a memory of this strange year and the group of children and staff that have worked together in the same "bubble!"

Our new topic of "Around the World in 80 Days" has started, and although our travel out of school is limited even more than usual, the school staff have as ever planned a fun term of activities to bring learning to life.

We were over the moon to receive funding, via The Anderson Trust, to build a wildlife area. Miss Hicks has plans for a pond, fire pit area, willow fencing and bat boxes, along with other learning opportunities which all the children will be able to access. The idea came from the School Council and thank you to Eddie Brookes who wrote a fantastic letter on the council's behalf requesting funding. We have also had some Swift boxes placed around the school and we are hoping to welcome some visitors this year.

This term is always about transition. We think about those children leaving us to start the next phase of their education and we are planning for those children joining us in September. Offers have been sent to those children. If you have received an offer, please would you contact the school office by email: office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk to accept or decline your space. We hope to be able to arrange opportunities for your child to come into school before term ends in July.

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

Kelly Harries
Headteacher

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Linton bin collection dates

Black bins: Monday 10th & Monday 24th May

Blue bins: Tuesday 4th & Monday 17th May

Green Bins: Tuesday 4th & Monday 17th May

The Marsh Mail

It has been fantastic to observe the College grounds alive once again with the sights and sounds of grassroots sport. Welcoming back community groups onto site has marked the start of our re-emergence from lockdown restrictions. Our Sports Centre has also reopened its indoor facilities and looks forward to even more members supporting this village resource over the coming months.

Within the College, students have benefited from a broader educational experience this term. Our Year 7 and 8 students have moved into new learning bases and all year groups have access to more specialist teaching rooms and practical lessons. A number of extracurricular clubs have also restarted.

A healthy lifestyle is also supported by positive mental health. We have been particularly conscious of our Year 11 cohort and how to ensure that the process of awarding GCSE grades this summer takes account of their wellbeing as well as achieving optimum academic outcomes. At LVC we have designed a schedule of assessment, in line with the government guidance and exam board requirements, that gives students the best opportunity to achieve their potential.

During the first half of the summer term, students will be completing a range of slimmed down assessment tasks within their lessons. We have sought to avoid replicating the pressurised conditions of the exam series that has been cancelled.

I have been incredibly impressed with how maturely students have responded to the significant disruption to their education. I have been equally impressed by the hard work and commitment of teachers and support staff. Having adjusted to the requirements of teaching and learning in the Covid-19 contexts and the challenges that this has presented, students and staff are now adapting to the requirements of a teacher-led assessment process. It is no surprise that the global pandemic has led to a surge in the number of applications for teacher training. While some of this may have been motivated by the job security associated with the profession, the privilege, job satisfaction and sense of reward that comes from supporting young people in their education has been highlighted in the current context.

Helena Marsh



My Canal Mania

GEOFF Lambert, our speaker, gave an excellent visual presentation of one man and his dog's attempt to walk the entire canal system in England. After retirement, he needed a way to keep fit and, decided rambling somewhere flat like canal towpaths and old railway lines with his medical detection dog Buddy, was the answer. There are 2,400 miles of canals in England, but some stretches do not have towpaths: therefore careful planning is required, and after walking 15 miles, a nearby railway station is a must (except where Dr Beeching axed them.) Part of the challenge for Geoff is planning the journey, railway tickets have to be booked weeks in advance to save money and it is difficult to book a return as you can't be sure when you will finish. Where trains don't run on time, he gets a refund but it's not straightforward. There are more boats on the canals now than when they were used to transport goods, with many more people living permanently on them, and moorings cost

something like £1,200 a year, rising to £5,000 in London. Geoff's slides showed the pitfalls of canal boat living such as damage by fire and sinking. As he walks he finds constant reminders of our industrial past such as mills, some converted into smart residences, and old iron bridges. Canals are a haven for wildlife, which Geoff loves. A hazard nowadays is the number of cyclists on the towpaths. Geoff ignores the diversion notices when a canal runs out of water (which they frequently do) and walks on through. He has never felt lost, his mobile phone being a godsend, showing all the maps. Geoff donates all the proceeds of his talks to the charity Medical Detection Dogs.

Our next meeting on May 4th will be a social evening on Zoom and is for members only. Ladies, keep looking at the parish notice boards for details of future speakers on Zoom. Everybody is welcome to join in

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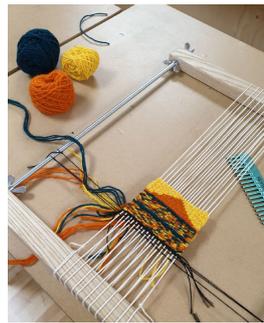
WE are so thrilled to be able to welcome people back for courses. We have really missed sharing the joy of making with you all and can't wait to have you back. Still with Covid measures in place, including reduced class sizes, we will be offering a great selection of one-off short courses as well as our weekly courses starting with a slightly off kilter 10 week term starting the week beginning 17th May.



Above and right: some of the many courses available to book now



So far we've got courses in tapestry weaving, drawing, glass, candles, screen printing, mixed media, jewellery, book and box making, calligraphy and watercolour scheduled and many more to add! If you are looking for things to do with friends and family you haven't seen for a while we can't think of anything better! We're offering discounted rates for group bookings of six. We have been delighted to see and



hear how creative Linton has been during the pandemic. We fully believe in the power of making to do, and feel, good! We look forward to seeing and sharing more creativity with you as we all emerge.

Cambridge Art Makers



Be Autism Aware

THROUGHOUT the month of April, we celebrated Autism Awareness Month at Granta School. Autism is a lifelong developmental disability and here at Granta over a third of our pupils have a diagnosis. Did you know that one in a hundred people in the UK are on the autistic spectrum?

Autism spectrum condition (ASC) affects people in different ways and to varying degrees and like all people, individuals each have their own strengths and weaknesses. The two key difficulties that affect people with autism are challenges around social communication and social interaction. This might mean that they have difficulty 'reading' people, and some autistic people are unable to speak or have limited speech, while other autistic people have very good language skills, but struggle to understand sarcasm or tone of voice. Social situations and friendships can be harder to navigate due to these challenges.

Across the UK, there are around 700,000 people with autism and it is not just our pupils in school who have autism. Chloe, one of our newer Teaching Assistants has also recently been diagnosed. We asked Chloe how she found working at Granta, the challenges she faces daily and how she is supported by her peers. "I enjoy being at work," says Chloe, "I am in an environment where I am made to feel welcomed and understood. The team around me are fantastic and with their knowledge of autism they can sometimes understand my needs before I do." Chloe has certainly faced her own challenges and told us, "I have struggled most of my life with fitting in and interacting with other people my own age. I was late in receiving my diagnosis and at times felt very isolated and overwhelmed. However, I have learnt over time that at the end of a long day, when I can be overwhelmed, finding a quiet space and taking part in some DIY helps me to focus and unwind."

The definition of autism continues to change as we understand more. Here at Granta, we often find that autistic people and their families have very different support needs, but they share many of the same challenges, including getting enough support from mental health, education and social care services, or being misunderstood. We continually aim to educate ourselves and others around us. This month we are enjoying sharing our expertise in this area as well as working to raise some vital funds for charities that support autistic people and their families and that help create a society that works for everyone.

Ruchi Datta
Headteacher

Join in Linton's spring litter pick on 30th May

LINTON FROG and the Parish Council are teaming up again to host a village-wide litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean at the end of May – please do join us.

On Sunday 30th May *Pick HQ* will be at the cricket pavilion on the recreation ground from 10:30am until 2:30pm. We have a limited supply of litter pickers for adults and children, along with bag holders and plenty of bin bags. Please bring your own picker if you have one, and you must bring your own gloves. We will be observing the COVID-19 guidance of continued social distancing and the use of face coverings and hand sanitiser. We are also limited to a gathering of no more than 30 people at any one time.

Pick litter wherever you like in the village and bring your full bags back to HQ or the designated drop off points in the village. Free refreshments will be available for everyone who takes part.

Pick for half an hour or a couple of hours, however much time you can spare. If you wish to be involved in another way, e.g. taking official photos or sorting the litter that can be recycled, please do get in touch.

For queries and to register your interest please email lintonfrog@gmail.com or call me on 07812 988917.

Helen Brookes

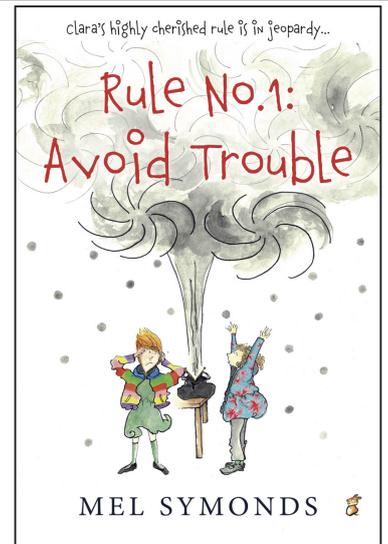
Debut children's book by local author coming soon

AS a resident of Linton, I thought the lovely people of the village may be interested to hear about my debut children's book that is due to be published on 28th April. It's called *Rule No.1: Avoid Trouble*, for ages 7+

Synopsis:
'Clara's highly cherished rule, Avoid Trouble, is in jeopardy. Her Spider-man-like trouble sense is going crazy. It's not Reggie, he's happy and chatty. It's Bella. She's overheard a plan to 'shake the class up', and is now dragging Clara along on her mission to stop the school bullies from ruining the afternoon's science lesson. This all sounds like serious trouble. No good has ever come from getting into trouble... or has it? Join Clara as a mysterious grey smoke shrinks her, she gets mistaken for a mouse, nearly trodden on, knocked over by a stray football and enters a hamster's cage on a rescue mission.'

There is lots of information on my website, including a link to hear the first chapter being read aloud – www.melsymonds.co.uk

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COUNTRY MATTERS

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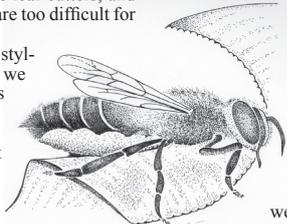


Leaf cutter bees (and their knees)

ANOTHER Essex Wildlife Trust evening Zoom session called *Beginner Bees* inspired me to look at just one type of bee and learn a bit more. There are 278 species of bee in the UK, 250 solitary bees, 27 bumble bees and just one honey bee. They pollinate the vast majority of our crops, and we are dependent on them. Within the category of solitary bees are leaf cutters, and within leaf cutters are many species, but they are too difficult for the likes of me to differentiate.

Years ago Ben made a fabulous and very stylish bee hotel, complete with asphalt roof, and we duly filled it with bamboos and logs with holes drilled into them. In the first year I counted what I mistakenly thought was 9 residents, and in the last few years I have been peering in, not at all sure whether anyone was at home. It was not until last week that I found out what was really happening. The morning after the Zoom session I was out there dismantling the hotel in an attempt to give it a spring clean, having already ordered a supply of cardboard tubes, with inner and outer layer, to restock. Turns out I was probably destroying the last of the winter larvae from 2020. One by one I cleaned out the bamboo tubes and was astonished by what I found. Deep into the recesses of most of the bamboos were hundreds of tiny symmetrical leaf shapes, and scores of rolled up leaves looking like tiny hollow green cigars. In some of them was a muddy sort of mix, apparently made by mason bees.

Here is what I should have learned before setting up house. A leaf cutter is a cavity nester, meaning they use pre-existing cavities and hollows. They forage from a variety of plants, and instead of having a pollen basket, their specialised branched body hairs trap loose pollen grains while the bees search for nectar. They have a short life, essentially as follows - females emerge from the cocoon where they have spent the winter, and leave the cavity nest in early spring. They then feed themselves up with nectar and pollen in readiness for egg laying. Then they find a mate, search for a cavity, make a mental note of where it is, and clean it out. Then starts the extraordinary cell construction process, from the far end of the tube, working outwards. Time is short - she only has a few weeks.



The bee lands on a leaf, and cuts out a disc. You may have seen the result on your rose plants. Just as the leaf is about to fall off she resumes flying, and carries the leaf under her belly to the nest. She then lines the cavity of the nest, lays a single egg, and supplies it with pollen and nectar before sealing it off with a glue made of chewed leaves and saliva. Each cell takes around 10 hours to create, with 21 trips to build it and 18 trips to stock it and seal it. The mother will never see her offspring.

A whole new interpretation of the concept of lockdown.

Sculpture from the water meadows: Carol Sinclair

CAROL works from her studio set in an acre of water meadows and bordered by the River Granta in Hildersham. The seasons are very apparent there and the environment greatly influences her work. She is interested in the way natural and man-made materials and objects are eroded by use and by the elements, often encapsulating the elusive marks of time. She is attempting to capture redolences, sounds, and the effects of time in nature.



Carol's work on display

After graduating from Central St Martins School of Art in London in 1987, she joined the Cambridge Society of Painters and Sculptors founded by Cecil Collins. She exhibited work at the Cambridge Darkroom and Kettles Yard's Post Morality Exhibition, becoming a Board Director of the Cambridge Darkroom, and Chair of CSPS. Her work has featured in the Contemporary Art Society's annual shows and she has since exhibited regularly in Cambridge, London and elsewhere, and has completed numerous commissions in the

UK and worldwide.

Carol's current work is on show at Gallery Above and in the courtyard garden there, from 7-29 May. The opening hours are Wednesday - Sat-

urday 10.00-5.00pm, or by appointment. Carol is also available to work on specific commissioned pieces, to celebrate a milestone or memory in your life or to give as a special

gift to your loved ones. As this exhibition demonstrates, Carol's work is equally suitable for indoor and outdoor locations, in garden settings or to complement the built environment.

Rosemary Wellings
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Artist Carol Sinclair

POT POURRI 191

What are the House Numbers?

THREE people nearby have house numbers which I always forget. All three houses have two digit numbers. However, the following clues apply:-

- i) If you divide any of the house numbers by the sum of its digits, the answer is a whole number, and the result is the same number for all three houses.
- ii) If you divide any of the house numbers by the product of its digits, you get a whole number (which are all different).
- iii) The third house's number is the product of the results from calculation (ii) of the other two.

So, the house numbers are?

Pot Pourri 190 - Weight of the Cells?

Doubling the weight of the original cells 50 times means that the original cells weighed 44.4mg i.e. 0.04441 g.

May Gardening Club Diary

AS mentioned last month, we will not be holding a May meeting or the Club's usual plant sale. However, if you do have any spare plants available in the next few weeks which you would like to donate for club funds, please email lgsecretary@yahoo.co.uk or call 893577.

The dry weather at the start of April was accompanied by temperatures ranging between summer-like to very chilly, with frosts shrivelling some tender buds and leaves. Planting peas, onion sets and potatoes in our vegetable patch was delayed until later in April. Now May is here, half a row of the frost-tender dwarf French beans can be sown. The second half of the row will be planted two or three weeks later. It will be the end of May before we can risk planting out our tomato and courgette plants after they have been hardened off in our unheated greenhouses.

All our shrubs and late spring flowers are growing and flowering well apart from our healthy-looking ornamental cherry tree which has failed to blossom for the second year in a row. However, our container-grown magnolia has bloomed for the first time, producing goblet shaped white and burgundy flowers. Such is gardening! Our summer bedding plants have been potted on and are hardening off in the greenhouses. While we expect warmer weather ahead, we will watch out for warnings of overnight frosts in the weather forecast. Enjoy your plants and gardens.

Jim and Helen
Linton Gardening Club

gallery above, located upstairs in the converted grain store of an old maltings, offers a contemporary and eclectic mix of interesting affordable art, mostly sourced from talented local artists. The lovely collection covers photography, sculpture, fine quality ceramics, basket work, jewellery, paintings and art based stationery. And we also specialise in works by three members of the renowned Ravillious family...

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T&C'S APPLY

District and County Councillors Report – April 2021

A1307 Update

The process of upgrading the road continues, the next physical upgrade will be the installation of average speed cameras between the Suffolk border and Linton, this will take place this month in April.

Then will come the pedestrian crossing at the Hildersham junction, which will finally mean a safe crossing for those non-motorised users travelling between Abington and Linton.

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

Election Period

As of March 29th, the local councils are into the 'Election period' due to the 3 local elections being held in early May. This means that the local authorities in our area won't be able to make any significant decisions during this time. The day-to-day running of local councils will continue regardless.

5-year Land Supply

The District council has proudly announced that their land supply, which is a projection of the number of houses planned to be built out over the next 5 years, is now 6.1 years. This means that South Cambridgeshire doesn't currently have a housing deficit so doesn't have to accept large, unacceptable planning applications to make up this shortfall. This is very good news for our area.

Local Authority Covid Support

The government is beginning to ease Covid restrictions and will continue to do this over the coming months as more and more people receive their vaccinations. Caution should still be applied to everyday life however and support, financial as well as

physical, is still available from the local authorities in our area. Available from SCDC - a 'Covid Co-Ordinator' who can assist with most things Covid related, including advice and directing to various grants. Her name is Vicky Hoover – Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk

Available from the County Council – a Covid 'Hub' which can be contacted through their website - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you

Highways Officers

Our area finally has a replacement Local Highways Officer to fill the gap made by Nicola Burdon's departure of the role. His name is Maciej Adamczyk and his details should have been sent to all local parish clerks.

Bus Changes

Due to the park and ride service at the Babraham Road site re-starting, the 13 will no longer stop at that P&R site. The bus frequencies will remain as they were.

Right of Way Map

The County Council has launched a new interactive map, in conjunction with Google, that shows all of Cambridgeshire's public rights of way. Enjoy! www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/arts-green-spaces-activities/rights-of-way

Councillors John and Henry Batchelor

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

8 limes - re pollard to old points (3-4 meters growth) reason for this is lorries are hitting them, its dropping sticky substance on parked cars, blocking light and they would like to retain root growth Open for comment icon

Factory Adjacent To 29 Cambridge Road Linton CB21 4NN Ref. No: 21/0438/TTPO | Validated: Thu 15 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Lime x 2 Re-pollard Open for comment icon

The Old Workshop Horn Lane Linton CB21 4HT Ref. No: 21/0482/TTCA | Validated: Fri 09 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of a Greenhouse Open for comment icon

11 Meadow Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HX Ref. No: 21/01051/HFUL | Validated: Fri 09 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Internal alterations to form one new bathroom and three new shower rooms and removal of existing floor grating and in-filling of opening in hallway floor **64 High Street Linton CB21 4HS** Ref. No: 21/00736/LBC | Validated: Tue 13 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Taking down and rebuilding of the existing north facing gable end of the garage / former stable block and in addition some works may be required to repair and make good the roof structure following the re-building of the wall. **64 High Street Linton CB21 4HS** Ref. No: 21/00643/LBC | Validated: Tue 13 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

Camsight VIPs -Visually Impaired People. The Cambridge charity for people of all ages with low vision and blindness.

IN mid April we held another telephone group chat meeting, which included Alex our regional outreach officer from the Cambridge office, and several members and volunteers from the Linton group. Despite feeling a little strange at the outset, our participants soon became more comfortable joining in the conversation, especially one brave new member for whom the group chat was her first 'meeting'. Everyone agrees that despite our regular phone calls we're all very much looking forward to meeting together again, possibly outdoors in June and hopefully at our meeting room in July. Fingers crossed! It has been especially hard for those of our members who have had to spend the lockdown largely isolated with only essential supplies, with family and friends unable to visit. As mentioned earlier in the year a service of-

fering emotional support is available, as well as help in identifying how individual needs can be met in practical ways in the home. Information about Camsight's new mobile unit carrying resources will be updated as the restrictions are lifted, when anyone with sight impairment will be able to try out (locally or in their own home) any resources which may benefit them, before buying them.

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

May the spring sunshine keep us all feeling optimistic as we hopefully look forward to planning an enjoyable programme for our meetings next year.

Jean Mannion

Call 893619 for an audio version of the Linton News.

South Cambs Child and Family Centres

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres is a service for families with children aged 0-19 yrs. The service has one main centre based in Cambourne and different zones across south Cambridgeshire including outreach venues, one of which is Linton at The Cathodeon Centre. We currently hold face to face baby groups in Linton on a Thursday each week from 10-11am for non mobile babies, this is an opportunity to meet other new parents and babies. We also hold nature trails/walks around linton, again place are limited so please contact us to book your place. We will also be looking at reinstating the indoor Stay and Play groups soon so please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details. To follow us on Facebook please go the 'South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres' page. All groups are bookable, you can book by calling us on 01954 284672, messaging our facebook page or emailing the following email address; ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. All groups are led by a child and family centre worker who will be on hand to give advice/guidance and sign post you if you need any support around different topics e.g. feeding, sleep, child development. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

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Let's Play! New Equipment for All

LET'S PLAY! The Linton Play Area upgrade is now complete and looking superb. The Linton Parish Council would like to thank Kompan for their advice and support in completing the project successfully. It is hoped that the Play Area upgrade will bring many hours of pleasure to the children after a most difficult year of restrictions and isolation. The play area is the busiest we have ever seen it since the improvements and thanks go to Cllr Simon Hill for the early morning photographs, which were taken before the crowds arrived! The Parish Council hopes children of all ages will enjoy the play area for many years to come.



For the under eights there are five new pieces of equipment including a bespoke Two Towers piece with multi activity options, and a Pirate Ship. The pieces are designed to encourage a child's sense of balance and an understanding of space and measures. Play with other young children will give them the opportunity to interact and practise social skills which may need to be re-learned and perfected again after a year in isolation.



For the older children and teenagers the star attraction is the new Co-Co Wave Swing, with it's pendulum motion it is designed to accommodate up to 8 at a time. This piece of equipment has been situated in close proximity to the site of the proposed Skate Park and will be the perfect place to admire the skill of the skaters. There are also Triple Somersault Bars and a Sky Carousel to encourage general fitness and upper body strength.

Dates for your Diary

THE NEXT meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 20th May 2021. If you would like to raise any points with the Parish Council, please contact the office by Tuesday 12th May 2021. The May meeting may be the first face-to-face meeting for over a year and we will be giving advice on attendance in due course on the Parish Council website and Social Media. Please contact the office if you would like to attend and we will be able to advise you more clearly, nearer the time. **Clerk.**

Linton in Bloom



DAFFODILS are an amazing plant! Some of the ones we planted last October, with the help of the Rotary Club of Cambridge Rutherford, have been parked on, driven over, dug up and trampled and yet still they have managed to put on a beautiful display. However, there are gaps where I am sure we put loads of bulbs: particularly at the top of Coles Lane and the grass there also needs re-seeding. Power Networks have at least offered some compensation for the ones they parked a generator on for over a week at the bottom of Coles Lane. So next Autumn, the Parish Council can use this to buy more bulbs and fill in the gaps.

The ones along the cemetery hedge have been disturbed the least and look beautiful. Photograph by George Fisher who was instrumental in making this happen. Thank you George.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Parish Progress

IT'S MAY already and we are all enjoying the brighter days and the spring flowers which are adorning the green spaces in the village. The office team have returned to the office and although we are still unable to be fully open to the public until the 17th May, we are here and encourage you to get in touch via phone, email or letter.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held on Thursday 8th April 2021. It was necessary to hold the meeting remotely this year, which was a shame as the event is always well attended by the parishioners. We ended up having two screens on zoom to accommodate everyone and managed to allow everyone present a chance to participate.

As mentioned in last month's Parish Progress, the Parish Council & the Linton FROGS are organising a Litter Pick on Sunday 30th May 2021. This will give everyone a chance to get involved and "Love Linton" a little more this month. Please see Helen's article in the main paper for more information.

The Parish Council have added some new signs to the village including ones requesting dog owners use the bins provided and clear up after their pet. We persevere with this problem! Also signage at Horn Lane bridge, requesting anyone needing to drive through the river do so with consideration for the wildlife. It is not expected that this route will be used, except perhaps in an emergency, please don't attempt it, you may well get stuck! The other signage requests that no one paddles in the river barefoot. As we are all aware there are rats residing in the area and they are particularly partial to the treats meant for the ducks. With shelter, food and water readily available, the rats are happy at the Horn Lane Hotel. It is almost impossible to eradicate them and caution should be applied, especially with regard to children playing in the stream. **Clerk.**

Planning & Meeting Updates March 2021 - April 2021

PLANNING Updates:

Paynes Meadow Appeal - The appeal was dismissed - this application will not be going ahead. The main issues were the effect on the character and appearance of the area and the landscape, with particular reference to its location and design. The provision of affordable housing did not outweigh these harms. The site is one of the last remnants of the ancient field system, a protected chalk pasture, so perhaps worth preserving and using for village benefit?

Adjacent 35 Balsham Road 20/05250/outline. SCDC propose selling this site for a self-build dwelling. Although not opposed in principle, several safety and amenity objections have been raised. **24 Mill Lane** - this appeal was allowed, despite objections from residents and LPC, particularly regarding materials and effect on the Village Green and CA.

Horseheath Road - A temporary "stop" notice was issued, due to failure to comply with conditions. On resumption, a sewer link to Lonsdale was laid without SCDC approval. This would go to Bartlow Road sewers which are already at, or over, capacity. Anglian Water assessments of capacity of the sewage system are questioned. LPC again submitted objections to this and the discharge of several other conditions

Bartlow Road - Foul Water Drainage Condition 11 - was refused as connection was to the overloaded sewer on Bartlow Road. The developer has submitted a change of wording to this condition. A new application has been submitted with the sewer going through Flemings Field; the owner was not aware...

LDP Call for Sites - Initial responses to the 13 sites around Linton have been submitted. The A1307 villages also objected to sites that affect them, especially those east of Linton and encroaching on Bartlow. The submitted sites would inflict around 4,000 new houses on Linton. Then there is the proposed 7,000 house "Garden Village" east of Linton to fund the CAM scheme - all this in our character landscape with few resources (especially water). Another site at Horseheath Road has been proposed by Endurance Estates. It is a principle of LPC to engage with developers, so we will listen to what they propose.

Meeting updates:

Local Highways Improvement - Application for better signage, more yellow lines, better road markings, etc., was not granted, so safety matters and regulation of parking will have to wait. Maybe these can be tackled with GCP/CSET or by CCC renewing or improving their road markings?

Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority - Cllrs Kell, Mannassi, Cox, Hill and Corrie Newell for LPC. The flood maps for Linton do not reflect reality, so will be challenged. River levels recorded at the monitoring station are very different to those at the village centre. Flooding of all types discussed - from river, surface water and rising through the gravel beds. The officers were receptive to issues raised and the problems Linton has with water. More evidence of flooding - particularly in the area of Bartlow Road - is requested. Can you help?

Annual Parish Meeting - Parish, District and County councillors gave reports - see the website - and grants distributed. It struck me that LPC has not only been active in getting things done, but also in preventing harm, particularly unsuitable development. LPC opposed inappropriate proposals by GCP/CSET - no-right turn out of the High Street, "shared space" or one way systems (except for buses) on the High Street, Parsonage Way green as a car park, west-bound bus lane, etc. We worked for traffic lights at the High Street and Hildersham, etc. We do our best with limited powers and resources but with an active team - why not join us? **Cllr Enid Bald.**

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 18th March 2021 Remote Meeting via video/telephone conferencing.

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Enid Bald, Cllr Kate Kell, Cllr Paul Poulter, Cllr Amy Smith. **Councillor Vacancies;** There are now four vacancies for Co-option.

Chairman's Comment;

The Chairman thanked Cllr Enid Bald for her sterling work on the Call for Sites information request and hoped that she keeps her strength up, adding how much she is being missed by everyone. The Clerk was asked to contact Cambridge Water regarding work at the junction, top of Coles Lane and Back Road, as the contractors need to be asked not to park on the grass areas due to the damage caused, especially to the daffodils.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Temporary signage proposal for Dog Waste and Horn Lane area was discussed and the Clerk was requested to arrange installation. Update on Rivey bridlepath ditch clearance. The Clerk updated the Council that the ditch has been cleared and the area is due to be tidied in the next few weeks. Letters have been sent to all residents on the left-hand side of Rivey Way regarding keeping the ditch clear and requesting maintenance, as is their riparian duty, to the trees and hedgerows on their boundary.

Planning.

Consideration of the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on the 18th February 2021 Available on both the public and councillor portal on the website. Noted.

Bartlow Road.

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. For Information. Cllr John Bald updated the Full Council stating that LPC's objections to the disregard of the conditions by the developer on Bartlow Road remain and that the Committee is pleased to see that SCDC are starting to take some action on enforcement.

Horseheath Road.

Update on the Planning application for Horseheath Road, application reference S/4418/19/RM. Cllr Merrie Mannassi updated the Full Council the development is currently on a stop notice which is due to expire next week. Cllr John Bald added that SCDC had been experiencing difficulties due to pressure from the developers. The Committee was pleased to see action taken.

1 Horseheath Road.

Update on the Planning application for 1 Horseheath Road, application reference S/0793/18/FL. For Information. Verbal update from the Chairman of the Planning Committee. Cllr Merrie Mannassi stated that there was no further update.

Paynes Meadow.

Update on Planning Appeal reference 20/03255359 for Planning Application S/0670/19/EL land rear of 24-27 Paynes Meadow Cllr Merrie Mannassi stated that no further information had been received and a decision is expected in due course.

Call for Sites information update. Cllr Merrie Mannassi stated that the Call for Sites had been completed and submitted by Cllr Enid Bald.

District and County Councillors Report for March 2021.

County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor added to the written report with information that due to local elections the County Council will go into a state of purdah, between the end of March to the start of May, which essentially will mean large decisions will not be made. Day to day work will continue as normal. A new Highways Officer had been appointed. County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor advised to report pavements in need of attention as there is currently a budget for the maintenance of footpaths available.

District Councillor John Batchelor gave an update on Covid-19, good news that last week's positive test returns were 25/100,000, recalling that in January the figure was approaching 500/100,000. Hospitals are still under pressure due to the delay in admissions.

At the end of the month SCDC Planning would need to declare the Land Supply was still meeting the 5-year plan. It was felt the target would be met.

Finance.

Quotations, Membership renewals and Donation requests:

Consideration for the quotes received for repair and restoration of the Horn Bridge area. Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the quote from Tom Mytton Mills for the main work be accepted and the quotation for the bench be considered in due course. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. Agreed.

Consideration for the annual renewal of CAPALC membership. The Council discussed the renewal of the CAPALC membership. Cllr John Bald proposed the annual membership be renewed. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. All Agreed.

Cllr Sharon Parker joined the meeting on this item.

Consideration for the quote received from Kompan to repair the Nest Swing at the Children's Play Area. The Council discussed the quote received from Kompan for replacement parts for the nest swing. Cllr Lee Gardner proposed that the quote be accepted. Cllr John Bald seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration of proposal by Linton Children's Book Festival to partially return funds from the Independent Grant awarded 20/21 It was requested that the Clerk inform the Linton Children's Book Festival should retain all funds, to be used for a future Children's Book Festival in accordance with the specification of the grant.

The Meadow Recreation Ground.

Update on the Skate Park project. Cllr John Bald advised the Council that he has chased Canvas Skate Parks and hoped to secure a site meeting soon. He added that Canvas Skate Parks were pleased to receive the Topographical report and were impressed with the detail provided by the Skate Park report, conducted by the office. Cllr Bald thanked the Assistant Clerk for her excellent work.

Update on the status of the Under 8's and Over 8's play area renovation. The Clerk updated the council that the work on the Play Area is due to commence on 22nd March 2021 and although this is a slightly later date but Kompan hoped to still complete by 7th April.

Consideration of the location of the CoCo-Wave swing as per Kompan safety requirements and proposal to allocate more of the Recreation Ground for play area use.

The Council discussed the proposed site for the CoCo-Wave swing as concerns had been raised regarding encroachment on the practice football pitch. It was decided that a new position would have to be found and that the Clerk would need to inform Kompan of the changes. Cllr Chris Hine informed the Clerk that he would be available early next week to attend a site visit with Kompan on site.

Parishioner request for pruning trees on the Recreation Ground and refurbishment of the entrance gate, also query on ownership of adjacent trees.

Most trees at the rear of the garden are thought to belong to Dovehouse Close, one trunk is on the verge of the Recreation Ground. The parishioner is legally entitled to trim any branches which overhang the boundary of their property. Cllr. Merrie Mannassi agreed to send contact details to the Clerk. The trees at the entrance to the Recreation Ground are due to be pruned, but the crown not reduced, as general maintenance of the area. The gates are potentially to be replaced as part of the Greenway Plan; however this is not scheduled to take place until the Autumn.

It was also noted that on the left-hand side of the gate there is hedgerow encroaching on the entrance and needs to be cut back.

Camping Close. Consideration for URC request to hold an open-air service on Camping Close. The Council discussed the request and said that in principle, so long as dates are co-ordinated with other events, the open-air service could go ahead.

Request from a parishioner for the Linton Parish Council to consider fencing off the bottom half of Camping Close to allow dogs to be let off lead. The request was discussed by the Council and it was stated that because Camping close is a considered as a public open space and is owned by Cambridgeshire County Council it would not be possible to restrict use by the Parish as a whole.

Market Square.

Parishioner email regarding Parking issues on the Market Square. There can be no decisions made regarding the use of the Market Square until legal ownership has been confirmed. The delay in registering ownership is preventing the Parish Council reconsidering the use of the Market Square for all residents. The Parish Council request that the legal work required to secure the ownership is expedited to allow them to address the issues of parking, obstruction, and the breach of the right of way condition which impedes on all parishioners using of the area.

Traffic & Highways CSET meeting with GCP held on 20th and 26th January 2021. Written reports available on both the public and councillor portal on the website.

Consideration for addressing traffic issues in Mill Lane and the suggestion that LPC request adequate signage be installed by CCC, including weight restrictions. The correspondence was discussed, and it was suggested that this be referred to Highways as this is predominantly a Highways issue.

Notification of traffic issues at the junction of Market Lane and High Street. This item was referred to County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor and he has replied to the resident.

Youth. Beacon Youth Trust Reports for December 2020, January 2021, February 2021 and Quarterly Reports. Written reports available on both the public and councillor portal on the website. Noted. Beacon Youth Trust - request for matched funding from LPC.

Following further clarification regarding the service provided by BYT the Clerk as RFO stated that the service provided was satisfactory and that match funding request was agreeable.

Cllr John Bald proposed that the match request funding be accepted. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. All Agreed.

Village Enhancement Consideration of a replacement bin in Horn Lane following verbal complaints regarding capacity. Cllr Lee Gardner proposed that a single standard bin be installed at Horn Lane bridge area. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Linton News. Play Area update - Clerk. Daffodil article - Cllr Merrie Mannassi.

Meetings Dates. The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 15th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom to which all Councillors will be summoned.

Correspondence items not pertaining to an agenda item. Consideration for a suitable location to store the Historical Archive of Garth Collard. Cllr John Bald offered to assess the space required for the archive. This item was deferred to the next Full Council meeting scheduled to take place on 15th April 2021.

Full minutes are available on the Parish Council website. Clerk. The Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JS Tel: 891001

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May..

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Friday 14th	Food van - Pull me Cheri 5 - 8pm
Friday 21st	Food van - Boho Kitchen 5 - 8pm
Friday 28th	Food van - Road Dogs 5 - 8pm
Saturday 29th	Live Entertainment - White Room 7:30pm

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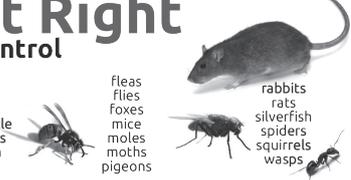
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