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WALK Talk Walk exists to make both walking and mental health support less intimidating and more accessible. A friendly, free and supportive group, Walk Talk Walk is a safe and open space to talk about how you are doing: the good times, the not so good times and everything in between. Whilst we chat, we walk for anything up to 5km. We don't care about speed or pace and nobody is left behind; whether you are a seasoned walker or coming along for your first bit of exercise in a while, all are welcomed and encouraged. We meet outside the Crown Public House Linton at 10.20am every Friday and start walking at 10.30am. Before every walk there is a window of time to meet the other walkers and say hello to the walk leader. You are welcome to join us for a tea/coffee afterwards too. If you are thinking about coming along but have any questions please contact: phil@philmullenssportscoaching.com

Phil Mullen

A fantastic day

A REALLY fun day was had by all who attended this year's Bartlow 3 Counties charity walk. A new record of 1181 people donated, walked, found clues, exercised dogs, listened to Linton Jazz band, ate, drank and bounced! Faces were painted, books read, nature investigated and the river dipped. Trailer rides were enjoyed, raffle prizes won, holes drilled, and lots of money raised! Good fun was had by all. Thank you so much to everybody who supported us, it really was a wonderful day, all in aid of three wonderful local Charities: Bartlow St Mary's Church Porch Restoration Appeal, Tom's Trust and Addenbrooke's Cancer Research Hospital. We will publish the final numbers from the fundraising here in the Linton News as soon as we have a total. A wonderful memory wall was put together both up at Langley field and in Bartlow church, to remember those who have suffered from illness, or whom we have sadly lost. The display is now up in Bartlow St Mary's church hanging all around the font and looks lovely, so do visit. Please put the date in your diary for the 2025 walk, Sunday May 4th 2025. We hope to see you next year!

Bartlow Walk Team



Trailer rides proved very popular!

Fifty years of Open Studios



CAMBRIDGE Open Studios, a thriving community of nearly 500 artists, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with its biggest and best ever July Open Studios Art Festival.

The organisation, which is one of the oldest artist-run open studio initiatives in the country, is hosting the famous festival every weekend in July (06–07, 13–14, 20–21, 27–28 July 2024).

Throughout the month, art collectors and members of the public alike will have the opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes access to hundreds of working studios, browse unique art works, witness and participate in live demonstrations, tutorials and workshops, and buy exclusive pieces of art directly from more than 350 artists across Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages.

Emma Kiernan, an artist in Linton who specialises in unique, handcrafted clay functional stoneware, will be exhibiting at her address: 15 Parsonage Way, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4YL, on 13–14 and 20–21 July. She can't wait to meet new and returning visitors to talk about her work. Similarly, William Bickerstaff, who is also based in Linton, will be exhibiting at The Old Guildhall, 4 Church Lane, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4JX on 20–21 and 27–28 July, and talking visitors through how he explores landscape as a metaphor for personal experience. To find out more, visit: <https://camopenstudios.org/>

Tom Evans



The entrance

Etc Now Open

A number of you have already discovered this Aladdin's cave hidden behind 'Gallery Above'. It is full of yesterday's treasures and is a joy to explore. Browsing brings back so many happy memories of holidays and family members who had 'one just like that'.

Linton News Team



Inside the garden room

The community quilt is diversifying



Left: Just a few of the sixty completed squares for the Linton Community Quilt project. If you would like to contribute to the project please speak to the team

AN email dropped into our inbox from Andy, whose late mum had been an avid quilter, asking if we could make use of some of the quilts she made, usually to raise money for the Essex Air Ambulance charity. His idea is to use the quilts to enhance any displays we are planning. Following Andy's idea, we are planning a weekend event to showcase all of the amazing crafting the residents of Linton currently take part in, mainly behind closed doors! We are negotiating a space and time to display all of your creations, be they sewing, embroidery, painting, sculpturing, wood turning, clothes making, needle felting, knitting, crocheting, furniture making, flower arranging, dress making and many other crafts, as well as quilting of course! The details aren't finalised yet but if you have something you would like to show off to our amazing Linton community then contact me, and we will make it possible for you to share your talents. The Community Quilt is growing. We now have over sixty completed squares from Granta School, Guides, Rainbows, Cambridge Art Makers plus many individuals, and recently displayed some of the squares at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. We welcome everyone's contributions so if you would like to make a square using any medium including paint, embroidery, quilting, knitting and many more, please email or call me. All resources are provided including monthly meetings to support and inspire you on your journey.

Carol Balfe
lintoncommunityquilt@gmail.com,
07721 761 550

A 'Quiztastic' time had by all

THE annual Linton *Not the Eurovision Song Contest Quiz* took place in the Free Church Hall on the evening of Saturday 11th May. Well over 100 people in 14 teams crammed into the hall to try to answer questions that ranged across many themes (including working out whether Taylor Swift or Shakespeare had written certain lines!). Games were played, fish and chips were consumed, and much merriment was had by all. It was of course the 50th anniversary of *Waterloo* by ABBA winning the Eurovision Song Contest (back in 1974). So, of course, everyone (willingly!) sang along to some Abba at the end to finish off the evening (in every sense of that phrase). The less said about certain wigs that appeared during the singing the better! As well as having a lot of fun together, the purpose of the evening was to raise funds for the Beacon Youth Trust, the charity that oversees the provision of youth work in the village. One of the youth workers, Becky Campbell, gave an update for everyone and over £700 was raised to support the youth work. As people left, humming along to some classic Abba tunes, we could reflect on an enjoyable and successful evening for all.

Steve Munday, Quiz Master and
Chair of the Beacon Youth Trust trustees

Readers Write

Dear Editor,

A number of Amazon parcels have been delivered to the Library in The Cathodeon Centre, using Wheatsheaf at the start of an otherwise correct address for The Cathodeon Centre. However, they have not been ordered by anyone at the Cathodeon Centre. One is addressed to Li Peng but the others have no name shown. Someone has ordered and paid for them and we would like to give them to whoever should have them. If you can help with this matter, please call into the Library or contact me - Sue Mudge 01223 892737 mudges.linton@btinternet.com

The Big Band Bash is Coming

THE Linton Jazz Orchestra is delighted to announce that it is taking part in the Big Band Bash; England's first Big Band festival for decades, at the Maltings in Ely. The Big Band Bash is from Friday 14th June until Sunday 16th June. The press release says:

'The Big Band Bash presents the Linton Jazz Orchestra on Sunday 16th June at 2.30pm at the Maltings, Ship Lane, Ely, CB7 4BB. Founded and directed by Karen Sanderson, the Linton Jazz Orchestra is a community based big band that specialises in helping charities to raise money for their various causes. The band plays an exciting mix of big band standards and more modern arrangements. It is a huge band with over 30 members and it produces an unforgettable powerful sound.'

Linton Jazz are one of six Big Bands involved in a whole weekend of Big Band Music. The other bands are The Umbrella Big Band, Upbeat Big Band, Blue Skies Big Band, Harmony in Harlem, 4 Villages Orchestra and Linton Jazz. For more information about Linton Jazz please contact lintonjazz64@gmail.com. For more information about the Big Band Bash contact Nigel Bennett at nigel@jazzyfaction.com

Karen Sanderson



Linton Jazz Members having a Bash

Flutes and Tea for Charity

ON Saturday 8th June an informal concert is taking place in aid of Cancer Research. Anyone interested in supporting this event is invited to 'Flutes and Tea for Charity' at St Mary's Church, Linton, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. The concert will include performances from local flute players and students, a Cambridge-based adult flute choir, and our local Linton Belles choir. Refreshments will be available, and all donations collected will go to Cancer Research's 'Race for Life' event. Further details: <https://www.musicmatterslinton.co.uk/flutes-and-tea/>

Emma Mason

Dr Timothy Hunt

IT is with sadness that I share with you the death of Dr Timothy John Hunt, co-founder of the Arthur Rank Hospice, unexpectedly at his home on 1st March 2024 aged 87. His funeral took place at Hildersham Church.



John's College in 1973.

Born in Calcutta, Tim was educated in Edinburgh and London. In the late 1950s, he studied Zoology and Physiology at the Humboldt University in East Berlin. Here he met his first wife Johanna whom he helped escape to the West. He joined the Medical Research Council, where he worked on projects for the army, the government and NATO. Early in their marriage, Johanna developed breast cancer and, observing the poor care that she received, Tim decided to change to medicine, a brave career move. The couple moved to Hildersham in 1968 and Tim matriculated at St

As well as the Arthur Rank Hospice, Tim also supported the establishment and the running of six other hospices in East Anglia and he was a pioneer in the way in which hospices were run. His expertise in symptom control, particularly pain, led him to be invited to look after members of the Royal Household for which he was admitted to the Victorian Order (CVO). Tim's career took him in many different directions: medical legal work; the development of various medicines, and work on sickle cell disease. For over thirty years, he ran residential courses for health care professionals, the model for which was taken to Europe where Tim was frequently invited as a speaker.

Tim met me when I was working as a nurse at Old Addenbrooke's Hospital, giving more attention to me than the patient he had come to visit. This was observed by the lady in the next bed, who afterwards took my hand and wished that things should work out well for us. They did, and we married in 2009.

But Tim is mainly remembered for his ability to give help to people and with his great sensitivity and kindness he touched the lives of many.

Athene Hunt

Tapestry Singers Concert at St Mary's Church

THE Tapestry Singers return to St Mary's Church on Saturday June 29th at 7.30pm to present a concert of music for a summer evening. This mixed voice choir sings a range of secular and sacred music, from modern composers right back to Tudor and Renaissance period works. They gave a great concert in March 2022 and entertained us with a wide variety of different styles of music, all sung with obvious enthusiasm and talent. Do come and enjoy the music in our ancient building with the benefit of lovely acoustics. There will be a licensed bar.

Tickets are £12.50. Contact Sue 892257 or events@stmaryslinton.org.uk

Sue Mudge

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Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

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

JUNE		
Sat 1	Farmers Market, 8.30 - 11.30am	Village Hall
Tue 4	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	Church Pavilion
Tue 4	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 4	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Tue 4	WL, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Thu 6	Stay and Play, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 6	Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Fri 7	Walk Talk Walk, 10.20am	The Crown
Sat 8	Flutes & Tea; Linton Belles Concert 1.30 - 3.30pm	St Mary's Church
Mon 10	The Bible in One Hour, 7.30 - 9.30pm	Linton Free Church
Mon 10	Whist Drive, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 11	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 11	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Tue 11	Camsight meeting, 2pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre
Thu 13	ACE Outing, 9.30am	Various pick up points
Thu 13	Stay and Play, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 13	Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Fri 14	Walk Talk Walk, 10.20am	The Crown
Fri 14	Summer Fair, 4.30 - 6.30pm	Infant School
Sat 15	Coffee Morning 10am-12pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 15	Hadstock Fete, 2 - 5pm	Hadstock Green
Sun 16	Linton Jazz Concert, 2.30pm	The Maltings, Ely
Tue 18	Scrabble Club, 10am - 12pm	Church Pavilion
Tue 18	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 18	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Thu 20	Stay and Play, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 20	Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 20	Full Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Fri 21	Walk Talk Walk, 10.20am	The Crown
Fri 21	Daylight Readers, 10.30am & 2.30pm	Library
Sat 22	Chestnut Playgroup Jumble Sale, 12 - 2pm	Fire Station
Tue 25	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 25	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Thu 27	Stay and Play, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 27	Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Thu 27	Friends of St Marys Afternoon Tea	11, Mill Lane
Fri 28	Walk Talk Walk, 10.20am	The Crown
Sat 29	Meet Steve Anthony, 10.30am	Library
Sat 29	Musical Instrument Taster Session, 11 - 12.15pm	Duxford Primary School
Sat 29	Art Festival, 5 - 8.30pm	Great Bradley Church
Sat 29	Tapestry Singers Concert, 7.30pm	St Mary's Church
JULY		
Tue 2	WL, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 6	La La Land (12)	Balsham Picture House

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News from Linton Village College

AT LVC we are proud of the depth and breadth of our Enrichment programme. Enrichment encompasses all the clubs, trips and opportunities for our students outside lessons and is firmly at the centre of the LVC experience for all our learners.

A highlight of this month is our Enrichment week. Students in Years 7 and 8 go on a variety of exciting excursions and trips, whilst Year 9 will go further afield on residential adventures to the Peak District and Greece amongst other places and will have the opportunity to develop transferable skills such as leadership, resilience, and teamwork.



Students enjoying the view



Students enjoying the sun

As part of our Enrichment programme, students are also able to gain a variety of National Qualifications. Year 8 can take part in the Silver Arts Award validated by Trinity College in London and Year 9 can take part in the Gold equivalent. We are very lucky to be able to offer this as the Gold Award is usually a Sixth Form undertaking and carries a certain number of UCAS points.



Don't look down

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has had a long history at LVC. We offer the Bronze Award which comprises four sections: helping the community, becoming fitter, developing new skills; planning, training for and completing an expedition. Our Year 10s are currently training for their expedition to the Peak District, which will take place in mid-June.

Our Enrichment programme also consists of a range of opportunities that involve outside organisations and visitors coming in to work with our students. Some of the visits we have had this year include our local MP, a PhD scientist from the LMB Laboratory and dancers from the internationally acclaimed 'Hofesh Shechter Dance Company'. We are very excited to be welcoming children's author and poet Michael Rosen to the school in June to participate in our Creativity Week.

Laura Heard

Children & Family Services

SOUTH Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres are a service that supports families with children aged 0-19 years old. We have many centres around South Cambs and we also have outreach venues, including the Cathodeon Centre in Linton.

We hold groups on a Thursday. Stay and Play for 0-4 years old to attend with an adult, from 10-11.30am. We also have a lovely baby group in the afternoon from 1-2.30pm, suitable for babies who are non mobile. There is a small charge of £2, unless families receive additional income.

To book your places, 01954 284672, ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, or message us on Facebook - South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres.

Linton Heights

Y4 Visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village

AT Linton Heights we are always keen to give our pupils many curricular-enriching experiences. In their history studies, throughout the school, this is no exception. Mrs Chapman, Assistant Headteacher and Y3 lead writes: In April, the Y3 teaching team took our eager pupils on a trip to the Anglo Saxon Village of West Stow for their end of unit celebrations. Having recently won Suffolk's Museum of the Year for Learning and Access, West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village proved itself to be a perfect destination for our pupils who are studying the Anglo- Saxons as part of the national curriculum.



Pupils explore the site



As expected, the children had a lovely time and the weather was fair meaning the children could enjoy a talk from the museum curator in the Great Hall.

In the museum, the children became detectives trying to identify unknown artefacts thinking about what they were made of and how they might have been used by the Anglo Saxons.

In addition to this, the children loved exploring the experimental reconstructions of Anglo-Saxon buildings.

The visit was a lot of fun and has set the children up for their next history unit all about the Vikings!



Fierce Warriors

News from Granta School

OUR student taster days at Huntington and Cambridge Regional colleges were a great success. Although it can be sad when our students come to the end of their time with us, we are always amazed at how much they have achieved and proud of the independent young people they have become.

The summer term is now in full swing. We have recruited a new Deputy Head who we look forward to welcoming in over the coming weeks before he starts with us fully in September.

We have our annual sports days where parents and carers come into school to support their young person, and our move up days when we welcome new students and support our current ones to settle into their new classes.

The Linton Quilt project is now veering towards completion and all the fabric pieces our students and the community of Linton have been decorating are ready to be turned into quilts. We are very proud to be a part of this amazing project and look forward to seeing the finished quilts around the Linton community and within our school!

Dates for your Diary:
Summer Fayre: Saturday 6th July 12-3pm
Term ends: Monday 22nd July
Winter Fayre: Saturday 30th November 12-3pm

Emma Jennings
Office Manager

News from Linton Infants

IT is May and should be nearly summer, but as I write this, the rain is pouring down and the children are stuck inside. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us over May half term and that everyone has the chance to recharge before the last half term of the year.

As has become tradition, we supported Purple Day to raise funds for Cancer Research. The children wore purple and we had a raffle and a cake sale after school. Thanks to the support from our families, we raised just over £580 for this worthwhile charity.

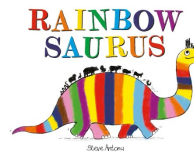
On 15th May we welcomed parents into school who have children joining us in September. It was nice to meet new parents and to see some familiar faces. We are looking forward to welcoming the children into school in September.

One of our more popular fundraising events with the children is *Break the Rules Day!* The children get the chance to break five rules. They can break any number of them in return for a donation to the School Council Funds! One of the most popular is eating pudding before the main meal at lunch time.

Our PTFA are currently organising our popular Summer Fair, which is on Friday 14th June, 4.30pm-6.30pm. We really do rely on the support of our wider community at these events, be that through donating raffle prizes or simply by turning up and enjoying the evening! We look forward to seeing you there, everyone is welcome!

Linton Library a busy time in June

ON the 29th June – Children's author and illustrator, **Steve Antony**, will be here to delight and captivate. Steve is well known for prize winning picture books such as *Mr Panda* and *The Queen's Hat*, and recently *Rainbowsaurus*, a colourfully inclusive animal adventure. Come and meet Steve at 10:30am for a story and singalong. Places are limited, please book a free ticket at the library.



June is **National Crime Readers Month** and we have a huge selection of crime fiction, and we are ready to help you solve the mystery of what to read next.

It's also **Pride Month**, celebrating LGBTQ+ diversity, and **HiVis Fortnight**. Find out about how library services support people with a vision impairment. 8th -16th June is **Great Big Green Week**, a national celebration of simple planet-friendly actions. We will have a display of small changes you can make and a selection of free books to keep that were once library books.

Storytime. Rhyme-time. Duplo-time, our friendly group for 0-4-year olds, 10am – 11am, every Tuesday (in term time) for stories, songs and Duplo play.

Knit and Natter, every Tuesday, 2pm-3pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on – table space is available.

Daylight Readers. Our book groups meet on Friday 21st, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm and always welcome new members.

Ann King and Melanie Symonds.
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Great Dunmow Maltings

Evidence is still to be found in the form of place names indicating the location of former maltings, such as *Malting(s) Lane* in Much Hadham and Chrishall; and in the names of buildings that were once maltings or associated with one nearby. Thus there are various *Malting(s) Cottage(s)*, as in Linton, Bartlow, Much Hadham, Aspenden and Ugley; and *Old Maltings* as at

Manuden, Arkesden and Great Chesterford. In Little Hallingbury there is *Malting Farm* and *The Old Brick Malting*. As well as conversion to private houses, surviving maltings have been renovated and converted to a variety of uses.



Manuden Old Maltings

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Newport Station Maltings



Stanstead Abbots -former maltings now a business centre

LINTON AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE Homes of William Morris: Fiona Rose presented a well researched and entertaining programme following the life and times of William Morris. His father became a director and held shares in the West Country copper mining industry, from which he gained considerable wealth, thus enabling his family to enjoy a privileged upbringing.

Fiona enlightened us with images of William's various artistic talents, including his most famous *The Red House* which he called *The beautiful place on earth (more a poem than a house)* built in the countryside and which was home to William and his wife Jane. The wall paintings and decorative schemes of the Arts and Crafts Movement have been sympathetically preserved in the stunning house and gardens by the National Trust, and it retains its character although now part of Greater London.

Thank you to those who continue to support the society; we hope you have enjoyed our programmes and it is hoped we can resume next September.

Recommendations for interesting speakers and subjects are welcomed.

For further details of the LDHS: ldhscams@gmail.com, 893915 or 678835

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

At the May meeting of Camsight Linton VIPs, we were delighted to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs Gladys Cook, a long standing member and generous supporter of our group, with a cake and rousing chorus of Happy Birthday. Gladys is held in great affection by our members and volunteers.



Celebrating 100 years

Our speaker at the meeting was Sarah McCarthy of *Healthy You*, who gave us a talk on a variety of ways to help prevent falls. Sarah also gave a demonstration of armchair exercises to improve fitness, balance and general well-being, stressing the benefits of light but regular exercise, and we all thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th June at 2pm at the Chalklands Centre. If you would like any further information please contact us at the Cambridge office on 01223 420033, or on the number below 01223 893595

Jean Mannion



Hadstock Village Fete, 2pm, 15th June see page 5

Friends of St Mary's Summer Teas

The Friends of St Mary's invite you to join them for afternoon tea, which will be served from 3.00 pm until 5.00 pm on:-

- Thursday, 27th June at Keith and Judy Nightingale's, 11 Mill Lane
- Thursday, 11th July at Brian and Margaret Cox's, Richmonds, 65 High Street
- Thursday, 8th August at Richard and Judith Tonny's, 10 Market Lane

A variety of cakes, scones and sandwiches will be accompanied by freshly brewed tea or a soft drink. Hopefully the weather will be good and it will be a chance to see some rarely seen gardens in the company of old friends and maybe some new ones. There will be no charge but donations to The Friends will be welcomed at the events.

The Friends of St Mary's was founded in the 1980s to restore, preserve, repair, maintain and improve Linton's medieval Parish Church building. £172,000 has been spent in the past ten years on repairs and improvements to the roofing, stonework, windows, heating system, floor tiles and belfry as well as a sound system and improving access via the North Door. Most recently a further £62,000 was spent on a new lighting system. For more information on The Friends please visit our website: friendsofstmaryslinton.org.uk

Judith Tonny

Time for Tea

On Sunday 7th July at 3pm, St Mary's church will hold the next in its series of afternoon teas and talks. The subject of the talk will be London's Globe Theatre given by David Watts. Tea will include sandwiches, scones, cakes and tea or a cold drink as you prefer. Tickets are £10 and are available from Sue Ellis 01223 892257 or Charlotte Dodd events@stmarys.org.uk

Charlotte Dodd

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Saturday morning 29th June, 2024 from 11.00-12.15, Duxford Primary School, St John's Street, Duxford CB22 4RA. Further info: duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk or email director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk

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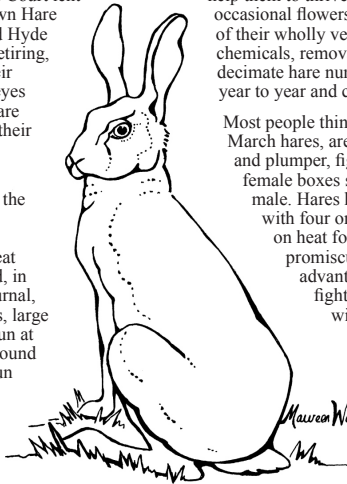
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Brown Hares

ON a dawn bike ride last month in Norfolk I counted over 100 hares and just one rabbit. The crops were very low, and they were easy to spot. I later watched a Suffolk Wildlife Trust webinar by a self-confessed fanatic Felixstowe hare photographer. A kindly resident of Nichols Court lent me a book by Jill Mason entitled *The Brown Hare* and I was hooked. Hares are the Jekyll and Hyde of the animal world, secretive, timid and retiring, but yet bold, pugnacious and reckless. Their behaviour defies all logic, and their large eyes portray no clue about their feelings. They are much valued by sculptors and artists with their long legs, large ears and extraordinary behaviour.

We've apparently lost 80% of our hares in the last century, but East Anglia remains a stronghold. Hares love dry, sandy, grassy conditions, with plenty of arable crops to eat and hide in. They live on top of the ground, in shallow scrapes, usually solitary and nocturnal, relying on camouflage, with long hind legs, large hearts, a light skeleton, and the ability to run at 50mph in exactly the same way as a greyhound runs. However unlike a greyhound, they run in zigzags at great speed, turning very sharply, and thereby confusing the chaser. They are threatened by foxes, badgers, dogs and man. Though stubble burning is all but over, farming practices such as



getting three haylage crops from one field mean the crouching young have no escape from huge machinery circling in on them. On the other hand, the lack of gamekeepers, plentiful corn, barley, wheat, and fallow fields help them to thrive. Clover, swede, cabbages, herbs and occasional flowers and your vegetables make up the rest of their wholly vegetarian diet. Intensive farming, toxic chemicals, removal of hedges and cold wet springs can decimate hare numbers, and there are large fluctuations year to year and county to county.

Most people think that boxing hares, also known as mad March hares, are males, but usually it is a female, larger and plumper, fighting off unwanted attention. The female boxes so she can test out the strength of each male. Hares have a lifespan of three to four years, with four or five broods a year, and females come on heat for only a very few hours. The promiscuous bucks are desperate to take advantage. When a buck is chosen he then fights off other bucks in violent displays with ear-piercing shrieks of pain. He mates, and that is the beginning and end of his role in rearing young. The doe gives birth in a shallow scrape, separates each leveret to avoid predation, and comes back only rarely to suckle her young.

Hadstock Village Fête 2024 Saturday 15th June, 2-5pm

HADSTOCK'S Fête, as those of you who have been before know, is a special event, centred around the village's beautiful green and extending into the church and churchyard, village hall and neighbouring gardens. It attracts hundreds of visitors from all over the local area, and raises funds for the village hall and St. Botolph's Church maintenance fund.

Attractions on the Green will include a plant stall, cakes and produce, tombolas, bric-a-brac, face painting, and more. All this will be accompanied by entertainment from the Hadstock Silver Band and the children of Ashdon School. You can relax in the gardens with a Pimms or enjoy a pint in the nearby beer tent. There will be a bouncy castle and field games for all the family to enjoy. The Fête will again feature a light-hearted Dog Show.

New this year is the opportunity to help create a Hadstock mosaic with local artist, Jim Anderson. When finished, this will be displayed in the village hall.

Enjoy a cream tea and a wide selection of cakes, available all afternoon in the relaxing surroundings of the village hall and garden. Alternatively, you might like a burger from the BBQ.

There will be a local history display inside the church, and an exhibition of local artists.

The annual auction will be at 3pm. A list of the auction lots and other events can be found on our Facebook page: facebook.com/hadstockvillagefete

Free parking will be available.

Painting: Sonia Villiers, Article: Lou Symes-Thompson



Linton FROG Bioblitz July 19th, 20th and 21st

WE are holding our first *Bioblitz*, a wildlife survey in a given area over a defined timeframe, at Leadwell Meadows (aka Pocket Park) over three days in July, and everyone is welcome to join in!

It's a well-known wildlife haven but we don't know for certain how many species call it home. Thanks to funding from The Co-op Community Fund and Linton Parish Council we have purchased equipment to enable us to observe and count as many species as possible over two nights and two days.

Details are still to be finalised, but we hope to include moth and small mammal trapping, a bat walk, kick-sampling of the river, bird-watching, a mini-beast hunt and plant identification. There will also be an opportunity to take part in a wildlife sketching activity with local artist and FROG member Jennifer Copley May.



Clouded border moth

If you would like to be involved in organising or running the event/s, especially if you have any expertise in wildlife surveys and identification, please get in touch at lintonfrog@gmail.com or 07812 988917.

Keep checking our Twitter/X (#OIGranta) and Facebook (Facebook.com/LintonFROG) pages for updates.

Final news from the Gardening Club

THE theme of Linton Gardening Club's May meeting was *Planting Summer Containers* by chairman, Jim Forrest. Containers are great for the smaller garden or patios and have the advantage of being portable and easily replanted for a succession of colour, structure and interest throughout the seasons. They benefit from the use of water retentive composts, adequate drainage, either feeding with sustained release fertiliser or regular feeding when watering and deadheading spent flowers.

After a short slide show the demonstration commenced with planting a hanging basket with lobelia, French marigolds and petunias for a blue and contrasting yellow theme. Next, a small tub was planted with a pink New Guinea impatiens, a green fringed petunia (Kermit Rose), pink calibrachoa and white bacopa for contrast, resulting in a soothing pink effect. Finally, a large tub was planted with home propagated house plants and shrubs as an economic way of providing summer interest. Trailing tradescantia zebrina, variegated fuschias, plectranthus ciliatus *Nico*, coleus, polkadot plants and bedding pelargoniums gave a pleasing red-purple theme.

Sadly, for a number of reasons, the Committee has decided to close the Club completely. Therefore, this meeting was the last one. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the past and present committee and club members for their support over the years which enabled the club to keep going from 1915 until now.

Best wishes for the future and happy gardening.
Jim, Linton Gardening Club,



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District and County Councillors' Report – May 2024

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

The popular Zero Carbon Communities grant from South Cambs District Council is now open again - <https://southcambsweb.azurewebsites.net/climate-emergency-and-nature/zero-carbon-communities/zero-carbon-communities-grant> - community groups, as well as parish councils, can apply for funding for green and sustainable energy projects. The deadline for applications is June 2nd, so don't hang around.

Rural Prosperity Fund

There is a new fund from central government, facilitated by the District Council, that is aimed at supporting rural communities with the aim to help support local businesses and communities. Worth taking a look at if you are a looking for funding for a project or you're a local business looking to expand and progress - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/rural-england-prosperity-fund/> - applications opened on Monday April 8th and when the money is gone, it's gone!

Local Elections

Only the one local election this year, for the Police and Crime Commissioner of Cambridgeshire. At some point this year there will also be a general election, with much more media coverage!

Solar Farm Proposal

Kingsway Solar, the company proposing the new solar farm between the A11 and West Wrattling/Balsam, have now given an informal presentation to local residents. The plans were lacking in some of the detail that people would have wanted to see at this stage but, as the applicants said at the meeting, the plans may change before a formal planning application is submitted. Other than the information that was presented at the meeting in March, there is still nothing tangible to link you to, other than West Wrattling Parish Council own write up of the event - https://westwrattling.org.uk/parish_council_planning_applications/solar-farm/

Civil Parking Enforcement

The County Council now have traffic wardens patrolling South Cambridgeshire. They have a list of problem areas in each of our villages, supplied by Henry with support from your Parish Councils, but if anyone feels that there are specific areas where illegal parking really is an issue, do let him know directly.

Cambridge 2040/2050

In the Spring Statement we heard that the Government are pressing ahead with their plans to make Cambridge an economic development hub for the science and tech sector. The catch to attracting companies to move to our area is to build circa 150,000 houses around Cambridge to make this proposal more sustainable. The current idea is to set up a development corporation to manage this, which, currently, local authorities won't be a part of. The local authorities in the affected area, South Cambridgeshire, Cambridge City and the County Council are still fighting to stay 'at the table', if this does progress.

Stagecoach Timetable Changes

Stagecoach made some timetable changes to the 13/X13 service between Haverhill and Cambridge recently. The main changes affect the routes in Haverhill itself but one knock-on effect is that one of the early morning buses that used to stop in Linton no longer does, meaning people that want to catch the bus at that time need to walk to the Police Houses on the A1307.

If you are affected by the changes, please do write to Stagecoach directly - <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/help-and-contact/faqs/im-not-happy-how-do-i-make-a-complaint#> as well as this, do contact the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, who have ultimate responsibility for public transport in the county - <https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/>

Anaerobic Digestion Plant Proposals

The two planning applications for biogas plants in our area, Acorn in Haverhill and Streetly End Farm in West Wickham, are edging closer to a decision. If you'd still like to comment upon either, email the planning officers directly:

1. Acorn, Haverhill – andrew.rutter@suffolk.gov.uk
<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0045%2F23SE&fbclid=IwAR0aj4d4JM49Yr3cP-Etp9rxDR4kKDwvzX0wMyHkFOomG45fCa0khXRbyrE>
2. Streetly Hall Farm, Streetly End, West Wickham - helen.wass@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

District Council – John Batchelor – johnbatchelor23@gmail.com
District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

Planning Applications

Planning – Application Summary correct as of 18th May

S/0163/18/FL 20 Submission of details required by conditions 11 (verification report) and 12 (boundary treatment) of planning permission Cambridge Road Linton Cambridge Cambridgeshire CB21 4NN S/0163/18/CONDG

24/01667/HFUL Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension 16 Joiners Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4NP

24/01590/CL2PD Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the proposed installation of new ultraframe side walls, white UPVC frames with solid lightweight roof in carbon grey with 2 glass panels in planitherm. 16 Lonsdale Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4LT

24/01438/HFUL Two storey front extension and new pitched roof to front porch 19 Symonds Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HY

24/01439/CL2PD Certificate of Lawfulness under S192 for a proposed single-storey rear extension with lean-to roof to form cloakroom and lobby 16 The Grove Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4UQ

Chorale – a celebration of melody

The New Cambridge Singers gave a thoughtful programme of choral and organ music in the atmospheric surroundings of St Mary's Parish Church in Linton on Saturday 23rd March 2024. James Potter – the choir's director – gave interesting introductions to the various items, while the organist William Mason extemporised on lenten themes, the organ rose to the musical challenge.

We were treated to works based on Lutheran church chorales – the predecessors of our modern hymns and the Protestant successors to Gregorian chant. Some of these tunes are familiar to us today. The item that stood out for me was Mendelssohn's *When Jesus our Lord* in which three members of the choir provided a convincing trio section with the walking bass from the organ. The final chorale on *How brightly beams the morning star* was scintillating.

The *Hymn to the Creator of Light* by John Rutter shows a side to this composer not so familiar to audiences. This is an enjoyable work of real maturity and reflection dissolving into the communion chorale *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*.

The audience were warmly appreciative. Members of the choir had come from Cambridge and surroundings (including one bass from the church choir in Linton). The retiring collection was for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). We look forward to welcoming the New Cambridge Singers to Linton again sometime soon.

David Parry-Smith
Director of Music, St Mary's, Linton



Bone health and osteoporosis

WE had a lively evening with Rosie Trull, our speaker, a former physiotherapist at Newmarket hospital, now teaching pilates.

We have 206 bones in our bodies formed mainly of calcium, and they produce blood cells, protect vital organs, and provide a framework for attachment of muscles. They are replaced after 10 years. Rosie explained how over age of 75, 50% of women will have osteoporosis (lower than average bone density) meaning porous bone. A diagram showed holes in the bones caused by osteoporosis.

Risk factors include: increasing age, being a woman, early menopause, inherited genes, unhealthy/sedentary lifestyle, medical conditions e.g. coeliac disease.

Additional risk factors are lactose intolerance, smoking, low BMI and excessive drinking.

We can improve our bone health by diet (the importance of calcium), maintaining vitamin D levels, and regular exercise. Members joined in enthusiastically with some chair exercises using stretchy resistance bands and weighted plastic balls.

Our next meeting is on 4th June at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall. The talk is entitled *Miniature World of Dolls Housing* by Alison Moore. Ladies, you are welcome to come as a visitor to start with, for a small donation – you can expect an interesting, convivial evening.

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Annual Meeting of the Parish Chairman's Annual Report

ABBREVIATED report from the Annual Meeting of the Parish meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2024 at the Village Hall.

The years they come and go so quickly. It only seems five minutes ago that I was giving my first report, and this shall be my last, as it is time for a change. I have decided to not seek to be nominated and a new Chairman will be elected at the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May.

The Chairmen of Planning & Finance will report on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan & Annual Audits, respectively. I believe Councillors and the Clerks keep Parishioners very up to date via Parish Matters, which include an abbreviated version of the Minutes of the Full Council Meetings and if you are so inclined to look, nearly everything is also available on the Parish Council website. It is important that as we spend your (and our) money, that we should be and are transparent, provided it is not an issue that should be kept confidential for reasons of protection of personal privacy or legal sensitivity.

On that last point, the issue of ownership of Market Square has finally been resolved. Councillors John Bald and particularly Brian Cox had a tough grilling at the hands of the Respondents Solicitor, but they enabled us to prevail. The only outstanding issue is awarding of costs incurred by the Parish Council in taking professional legal advice as there is still some disagreement over the total costs incurred from this, but that should be fully resolved by this time next year (I hope!)

It is sad that we lost one Councillor, John Bald, who retired after several years of service but gave many more in supporting his late wife Enid Bald with her work on the Parish Council. However, it is wonderful that we have welcomed two new Councillors – Anya Sparks and Tony Smith. Also, Lee Gardner has re-joined, and his knowledge as a consultant electrical engineer is absolutely invaluable given some of the issues that need to be addressed in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

And like other clubs and organisations around the Village, the Parish Council suffers from lack of volunteers; people willing to put in that extra effort to give back to their community. Both Picnic in the Park (this year's event cancelled) and Linton in Bloom (scaled back and may fold entirely) because too many people sit back and expect the Parish Council to do or pay for everything. Of course, I am talking to the converted here, as so many of you are volunteers and do run all sorts of wonderful and vital clubs or activities and I bet you wonder who would take over when you find it is time to stop. I think the Gardening Club may be facing exactly this dilemma.

As the village has expanded owing to the Horseheath & Bartlow Road developments, and because they are outside the village envelope, it seems to be we are losing the feel of this being a village, where lots of things go on because of volunteers and could be in danger of becoming a small town, where people don't really know their neighbours. That would be a terrible shame, as the reason so many people want to live here is because it is a wonderful village and still a proper community. However, we do need more housing – it is a pity that it is not of appropriate designs or properly affordable but, that is not a problem we can resolve.

So why can't the Parish Council and its staff do everything? Frankly, because we would have to triple the staff hours, the precept and Councillors involvement, and, re the latter point, since none of us are career Politicians, I don't think we would be happy to do this. We just want to do the best that we can for where we live – I believe this is actually the most real form of democracy that you can find as we have to live amongst the people on behalf of whom we make decisions.

I would just like to reflect on the last six years – in 2018 we commemorated the end of the First World War at St Mary's and at our War Memorial. Then we had the pandemic and lockdowns. We lost the most engaging His Royal Highness Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, beloved husband of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Then and most poignantly, we lost our most gracious majesty herself Queen Elizabeth II. Then the Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III. We are alive in history, regardless of potholes, parking problems and whatever the frustrations of daily life chuck at us. There are two major wars; on the edge of Europe and in the Middle East. Yet we do our shopping, get our children to school (and hope they are being taught the basics to be able to make a living and raise their own families), look after our aging parents, go down the pub, have a proper rant about life today etc.. As Chairman of the Parish Council, I was privileged to be in position to be called on to make statements that no-one would ever have wished to, but was so very honoured to be able to make.

I am most grateful to my fellow Councillors in Council meetings for making herding cats seem easy and the Parish Council Officers, the Clerks/Responsible Finance Officers Jenny Seaward & Kate Dyer, who make the legislation governing Parish Councils almost make sense; the Assistant Clerk Maria French, keeping amazing track of planning applications and the pathetic responses of Enforcement at the District Council; Administrative Assistant and Burials Officer Nadine Wilson, who often is called out to complete paperwork, very sadly from necessity over the Christmas/New Year period even when the Parish Council Office is officially closed and, not to be forgotten, and we are so glad to see him back, Chris Filby, smiling whatever the weather and trees throw at him.

Actually, if all us Councillors disappeared in puff of smoke the Officers would still see that the grass got cut, the dog bins emptied etc, but we do try to represent the views of those that live here. We do need people to tell what they want the Parish Council to do – turn the whole village into a 20mph zone or not?; put in an EV charging station or not?; support 300 houses to be built west of Little Linton or not?; buy a bit of the remaining Glebe Land or not? All of us Councillors interact with different demographics – at the school gates, walking the dog, drinking in the pubs, playing sports and being members of different societies or being part of a creative group such as those people making squares to go into the Linton Quilt project – it all fosters good relations and exposes Councillors to different points of view.

It has been a most memorable experience being Chairman and I admire everyone, my predecessors and by successors, who have the guts to stand and try and make a difference. I hope I have at least done a bit of that for the past 6 years.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Planning Committee

THE LAST year in Planning seems to have flown by with a little less drama than the previous couple of years in my role as Chairman!

Enforcement action was taken to rectify the surface water scheme on the Croudate development and changes were made towards the end of last year. However, we are yet to hear that the Lead Local Flood Authority are satisfied with all the alterations, and it is not clear whether the highways changes that were approved in July of 2023 have taken place.

The Abbey development has progressed and appears to be nearing completion. This time last year I wrote about the loss of the hedges at the front of the site being reported to enforcement. We have now been assured that the existing planting will need to be replaced as it does not match the approved plans. We are also still waiting for the village signs to be returned to their original positions!

The development of 20 Cambridge Road (or the old White Van Centre) is also nearing completion providing 14 affordable one- and two-bedroom apartments.

With the addition of these three sites alone, Linton will have grown by 111 homes since the 2021 census, with no increase in school places, nor the size of the Health Centre. The schools, especially the College, and Health Centre cater for residents beyond Linton and with many of our neighbouring villages also expanding, services are being stretched. This is something that is now being quoted to us by developers, especially Bloor homes who have reworked their plans for a proposed site at Little Linton. They have reduced the number of houses to "approximately 300" and are intending to provide a new health centre. These early stage plans have not been put to the SCDC Planning Department and the current Local Plan does not support this development. Should any further information come forward, we will let you know. The Flemings have also approached us with a suggestion for c.10 new homes on the land known locally as Flemings Field.

Yesterday (8th May) we went to the Planning appeal for the commercial development on Station Road. As this is being written on 6th May we will write this up in next month's Linton News!

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Committee: Merrie Mannassi, Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Guy Ennew, Karen Sanderson, and Tony Smith for their time, knowledge and skills in reviewing the applications. As always, your experience of our village helps ensure that our comments reflect the local knowledge and perspective that would otherwise be unknown to planners responsible for making the decisions.

Many thanks also to all our office staff, and, when it comes to planning, particularly to Maria who stays on top of everything planning related.

I'd also like to thank Corrie Newell, for her invaluable support again this year especially in bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to the Regulation 14 consultation, as well as regular contributors to the Neighbourhood Plan working group including Judy Rossiter, Simon Hill, Chris Hine, and our Hildersham regulars Jean Kelly, Mark Logan and David Mercer. Thank you!

Cllr Kate Kell

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 18th April 2024 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Karen Sanderson for her work on the Village Quilt and praised her encouragement of others to be involved. The Chairman confirmed that an interview has been held with Cambridge News in relation to the parking issues in Linton which would air on Cambridge Live. Cllr Merrie Mannassi also confirmed that she would not be standing as Chairman in May, the current meeting to be her last in post.

Open Forum for Public Participation (Maximum of 15 minutes)

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council.

Participant one requested information in relation to the current status of the Neighbourhood Plan and also the scheduled meeting with Bloor Homes.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi explained that Linton Parish Council had been approached by Bloor Homes to hold a closed meeting regarding the Land West of Linton and that the meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 24th April. A meeting report would be completed and presented at the next Parish Council meeting. The participant stated that Bloor Homes had not initiated any contact with the residents at Little Linton and asked that this be raised.

Cllr Kate Kell stated that the Parish Council had recently employed a second planning consultant to review the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the decision to employ Modicum Planning was made to enable a shift of focus of the plan from being community led to professionally drafted to expedite completion and submission to SCDC. Cllr Kell also reassured the participant that Little Linton would not be excluded from the plan as the hamlet is considered to be a fundamental part of the area.

Participant two spoke about the complaints in relation to the Wildwood Festival held at the Horseheath Racecourse and explained measures in place to monitor noise levels. It was confirmed that no complaints were raised from Horseheath, the village closest to the event.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi explained that noise levels were excessive last year and that perhaps the geographical location may be the issue. Cllr Kate Kell gave example of experiencing excessive noise from the event in Linton.

The participant, representing the Wildwood Festival gave reassurance of additional measures being taken to eradicate the problem and advised that contact details for the event would be shared with Linton to enable action to be taken in the event of any issues during the festival.

The Chairman thanked the participants for attending the meeting.

Clerks Report

Consideration for the request by a parishioner for a dog waste bin at the bottom of Green Lane. Cllr Guy Ennew proposed not to install an additional dog waste bin in Green Lane due to the proximity of bins in Camping Close and the logistics/cost of an additional collection. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **All Agreed.**

Update on the recent request for quotations in relation to the Linton in Bloom contract for initial planting.

The Parish Council requested the Clerk arrange a further meeting to discuss the Linton in Bloom project. Cllr Carl Cieluch requested that the budget for the project be revisited at the meeting.

Update on the Rivey Bridlepath water issues. The Clerk gave an update that CCC Highways had completed

outstanding works in relation to drainage on the Rivey Bridlepath which had successfully resolved the water egress on Back Road. The Parish Council thanked the members of CCC who had expedited the situation to successful resolution.

Consideration of the District and County Councillors Report for April 2024. County Councillor Henry Batchelor reiterated the importance of the proposed Solar Farm and encouraged all to keep abreast of developments in relation to the application due to the proximity to Linton.

District Councillor John Batchelor requested confirmation of attendance by LPC at the appeal in relation to the application for land off Station Road appeal. Cllr Kate Kell confirmed Linton Parish Council would be represented.

Cllr Carl Cieluch requested support from County Councillor Henry Batchelor regarding outstanding Highways issues giving the example of the 20mph speed signs on the High Street which had been first reported in February 2022 with no action to date. County Councillor Henry Batchelor agreed to raise the issue to senior management.

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

Contracts Update

Notification that the Grounds Maintenance contracts for 2024-2027 have been agreed, signed and have commenced as of 1st April 2024.

Update regarding the Bowls Club funds. The RFO gave an update that two members of the Parish Council were in the process of being set up as signatories to enable the transfer of funds to be completed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Carl Cieluch for his perseverance on the matter.

Update on the Arts Grant Funding project to create and install a mosaic at the Village Hall.

The RFO gave an update that the mosaic will be installed at the Village Hall in Mid-May and that the progress of the project would be monitored.

Finance

Rent & Rates

Consideration for the rent for the Parish Council office for the financial year 2024-2025.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed the rent for 2024-2025 be agreed. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **Agreed with two abstentions.** Consideration of the rates charges for the financial year 2024-2025.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the RFO report the change of use for the Bowls Green which is currently exempt from rates to SCDC. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Cllr Merrie Mannassi will investigate the loss of two parking spaces due to the re-installed right of way in Coles Lane Car Park and the subsequent possibility of a reduction in business rates and give an update at the next Full Council meeting.

Grants and Funding

Consideration of the recommendation from the FRCC in relation to the S137 grant request from Linton Library for £500.00 towards the Reading Challenge.

Cllr Kate Kell proposed to approve the grant for Linton Library of £500.00. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Traffic & Highways

Update following the reporting of the Bartlow Road Roundabout signage to Martin Meehan.

The Clerk was requested to raise the confusing wording on the Bartlow Roundabout signage to Martin Meehan and also to raise that the signage on Bartlow road has been installed behind a tree and was not visible, both to be included in the snagging report for the contractor.

Update on Civil Parking Enforcement in Linton.

The Parish Council requested further reports in due course and requested an increase in visits or duration due to severe parking issues. It was noted that three tickets had been issued since the CEO system was introduced, following three visits to Linton.

Coles Lane Car Park

Consideration for applications invited by CCC to install fully funded EV Charging points at Coles Lane Car Park.

Concerns were raised regarding the displacement of several general parking spaces to accommodate EV charging bays when parking is already at a premium in the centre of the village, and the low charge rate of 7kw, which would potentially require long periods of time to fully charge a single vehicle.

Cllr Anya Sparks proposed to apply for fully funded EV charging points in Coles Lane Car Park. Cllr Kate Kell seconded. 3 in favour with 3 against, motion not passed on the Chairman's casting vote.

Open Spaces

Consideration for the request to install a communications cabinet for FFTP (Virgin Media) on the area of land adjacent to the Fire Station at Parsonage Way and delegation to sign the wayleave agreement if approved.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi proposed that the wayleave agreement be approved providing the cabinet is installed to the left-hand side of the existing communications cabinet. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. 5 in favour with 1 against. **Agreed.**

Beacon Youth Trust

Update following the Beacon Youth Trust Quarterly Review Meeting held on Monday 15th April 2024 and consideration of the meeting minutes.

Cllr Carl Cieluch requested that alternative solutions to the provision for youth to be reviewed. It was noted that previous discussions held historically resulted in no viable plan, the records of which to be located and circulated.

Cllr Tony Smith proposed to approve the recommendations from the Youth Working Group meeting as per the written report, excluding seeking financial support from other parishes to support the youth programme. Cllr Anya Sparks seconded. **All Agreed.**

Full Minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

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