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XL Bullies - a local perspective

LINTON'S Emma Filby, head of Anglian Dog works, gives a personal perspective of the controversy surrounding the XL Bully breed: I AGREE these types of dogs have the potential to be dangerous but disagree that they're a dangerous breed in general.

I train large powerful dog breeds that would be considered dangerous breeds by some, but when placed with responsible owners who train and do agility, they're lovely pets.

Through time, different breeds get the focus, and breed-specific legislation would be history repeating itself. Under current UK law, breeds that are banned include the Doggo Argentino, Pit Bull Terrier, Fila Brasileiro and the Japanese Tosa, yet these attacks continue. If the breed is banned another will be popularised amongst irresponsible owners and breeders without addressing the underlying problem. The bad dog spotlight has at one time or another been focused on German Shepherds, Dobermans and Rottweilers none of which people currently consider to be bad breeds as they have fallen out of fashion with the irresponsible crowd. I think the focus should be on the breeders, not the breed. The dog industry is missing regulation, licensing, and professionalism. For example, when dogs are bred for looks or financial gain, not temperament, are raised unethically, or are placed in homes irresponsibly, it can lead to behavioural issues such as animals that are fear or pain aggressive. In my opinion, a better response than a ban would be regulation and licensing for breeders, so puppies are only placed in educated and responsible homes, paired with serious consequences for negligent owners of all breeds.

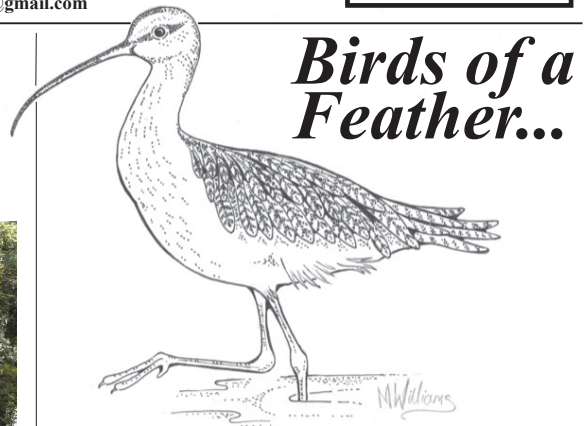
If you are an owner of a mastiff-type dog, my advice would be to train your dogs to a high standard, so they are under control in public and challenge the stereotype. For XL bully owners I would encourage you to focus on your obedience and muzzle training before the ban comes in to minimise the impact on your dog. If you are reading this and you know your dog is out of control, seek support from a qualified trainer.

I've had cases where dogs are referred to me because their reactivity is discovered to be due to an underlying health issue and cowboy trainers responded with harsh methods such as an electric or prong collar which only exacerbated the aggressive behavioural issues. By working with a professional accredited by an externally verified body, like mine with the IMDT, you can be assured that their training is up-to-date, force-free, ethical, and effective and any methods or equipment used will be with a modern, science-based approach because members of such organisations are assessed and have ongoing checks.



Emma has worked with thousands of dogs, and knows the importance of proper training

Emma Filby, Anglian Dog Works
Email: info@angliandogworks.com



Birds of a Feather...

... THE name of the current exhibition at Gallery Above & Beyond, found at 94 High Street. The gallery puts a spotlight on local artists, many of whom are based in Linton. This exhibition sees the return of Jennifer Copley May, Linda Richardson, Julia Suddaby and Ian Welsh.

But most notable for Linton News readers is a collection of works by Maureen Williams, who has been providing illustrations for this paper since it's very beginning. There will be 20 bird illustrations taken straight from Maureen's sketch pad and available to purchase. In addition to the selection of pictures and paintings, the gallery sells gifts and cards also produced by local artists. The Birds of a Feather exhibition runs until 4th November. The gallery is open Wednesday – Saturday: 10:00-17:00 or by appointment on 894899.

Linton News Team

Road closures, don't get caught out

DON'T forget, the A1307 will be closed on 30th September and 1st October, and then again on the 7th and 8th October. The road will be closed to all traffic between the Mill Lane and the Horseheath Road junctions whilst vital works are taking place. The main diversion route is for heavy goods vehicles only. Local traffic can travel freely (apart from the section described above) and extremely busy traffic conditions in the village should be expected on those days.

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Granta Grapevine has been serving the community since 1990



GRANTA Grapevine, Linton's talking newspaper, will hold it's AGM at Chalklands community centre on Thursday 19th

October at 7.00 for 7.30pm. The group, a registered charity, provides a spoken version of the Linton News every month on USB stick for those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading the text for any reason. The charity has now been running without a break for 33 years. Granta Grapevine needs more volunteers to help with reading, computer skills, audio recording and organisation. If you think you can help us or you know someone who would value our service, email grantagrapevine@gmail.com call 893619. Alternatively, see our website grantagrapevine.org.uk for further information.

Mike Crofts

Fireworks have a license to thrill

PREPARE yourselves Linton, because the Fireworks Display is back on Saturday 4th November, and this year we're celebrating 70 years of James Bond in explosive style. That's right, it's time to gather round the bonfire, savour some scrumptious food, sip on your favourite drinks (shaken, not stirred), and enjoy fantastic entertainment, all while supporting our beloved village schools. But, this year, we have a mission of our own – we need volunteers! Our fireworks committee is under new management, and we're on the lookout for fresh faces to join the fun.

Many of our dedicated team members, who've been lighting up the Linton skies for years, are stepping back as their kids have graduated from our local schools. We want to thank them for their incredible dedication and hard work over the

years. But the show must go on, and we're looking for passionate individuals who are ready to dive into the world of fireworks, whether it's firing up those magnificent displays (which requires a special kind of bravery – even James Bond might envy these big 'guns'), lending your expertise, or offering a helping hand on the night. Joining our team is the perfect opportunity for anyone who wants to contribute to our wonderful community and have a blast doing it; and given that our planning meetings are typically held in a local pub, what's not to love! So, if you're up for some firework fun and want to get involved, reach out to our committee chair at 07394 960412. Let's make this "007 Spectacular" one for the record books!

Alasdair MacBean
Chair of Linton Fireworks Committee

Light Party! an invitation from Linton Churches Together



AFTER a great event last year, Linton Churches Together once again invites families with children aged 11 and under to the Light Party on Sunday 29th October 4.40-6pm in the Free Church grounds. There will be crafts, sparklers, fun activities, a 0-4s play area and hot dogs for all as we celebrate Light in the darkness. To sign up to this free event, and for more information, please go to www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk/light

Ian Burns
Church Secretary

Readers write...

Dear Editor

I invite readers to please come along to the St Mary's Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th November, hosted by the Infant School. The Jolly Holly Fundraiser will include a delicious selection of drinks and cakes in church plus a table-top sale in the school hall.

There will be a programme of musical entertainment throughout the morning. Our event is open to the whole community and we are sure it will be a great opportunity to enjoy tasty refreshments, browse the craft and preloved stalls. You're bound to be able to find some great bargains for presents or perhaps yourself. We will also have a crafting room for the children to create a Christmas tree decoration ready for the Christmas tree festival in December. There will also be our very own festive Post Room, children can write AND post their letter to Santa in plenty of time to receive a reply. If you would like to book a table for £5 please contact Emma Hicks in the school office. 891421 ehicks@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk

Sue Filby
Sfilby@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk



Linton Camera Club Annual Exhibition

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October bin collection dates

Black bins: Wednesday 11th, Wednesday 25th
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Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

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

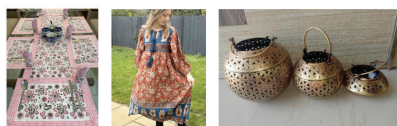
A journey of elegance and empowerment with Amabilia

We had great success at our studio launch back in August. Amabilia Creations is your gateway to an exclusive world of exquisite, handcrafted home décor, women's wear, and accessories. The love and support from our residents has been overwhelming, and we're thrilled to bring you a unique blend of culture and craftsmanship. We believe that every product we offer tells a story, bridging the gap between cultures and bringing joy to those who appreciate handmade products. Each item is meticulously crafted, reflecting the rich blend of tradition, artistry and contemporary styling.

By bringing continents closer together and empowering artisans, we celebrate the skill and creativity of makers across India. Our journey began in 2021 via a heartfelt collaboration with Aham Bhumika, an NGO based in Bhopal, India. Their mission to uplift and empower underprivileged women resonated with our founder Swati Bagla, and together we embarked on a transformative journey. By showcasing traditional techniques like intricate embroidery, hand block printing, and "Dabu Printing", we provide a platform for talented individuals and creative groups to shine.



Swati with a number of her products



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Amabilia Creations
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OCTOBER

Tue 3	Story-Rhyme-Duplo-time, 10am	Library
Tue 3	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Tue 3	WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 4	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30 -12pm	Library
Thu 5	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Thu 5	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Sun 8	Autumn Litter Pick, 10am - 1pm	Village Hall
Mon 9	Whist Group, 7.15pm	Village Hall
Tues 10	Story-Rhyme-Duplo-time, 10am	Library
Tue 10	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church Pavilion
Tue 10	Camsight Meeting, 2pm	Chalklands Comm Centre
Tue 10	Games afternoon, 2pm	Library
Tue 10	Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 11	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30-12pm	Library
Thu 12	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Sat 14	Camera Club Annual Exhibition, 10am - 4pm	Village Hall
Tue 17	Story-Rhyme-Duplo-time, 10am	Library
Tue 17	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
Tue 17	Historical Society, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 18	Arts and Minds Creative Workshop, 10.30-12pm	Library
Thu 19	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Thu 19	Advice and help session, 3 - 4.30pm	Library
Thu 19	Granta Grapevine AGM, 7 for 7.30pm	Chalklands Comm Centre
Thu 19	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 20	Daylight Readers Book Group 10.30/2.30pm	Library
Sat 21	Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 21	Caturday, 10am - 1pm	Library
Tue 24	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church Pavilion
Thu 26	Linton Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodean Centre
Fri 27	Big Breakfast, 6.30am - 2pm	Hadstock Village Hall
Sun 29	Light Party, 4.40 - 6pm	Linton Free Church
Tue 31	Story-Rhyme-Duplo-time, 10am	Library
Tue 31	Knit and Natter, 2pm	Library
NOVEMBER		
Sat 4	Linton Fireworks Display	Camping Close



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Camsight, Linton

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IN September we welcomed Christine Brown from the Mercy Ships charity. She gave a fascinating talk on the work carried out on their two hospital ships - Global Mercy, a new purpose built ship and Africa Mercy, now berthed in Durban, a converted Danish ship on which Christine volunteers. With scanners and operating theatres, the ships berth for ten months at a time, where they treat thousands of people who have often travelled hundreds of miles to the coast in search of help. As well as medical staff they have other volunteers doing the huge job of catering, hospitality, admin, IT and even serving in the onboard Starbucks. Though some volunteers live onboard long term, many go back to their villages and pass on the training they have been given so they can treat people locally, such as for benign tumours and cleft palates.

The charity runs on donations of time, skills, money, kindness and goodwill. It was wonderful to hear.

We ended with our afternoon tea and raffle.

Our next meeting will be at Chalklands, at 2pm on Tuesday 10th October, when Mike Crofts will play a selection of recordings made by Granta Grapevine, our talking newspaper.

For more information please call the Cambridge office number 01223 420033, or the number below.

Jean Mannion

Free Church welcomes back Pastor Chris

AT the beginning of October we welcome back our Pastor, Chris Kemshell, after his 3 month sabbatical. During this time he has completed writing his book which is due for publication in December and done lots of other exciting things which he's keen to share over the coming weeks.

While Chris has been away we've had a huge variety of different speakers, some familiar faces and some new, all bringing God's message in a different way. A number of families from the Church also enjoyed a great time at New Wine, an annual Christian festival, this year held at Maidstone Showground in Kent.

Now that the refurbishment of the Church is complete, we've also managed to get some work done in the summer on our Church hall. The main job was the resealing of the Church Hall floor which is now ready for the renewed rigours of the many activities that take place there including: cubs and scouts, Beacon Youth, Tuesday Art Group, Jelly Beans, Junior Church, Craft Church, a new Pilates class and regular one off events. Our thanks go to Linton Parish Council who provided a grant last year towards this work and to Art of Clean who chose this as a community based project and did the work for a much reduced price. A summary and video of the project can be seen on their blog; www.artofclean.co.uk/community-works/linton-free-church-wood-floor-restoration-community-project/

We very much see our buildings as an asset for the community. If you're interested in hiring any of our buildings for a one off or regular event, please check our website for details of how to enquire & make bookings ; lintonfreechurch.org.uk

With summer over we're now into our busy Autumn period. In addition to our regular Sunday services and mid-week activities, there are a few events we'd like to draw your attention to;

- Sunday 8th October, Baptismal Service led by Rev. Chris Kemshell
- Sunday 29th October, Light Party run by Linton Churches Together in the Free Church grounds. See more details in a separate article & on our website
- Sunday 12th November, Sausage & Mash lunch to raise funds for REACH. Henry Wilson, their CEO, will be joining us to tell us more about their work and current needs

Do check out our website for full details of all our services and activities; lintonfreechurch.org.uk

Ian Burns
Church Secretary

Chalk Stream dreams at the WI



BRUCE HUETT, our speaker, is involved in the project management for the accompanying film for the talk and was assisted on the technical side by John. The soundtrack was a delightful poem by Clare Crosman, plus interviews with volunteers from the River Mel Restoration Group, who have worked for 10 years to restore the river Mel which runs for 8 miles from Melbourn to Meldreth. Music was composed by

local musicians. The film showed volunteers replacing chalk and gravel to filter the water for nutrients and clearing overgrown plantlife to help the stream flow. The stream now has good biodiversity – water voles are thriving, as are such birds as kingfishers and egrets. Bruce mentioned Linton's own stream in Pocket Park where the water level is very low and thanked the FROG group for keeping the stream alive. There are about 210 chalk streams in the world, 160 in the UK. Bruce likes the idea of rivers like the Cam and Mel being working rivers, in particular restoring the mills and getting them working again. The conversation group does wildflower and birdwatching walks. At our next meeting on 3rd October our speaker will be Kevin Boardman, his talk entitled 'Women on the Oregon Trail'. Ladies, why not join us then, as a visitor if you like, for an enjoyable evening, a cuppa and a chat with someone new. You will be most welcome.

Sally Proberts (891021)

Open sessions at the Infant School

Well here we are at the beginning of October and the summer holidays seem a distant memory now, although it was nice to return to school in sunshine, rather than the rain of last year! Everybody returned to school rested and refreshed, lots of shiny shoes and smart uniforms, ready for the challenges the new school year will bring.

It has been 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 one and year two children who all seem to have grown over the summer break!

Although we have only just started this academic year, the admissions window is open for children due to start school in September 2024. If you are thinking Linton Infants is the school for your child we are holding some sessions on the following dates;

Tuesday 7th November at 10am.

Thursday 9th November at 10am.

Monday 13th November at 1.30pm.

During the sessions you will have a chance to look around the school and ask any questions you may have, along with seeing for yourself all of the fabulous things we do here at Linton Infants!

The places on each session are limited so please contact the school office to book a place (01223 891421 or email office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk). We also have spaces in each of our year groups so if you know of anyone moving into the area, please do ask them to get in touch with us.

Kelly Harries

Linton Fireworks Display

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Linton Library News

ARE you keen to make our planet cleaner and greener for future generations? Libraries lend and share: we have always been at the heart of the circular economy. We have a wide array of books and online resources to inform and inspire you on your green journey.

National Libraries Week, 2nd – 6th. With the theme being ‘Green’, there will be drop-in eco crafts all week. Mark my Words: October is Black History Month. Come and explore our display celebrating Black contributions to British life and literature. Caturday, Saturday 21st. Cat puzzles, cat crafts, make a cat toy, and a representative from Woodgreen Animal Shelter will be here to answer your questions. Come along if you love cats.

Storytime. Rhyme-time. Duplo-time at the new time of 10am every Tuesday (in term time). Stories, songs and Duplo play for 0-4-year olds.

New: Games Afternoon for adults. Beginning Tuesday 10th at 2pm, meet new people and try new games (bring your favourite if you like).

Linton: Creative Mapping continues 4th, 11th and 18th, 10:30am-12:00pm. The free sessions are in collaboration with Arts and Minds (artsandminds.org.uk) and led by Clare Basel.

Knit and Natter. Bring along your latest craft project, 2pm on Tuesday 3rd, 17th and 31st.

Daylight Readers. Our Book Groups meet on Friday 20th at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Justine from Reach Community Projects will be here to offer advice and help 3 – 4.30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month (5th and 19th).

Ann King and Melanie Symonds,

Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Hadstock Big Breakfast is back

IT has been a few years since Rotary Club saffron walden held one of our very popular *Big Breakfasts* and we are again going to be running one on Friday 27th October from 6:30 am until 2 pm serving a full English: any combination of sausages, eggs, bacon, black pudding, tomatoes, mushrooms plus cereal, toast, marmalade, Marmite and tea or coffee.

All we ask is that you make a suggested minimum donation of £10 per meal which will go to support the work of the charity Prostate Cancer UK as it continues its research into fighting this disease which affects one in eight men. Bring a group of friends and enjoy a breakfast or brunch in comfortable surroundings with newspapers provided. You may be a member of a party of rambblers and can use this as a staging point on a walk around the countryside. There is adequate parking right by the Village Hall and if you do not know where it is, the post code is CB21 4PH right beside the church.

We do hope you can take advantage of this, knowing you will be well fed and will have supported such a good cause. Any further details please contact Tim Boyden on t.k.boyden@btinternet.com

Tim Boyden



The Rotary Club is raising money for prostate cancer UK

Linton Gardening Club Diary October 2023

AT the September meeting of Linton Gardening Club, Margaret Nimmo-Smith gave a beautifully illustrated talk about fashions and trends in gardening, from geometrically formal rose and municipal gardens to the looser, more informal, and naturalistic schemes popular today. Plants such as ornamental grasses, dahlias, hostas and clematis have gone out and into fashion as newer varieties have been developed by plant breeders. In the garden, our indoor and outdoor tomatoes have cropped heavily forcing us to puree and freeze the excess. Our grapes are nearly ready to harvest. Grown outdoors in large containers, they were well watered during the hot spells and the vine leaves cut back to allow the autumn sun to ripen the fruit.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 10th of October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. It will start with a crucially important AGM as committee members are required to help run the club, raise funds, and take it forward through 2024 and beyond. Otherwise, closure of the club is a very real prospect.

If you have an interest in gardening, the Linton in Bloom initiative or growing on an allotment etc. this is your opportunity to get involved with your local gardening group and fellow growers. The AGM will be followed by a short talk on “*Living Fossil Plants and Trees*” by Jim Forrest. Talks planned for the 2023-24 season include “*Coping with Climate Change*”, “*The History and Development of Madingley Hall Gardens*”, “*Trees for all Seasons*” and “*Composting*”. Annual membership is £15 and visitors are charged £3. We look forward to seeing you.

Jim and Helen,
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Pink zinnia



Tomatoes, perfect for freezing and making sauces

Quilt project takes shape



Karen Sanderson: parish councillor, jazz band leader and creative whirlwind

THE first squares have been completed for this exciting Linton community project. Karen Sanderson is the first person to submit her finished piece of work and the Guides have started their contributions. Rainbows, LVC and Granta School are about to embark on their pieces. We would like everyone in the village, both individuals and groups to join in this creative enterprise so that we can record, through the medium of a quilt, life in 21st century Linton.

No previous crafting skill is necessary. Quilt squares can use a variety of mediums, including quilting, embroidery, paint, photography, and more. Participants are fully supported and provided with all the resources needed to complete the work. Regular workshops are being organised to support and encourage participants and to share ideas. The deadline for the completion of the project is Spring 2024 so there's lots of time to get your creative juices flowing! This is a great project to keep us all busy during the colder winter months.

Contact Carol, Ann, Karen or Cathy on lintoncommunity-quilt@gmail.com or Carol on 07721761550. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page.

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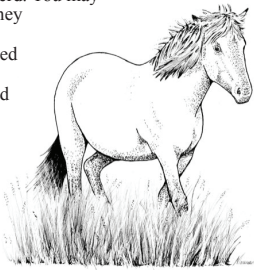
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The Konik pony kingdom

Since 2003, Wicken Fen and other reserves near and far have been home to herds of Konik ponies, among other large herbivores. The foals born this summer, thus far named Victor, Ginger, Rigel, Oliver, Argo, Pilgrim, Sprout, Silvester, Pie and Beric, are indicative of the success of the herd. You may have heard of Koniks but wondered what they are and why they are here?

Koniks are a Polish breed of pony, descended from the long extinct Tarpan horse, now present in nature reserves across Europe and the subject of decades of research starting as early as 1936 in Poland. In World War I they were of vital assistance in troop movements, and the original experiment was to see if horses left in the wild would redevelop their natural traits, and survive with no intervention in wetlands and heathland areas. Wicken Fen is one of only 4 fragments of undrained fen in East Anglia, playing an important role in the locking up of carbon in its wet peaty soil. The aim at Wicken and elsewhere is to restore the once extensive fenland lost due to the draining and straightening of waterways in the 17th century. This loss has been described as one of Britain's biggest ecological disasters – though it seemed such a good idea at the time....

Managing such a large area is hugely expensive in terms of people and machinery. Even wildlife reserves need management. It has to be grazed or mowed. Left to its own devices, the land would become a forest, leading to a loss of diversity of flora and fauna. Koniks and some breeds of cattle act as inexpensive management tools, namely live mowing machines. They are the hooved fenland custodians. Their water filled hoof prints and piles of dung help attract new species of plants and



insects. They bite off shoots and rushes, trampling, stripping bark and breaking off woody species while passing by and scratching their backs. They grazing prevents species like heather and bracken taking over, and reduce the need for mowing from several times per year to just once. They keep the landscape open and ensure survival of grassland plants. With careful management of numbers, they restore peatbogs and in drier areas help create rich heath and moorland with abundant species. There are scores of academic papers on exactly what they eat and exactly what effects they have on the land.

So what are the characteristics of Koniks? They are small, stocky, with a black stripe along their backs. They are dun coloured with black manes and tails. They are vivacious yet gentle, resourceful in looking for food, resistant to infections and parasites and require no intervention while foaling. They make the best of low quality forage, and adapt amazingly to their environment.

They store fat reserves for lean times and their feet survive living in boggy areas. The stallions are fiercely territorial and take care of the safety of their mares. They look outward while the mares look inward, taking care of the foals and finding new grazing areas. Yearlings move away from the group, and new groups form with new stallions. Stallions mark their territory with dung, and spar with any competitor, often causing injuries. The ranger at Wicken Fen has watched over the herd for 20 years now and knows which ones are curious and friendly and which are wary. Visitors love seeing them and their presence increases our ecological awareness. Take a look at these appealing creatures – either at Wicken or Kingfishers Bridge along the road.

Josh Smith races on

AUGUST saw Joshua racing again at one of his favourite tracks near Kimbolton (or Kim as it's affectionately known), sporting his new race helmet, supplied by Cambox who have appointed Joshua as their Karting Ambassador along with K Insignia we wanted to write about. The monthly race meeting at Kim is run by Hunts Kart Racing Club (HKRC), founded in 1959, the site of the club has a history back to World War II and stands on part of the original RAF airfield on what was the home of the 379th Bombardment Group, part of the Eighth Air Force which flew B-17 Flying Fortresses during World War II carrying the K Insignia. Assigned to RAF Kimbolton in early 1943, the B-17s flew daylight missions, in massed formations to maximize both defensive firepower and bombing concentration. The Eighth Air Force leaders developed a system to easily identify the bombers as they assembled in their formations without the benefit of radio communications and each of the three-air division of the Eighth Air Force had a different shape painted on the wing and vertical stabilizers of each aircraft. Inside of this shape, a letter from the alphabet designated the bombardment group numbered based on when they first entered

combat. As a result, aircraft of the 379th Bombardment Group carried the "Triangle K" insignia. The Group was assigned to the 1st Air Division represented by the triangle, and was the eleventh unit to enter combat indicated by the letter "K." The group flew more sorties than any other bomb group in the Eighth Air Force, and dropped a greater bomb tonnage than any other group. The combat record of the 379th was the most successful of all the Eighth Air Force heavy bomber groups, receiving two Distinguished Unit Citations and lead to the group being called the 'Grand Slam Wing'. Inspired by our heroes in history, and with strong links to the military, Joshua's Dad contacted the 379th to ask for permission to adopt the K Insignia on Joshua's helmet and this was granted.

Over the next few months Joshua is fund raising for Help For Heroes and is also going to be sporting his new race helmet with the K Insignia from the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing at the fund raising events. The Triangle K insignia worn on Josh's helmet is not only the Kim Club Emblem it is also a mark of respect to the 11th combat unit that flew from RAF Kimbolton during World War II. August also

saw Joshua winning his 3rd club round in a row, winning the East Anglian Trophy, the TKM Festival Trophy and he extended his lead in the HKRC "Kimbolton" Championship by over 100 points to his nearest rival. Another solid win, also showing excellent form taking maximum points, winning all 4 heats, starting the final from pole, Joshua almost completed a "Racing Grand Slam" in memory of the "The Grand Slam Wing" history we have shared with you. September saw Joshua compete with Europe's Best Drivers and came 11th overall in the Euro Grand Finals held at PF International Karting Circuit.

If anyone is interested in supporting Joshua in his karting journey please contact Joshua's Dad Andy, andy@jrs-pm.com

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District and County Councillors' monthly report August 2023

New bin collection days

As of September 19th, we will be getting a new bin collection day – which, for most in our area, will be changing from Monday to Wednesday each week. The reason for this is that the District Council hasn't optimised its collection routes in some years, meaning that the routes aren't likely the most efficient. This change reflects the new route optimisation work that has taken place. The second reason is that the Council is extending its 4-day working week trail to the waste collection service. The only change that we will see is the new collection day, the level of service will remain the same – a collection every week. The bins will still be collected on Monday up until September 19th, when the new rota will come in. It's important to know that everyone that will be affected by a change will be written to directly. If you don't receive a letter from the Council, nothing is changing for you. New collection days can also be checked here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/bin-collection-changes-from-september>

Greater Cambridge Partnership STZ update

The proposal by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) that we had put to us last year, which offered vast improvements to our public transport network being implemented now, with the caveat that it would eventually need to be self-funded. This was proposed to come in the form of road-charging in Cambridge City, coming into force in 2-3 years' time after the bus improvements. There was a, very lengthy, public consultation undertaken at the back end of last year and the results of which have formed an updated proposal, which was published at the end of August.

This can be seen here - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/news/making-connections-revised-proposals-to-keep-cambridge-moving>

The next steps are that the GCP Assembly and then Board need to make a decision on whether to take these new proposals forward to the next stage of the process. This will be decided on September 28th.

A1307 Works

The works to the A1307 continue and the work on the new roundabout at the Bartlow Road, Linton junction are proceeding. To complete these works there will have to be another weekend closure of the A1307, with the end of September/beginning of October being mooted as a possible date. Once this work has been completed then the roundabout will be able to open and there won't need to be any further road closures. For more up to date information go to the Greater Cambridge Partnership website - <https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambridge-south-east-transport/cambridge-south-east-transport-phase-1-background/cambridge-south-east-transport>

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Cambridgeshire Priorities Capital Fund

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

Community Gritting Scheme

Each year the County Council offers communities the chance to volunteer to assist with gritting the roads in our area. The scheme allows people the chance to identify specific roads/paths in their parishes that might benefit from some gritting, which currently aren't. Full detail of the scheme can be found at - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/gritting-roads-cycleways-and-paths/help-with-gritting-and-clearing-snow>

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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 Ref. No: 23/03500/FUL | Validated: Fri 15 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Change of use of an office to a flat including the installation of external stairs and the timber window to be replaced with painted white timber door on the south west elevation.
 1 Cambridge Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NN
 Ref. No: 23/03489/PRIOR | Validated: Mon 18 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Change of use from Class E (a) to Class C3 Residential for short term holiday accommodation
 61 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS
 Ref. No: 23/03501/LBC | Validated: Fri 15 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

Submission of details required by partial discharge of conditions 3 (external materials) and 4 (details of windows and doors) of Listed Building Consent 22/01679/LBC
 The Old Maltings Green Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JZ
 Ref. No: 22/01679/CONDB | Validated: Mon 04 Sep 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

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Grant Funding Applications 2024/2025



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The Parish Council can offer funding support to a wide variety of clubs and activities which include, but are not exclusive to:

- Sports clubs and organisations, for equipment and uniforms
- Public counselling, age related support groups or medical services offering support to the Linton Parish
- Public events
- Public arts projects
- Local Volunteer Groups and non-profit organisations that aim to protect or enhance the village and surrounding area
- Local Community Buildings
- Local Youth Support Groups
- Funding support to enhance areas within the village for specific projects

If a local group or organisation would like to see if you are able to obtain funding for the year 2024/2025, you may apply to the Parish Council via the website at <https://linton-pc.gov.uk/funding>

Please ensure the application form on the Parish Council website is completed and submitted along with a copy of the organisation's accounts information by the 31st October 2023. Decisions on grants will be made on the information provided, so please ensure you provide as much information as possible on how your project contributes towards the community.

Please also ensure you include the financial accounts to enable the Council to fully assess the application. Alternatively if you would like any further information, please contact the office via email to enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or via telephone on 01223 891001.

Don't miss this opportunity for funding support for the financial year 2024-2025!

Kate Dyer - RFO

Litter Pick Sunday 8th October

DON'T forget the Autumn Litter Pick is taking place on Sunday 8th October. Pick "HQ" will be the Linton Village Hall starting at 10.00am and finishing slightly earlier than planned at 1pm.

We will supply all equipment but feel free to bring your own if you can. Free refreshments will be available to everyone who takes part!

Clerk.

Market Square Update

LINTON Parish Council are pleased to advise that the Judge presiding over the First Tier Land Tribunal has directed the Chief Land Registrar to grant the application by Linton Parish Council to be recognised as the owner of the land known as Market Square in its entirety.

This has been a long and difficult journey, particularly the final day in front of a Judge, Cllr Brian Cox and Cllr John Bald are to be commended for holding up under, what was, quite gruelling questioning by the Respondent's Barrister.

It has also been a long journey for the Parish Council as a whole, as the extra burden it put on the Council's officers, pulling out and copying documents that evidenced the responsibilities and maintenance of the area over the decades, organising extra meetings, making sure everything is properly recorded, effectively gets in the way of other work. Plus, Councillors had to debate and decide to commit public funds (your money) to going down this route.

The Parish Council will now review and take further decisions regarding the use of the Market Square.

Thus, another chapter is written in the history of Linton Parish.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Speedwatch & Speeding



IN THE September edition of the Linton News, you may have read a Speedwatch article highlighting the great work of the volunteers of this community led scheme.

Phil, a parishioner read the article and has already signed up to help raise awareness and ideally help put a stop to speeding in the village.

We met Phil on his first session in September and we were very impressed with his knowledge of car makes and models, but you don't need to be an expert. We work as a team to get the information we need to report violations.

There are always three people present at each session, which vary on days and times. Even if you can only commit to one session a week or even one session a month, it all helps!

We have space for more volunteers, please email c.cieluch@lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk.

Linton Parish Council is considering purchasing 20mph and 30mph speed stickers for wheelie bins that are visible on the main routes through the village.

If you are interested in participating in this project please contact the office on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk or by phoning 01223 891001.

Linton Speedwatch Team.

Planning & Meeting Update August/September 2023

HORSEHEATH Road:

Worryingly, there has been no further information received by the Parish Council regarding the Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice issued a year after the SDCD Planning Committee voted to "Accept but not Discharge" the surface water condition at the Horseheath Road development.

Linton Parish Council strongly objected to the surface water scheme and despite having extensive local knowledge of the area, it was still accepted. Due to the pending situation of the remedial works, the Parish Council are currently unable to be adopt the allotments.

Cambridge Road:

The Planning Committee have raised concerns regarding the progression of construction without the required soil testing for condition 4, and issues relating to potential impact on the water table.

Included in the letter was the importance of ensuring these conditions are approved before any further construction, considering the recent Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice issued to the Croudsale site for failure to comply with the surface water drainage condition.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The Neighbourhood Plan working group met on Monday 4th September to discuss comments received from all parties in relation to the Linton, Little Linton & Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan. A further meeting was held with representatives from SDCD on Monday 11th September to discuss next steps. A Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment screening report are both required, and will be carried out in due course.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a work in progress and it continues to adapt and change with the valuable input from parishioners. Thank you to all those that are helping with the process.

Tree Works:

As we approach Autumn it is now time to consider carrying out work on trees. We would like to remind parishioners who live in the Conservation area that all tree works require permission. Permission is also required for trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). If in doubt please check with the office who will be able to advise you.

For those of you with trees outside the Conservation Area we would appreciate notification of any works, the tree warden at the Parish Council is available to give guidance to maintain the health of hedgerows and trees. We are supportive of increasing the green canopy of Linton which currently stands at just 16% and encourage planting and retention of trees in the village.

Bartlow Road Roundabout & A1307 Road Closure:

The good news is that Bartlow Road roundabout is progressing well, as you may have seen from the aerial shots in last month's Linton News. The slightly more uncomfortable news is that by the time you read this there will have been the first of two weekend road closures. These are scheduled for weekend of 30th September/1st October and 7/8th October. At the recent Traffic Working Group meeting, valid points were raised regarding the diversion route for HGV's.

Whilst the Parish Council is unable to dictate that HGV's can not use the local routes, especially on roads which have no restrictions, LPC have given comments and feedback to GCP and Milestone. Those delivering the project have promised to do everything in their power to reduce the impact of the necessary closures and we hope that common sense will also prevail.

LPC Planning Committee

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 17th August 2023 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman expressed shock and concern regarding the recent occurrences on the High Street, the explosion of a lorry next to Market Lane and a mains water failure at Swan Cottages. Thankfully, no one was injured in either incident. It was raised that the clean-up operation must be monitored as this is the responsibility of the Environmental Health team and the Cambridgeshire County Council, Highways division.

Matters Arising/Clerks Report.

Consideration for the proposed trial by SCDC to install two recycling bins, as replacements to existing bins, in the village.
Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the replacement bins offered by SCDC be accepted and placed on the Recreation Ground near the pathway to Linton Village College. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. All Agreed.

Update on the outstanding Highways issues reported via the Clerk to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC).

The Clerk updated the Full Council regarding the frustration being experienced by the office and parishioners regarding outstanding Highways issues. A formal complaint had been raised previously to the Head of Highways Maintenance which had resulted in some works being completed. However, the remaining issues are to be raised again and copied into all parties to request action.

District and County Councillors Report for August 2023.

In addition to the written report, Cllr Henry Batchelor advised that the waste collection day in the village will be changing from 19th September 2023 due to the implementation of the four-day working week to the refuse teams. Correspondence will be sent to all households from SCDC.

Cllr Guy Ennew raised the poor state of the pavements and mentioned the serious fall of a parishioner on the High Street. Further locations were highlighted, in particular the paths at Chalklands which have been previously reported by Cllr Karen Sanderson. County Cllr. Henry Batchelor requested that the Clerk send a summary list of all paths in need of repair/reconstruction, and request a pathway audit be carried out by CCC to determine the order of urgency.

District Councillor John Batchelor advised that SCDC had raised concerns regarding the plans for development in Cambridgeshire as cited by the Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP and stated that no detail was currently available from senior civil servants on the matter. Cllr Batchelor stated that the notion to expand the existing housing by five times the current size is considered unviable and would be monitored closely.

Planning

Horseheath Road.

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

Notification from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP) of the issue of Breach of Condition Enforcement Notice. For Information. Noted.

Neighbourhood Plan

Update on Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi gave an update that meetings are now scheduled for Monday 4th September and Monday 11th September to enable further discussion and potential improvements to be made to the plan. The meeting on the 11th September will be in conjunction with SCDC.

Allotments

Update on the progress of the allocation of allotments from the waiting list. Verbal update from the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that all available allotments had now been allocated to those on the waiting list.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee on progression in relation to adoption of the allotments, in light of the recent Breach of Condition notice served on Croudace Homes.

No further progress can be taken on the allotments as adoption

is not possible until the breach of condition is resolved. It was requested that the office advise those allocated an allotment.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FRCC)

Finance

Contracts & Quotes

Consideration for the quote received in relation to the repairs of the two lamp posts on the path leading to the Beacon Youth Trust (BYT) hub at the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) be delegated to arrange that the work be completed up to a budget of £1,000.00, following further consultation with a lighting consultant to confirm the specification is correct. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the specification for the Leadwell Meadows annual cut and permission to action within a set budget delegated to the RFO.

Cllr Simon Hill proposed the specification for the annual cut be accepted and offered as a one-year contract, with the exclusion of the cosp of trees, known as Enid's Grove, which would be addressed as a separate contract to protect the trees. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the specification of the Village Ranger & the two Cemetery Ranger contracts. Supporting documents in councillor packs.

Cllr Simon Hill proposed that the Village Ranger contract and Cemetery Ranger contracts be accepted in relation to specification. Cllr Guy Ennew seconded. All Agreed.

Grants & Funding

Consideration for the grant request from Linton Heights Junior School following new information received.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed that the grant request from Linton Heights be declined, despite new information being received, due to the restrictions relating to funding criteria. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the grant request received from Let's Run Girls. Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed to decline the grant request from Let's Run Girls. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Update on the grant application to the Hundred Parishes Society in relation to the Cemetery project.

The RFO gave an update on the Cemetery project in relation to the grant, explaining that invoices would be presented to the Hundred Parishes to be reimbursed for completed works.

Update on the grant application to the Hundred Parishes Society in relation to the Heritage Trail and Linton Handbook project, following the working group meeting held on 1st August 2023.

Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that the grant application be submitted to include the reprinting of 250 Heritage Trail booklets, building of the new Linton Village website and maintenance of Heritage Trail Information Boards to a maximum match funded budget of £3,000.00. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed. Update on the Community Ownership Grant and the Cambridgeshire Priorities Grant Fund meeting held on 7th August 2023.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that the Expressions of Interest, as circulated at the meeting, be submitted in line with the proposed projects recommended by the Grants & Funding working group, and that an additional meeting be scheduled to ensure the deadline of 24th September 2023 for the Cambridgeshire Priorities Fund application be met. Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds seconded. All Agreed.

Traffic & Highways

Highways

Update on the meeting with CCC Highways regarding the High Street drainage, held on Friday 21st July 2023.

Cllr Guy Ennew advised that the High Street drainage works had been postponed to 2024 to avoid traffic congestion caused by the ongoing work on the A1307. Concerns were raised again regarding safety issues in relation to the raised kerb. Noted.

Consideration for the request for feedback on the recent closure of the A1307 during essential works at Hildersham.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk respond to Greater Cambridge Partnership and Milestone with comments previously raised by councillors and parishioners in relation to the closure of the A1307.

Consideration for the request from a parishioner for traffic controls and calming measures on Horseheath Road.

The Clerk was requested to respond advising that a Privately Funded Highways Improvement (PFHI) could be applied for and that any contribution request would require consideration by the Parish Council. In addition to this the Local Highways Improvement (LHI) bid for 2024/25 will be submitted in early 2024, when multiple areas of the village will be assessed for improvements, but to note an LHI application may or may not be successful.

Events

Linton in Bloom

Cllr Carl Cieluch updated the Full Council that locations had been approached regarding adoption of floral displays and the feedback had been extremely positive.

Consideration for quotes received from Local Handyman Services (LHS) to complete work in relation to the Linton in Bloom project in four locations in the village. Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that the four individual quotes from LHS for work in relation to the Linton in Bloom project be accepted. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Recreation Ground

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC regarding the bench on the Recreation Ground in memory of Barry Brewer. Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that a Cheriton Bench be purchased and installed by the Parish Council following the vandalism and destruction of the memorial bench. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC regarding the risk assessment from Reids Playground Maintenance.

Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed that the RFO be given authority to authorise the required repairs at a maximum cost of £1,200.00 and be awarded a maximum budget of £6,500.00 to address issues with the wet pour as quotes were outstanding at the time of the meeting and the work was urgently required. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. All Agreed.

St. Mary's Churchyard

Update on the damage to the Churchyard flint wall, quotes received for the repairs and a formal response on potential future damage.

Cllr Brian Cox proposed that the quote received from Landmark Restoration be accepted and that a formal letter regarding the protection of the wall be issued to the Linton Infants to avoid further deliberate damage. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. 5 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.

Youth

Update on the BYT Quarterly Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023. Written reports available in councillor packs. Cllr Carl Cieluch updated the Full Council that performance was good and targets had been achieved by the Beacon Youth Trust.

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

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