



Mini heroes: Children from Chestnut Playgroup enjoyed a day at Linton Community Fire Station. They got to use the hoses, try on the gear and even have a go in the fire engine (as long they promised not to drive it outside of the village and stick to 20mph)

Join the chain of survival

ONE of the worst things that can happen to any of us is to experience a cardiac arrest. In such a situation every second counts. The chances of survival are greatly improved if the 'Chain of Survival' is followed.

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There are a number of these about the village. You may be told by the call handler where there is one. Do not stop CPR to find one. Get a bystander to use www.defibfinder.uk to see which is the nearest. These machines give clear instructions in how they should be used. The final step is early access to advanced medical care.

On 22nd May at 7.30pm the Parish Council has arranged a defibrillator training session in the village hall to give you the confidence you need to help save a life. It is free. Sign up by emailing enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk

Linton News Team

Join us for Jazz

LINTON Jazz is a 30 piece Big Band which has been in Linton now for 26 years. It is a band that plays mainly for charity and over the years has raised over £225,000 for many different charities including Cancer Research, Anthony Nolan, Arthur Rank Hospice, Oxfam, The Sick Children's Trust as well as many local schools and churches.

On May 5th, we will be making our annual appearance at the Bartlow Three Counties Walk. On May 12th, 2pm, at Haverhill Arts Centre, we will be celebrating our annual concert. Come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Big Band music. Tickets are £10, concessions £5. Please purchase tickets from Haverhill Arts Centre, haverhillartscentre.co.uk. We look forward to seeing you!

Karen Sanderson



The band playing at Haverhill Arts Centre

Fireworks committee needs you!

HAVE you ever wondered what it takes to create the mesmerising spectacle of fireworks that lights up our skies every year? Now is your chance to find out what goes on and how you (yes, you) can be a part of this year's event! The Linton Fireworks Committee is calling on all village residents to join us for a recruitment social evening where you can learn about the exciting opportunities to get involved in putting together our beloved fireworks display.

Behind the scenes of this dazzling event is a team of friendly village people who work enthusiastically to make it happen. From planning, finding sponsorships and arranging the food village to bonfire building and, for the brave-hearted, even joining the firing team, there's a role for everyone! Planning the event is fun and involves just a few relaxed meetings at the pub in the weeks building up to the event. Last year, our efforts raised over

£10,000 for local schools and community groups, making a real difference in our village, as well as being the biggest event in the village attracting people from far and wide.

Join us for drinks and nibbles as we discuss how you can play a part in making this year's fireworks display the best one yet. We'll be showing behind-the-scenes videos to give you a sneak peek into the magic of our preparations. The event will be held at the Linton Free Church hall on Tuesday, 14th May. Pop in at any time between 8.00 pm and 9.30 pm and have a chat with members of the team. Whether you're simply curious in finding out more, interested in a small role, or diving in headfirst, we welcome all levels of involvement. Mark your calendars for our recruitment event and let's make the magic happen together! See you there!

Alasdair MacBean, Chair of Linton
Fireworks Committee

Seven days, so many ways to make a difference

ST. MARY'S Church has organised a grand coffee morning as part of *Christian Aid Week 2024*. Organiser Pam Richardson said, 'Every year, during this appeal, people across Britain and Ireland have seven days and so many ways to raise funds to support their global neighbours, in a celebration of hope for a fairer world. We are taking part at St. Mary's on Saturday May 18th between 10 – 12 noon because we'd like to play our part in supporting our global neighbours. There'll be refreshments, stalls, games and a raffle for all the family to enjoy.'

This year's appeal - from 12-18th May - is focusing on work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change. More than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished. Christian Aid has been working in Burundi since 1995. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish *Village Savings and Loans Associations* (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, making small businesses possible, offering reliable and diverse incomes.

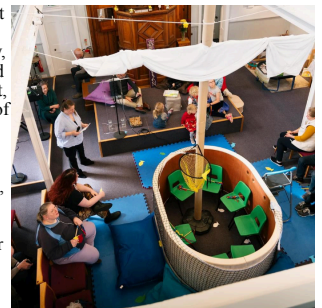
Aline Nibogora is the chairperson of a VSLA which supports some 25 families in a remote village in Makamba Province. Aline escaped an abusive marriage only to find herself on the streets begging for a place to stay. Her life changed when she went to a three-day, Christian Aid funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her family.

Christian Aid Week offers seven days and so many ways to make a difference – to find out more, visit www.christianaid.org.uk

St. Mary's Church Linton

A Fishing Boat at Linton Free Church?

WE don't see many boats in Linton do we? – but the Sunday after Easter, the Church was transformed into the Sea of Galilee. Don't worry, we didn't flood the Church again! We rearranged the Church using our wooden Baptistery as a boat, and with the help of the children, told the story of the disciples catching a great catch of fish. It was the culmination of a fantastic Easter period, including the Children's Easter Lighthouse on Palm Sunday, Linton Heights Easter Assemblies, Holy Week reflections leading to Good Friday, the Easter trail with St Mary's on the Saturday and, most importantly, the celebrations on Easter Sunday of Jesus' resurrection.



As we celebrated Easter, I reflected that a year before we celebrated the re-opening of the Church with our regular attendees plus many other people from the local community. Coming up soon, on 11th May, the Beacon Youth Trust will be holding their annual "Not the Eurovision Quiz" with a fish supper. If you don't know much about the Bible, on 10th June we're hosting an event called "The Bible in one hour". Should be a fun and interesting evening. If you're interested in digging a bit deeper, then look out for details of our next Alpha course in the coming months.

For more details about these and other events, check out our website or Facebook on: www.lintonfreechurch.org.uk and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lintonfreechurch

Joel Wood Photo & Article Ian Burns, Church Secretary

Readers Write

Linton Lent Lunches 2024

WITH grateful thanks to the hosts, hostesses, soup makers and helpers. Thank you also to all who attended and made donations. We have raised £580 (including Gift Aid) for Water Aid. The charity's vision "is of a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene."

Anne Parry-Smith (on behalf of Celia Fisher).

Come and visit Linton Library this May

OUR monthly talk on Wednesday 8th, 2-3.30pm is entitled 'We need to talk about Climate Change.' Come along and find out what we can all do to help. It's free but please book your place by contacting the library, or email: referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

May is Local and Community History Month. Are you curious about the history of your community, people, places and events? The library service has extensive local history collections for you to explore. Drop in to find out what we have on the shelves, or search online for Local Studies - Cambridgeshire County Council for information about our major collections in bigger library branches.

During half-term, we'll have Lego Club on Tuesday 28th 10am to noon and some craft activities available.

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: is now on EVERY Tuesday, 2pm -3pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on - it doesn't have to be knitting and table space is available.

Daylight Readers: our Book Groups meet on Friday 17th, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm, and always welcome new members!

Books: come in and find a new book to read. If you can't see the one you want here, you can reserve books from other libraries in Cambridgeshire and pick them up from Linton library. Ask us for more details.

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

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm
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www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Singing for wellbeing

LINTON Belles had a wonderful Autumn/Winter season performing at some unusual venues last year and raising an amazing £1150 for The Children's Leukaemia Group and Linton Village College Music Department.

In December, we were invited to sing at the Sedgwick Museum as part of their Twilight Museum series. It was a great honour to sing alongside the plesiosaur and the statue of Adam Sedgwick. The acoustics in the museum were amazing as were the exhibits.

The Linton Belles regularly support Linton Village College's Music Department, raising money for resources and to build upon the strength of this department. Their latest concert with LVC was in February and raised money for both the school and CLIC. (Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood) This was a great opportunity for the school bands and choirs to showcase their talent.

In their summer season, they will be performing at a fundraising event for Cancer Research organised by Emma Mason on June 8th at St Mary's Church, Linton and will be part of the annual Open Gardens Event May 26th in Linton, singing in the courtyard next to the Gallery Above.

The Belles perform to support local charities and communities as well as life events such as weddings and funerals. If you would like to book the Belles or enquire about availability, please contact Rachel Godsill by email rachelgodwill@gmail.com

Natalie Morris

Granta Medical Practices Update, May 2024

IF you are waiting for surgery, treatment, or a clinical opinion from your local hospital there is a useful website called "My Planned Care".

My Planned Care gives you advice and support while you wait and helps you to prepare for your hospital consultation, treatment or surgery. This includes giving you information about waiting times at your hospital and other supporting and local services while you wait.

<https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/>

This website is updated weekly and can be viewed by anyone, which means you, your family or carer as well as your NHS team can all see the latest information.

Your hospital team will be in touch with you as soon as they can. If you are looking for an update in the meantime though, please check My Planned Care before contacting your hospital or GP.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

Girlguiding in Linton

GIRLGUIDING in Linton has been as busy as usual this month. Before our break for Easter, 1st Linton Brownies learnt about Alzheimer's and how to support people with the disease, and have since been on Pack holiday where they did archery, lit fires and explored the woodland area where they were staying. 2nd Linton Guides have been working on their contribution towards the community quilt, and Linton Rangers have just been for a tour of the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge. 2nd Linton Guides have been working on their skills builder badge, and Linton Rainbows have been celebrating girls moving up to Brownies with 'Pot of Gold' parties.

Now it is getting warmer, we are looking forward to getting out and about more and have many exciting trips planned, including some residential stays.

We are always interested in new volunteers who can help in any way big or small, but at the moment there is especially a need at Guides on a Monday night in Linton. We are also interested in any new girls. If you would like to register your interest in either please get in touch, by going online to girlguiding.org.uk

Maya and Megan

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Village Diary

A round up of dates from this edition

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

MAY		
Thu 2	ACE Spring Lunch, 12.30pm	Rec. Ground Pavilion
Sat 4	Farmers Market, 9am - 12pm	Village Hall
Sat 4	The Holdovers' (15), 7.30pm	Balsham Picture House
Sun 5	Bartlow 3 Counties Charity Walk	Hills Farm, Bartlow
Tue 7	WL, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 7	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 7	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Wed 8	Monthly talk, 2 - 3.30pm	Library
Thu 9	Annual Meeting of Linton Parish, 6.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 11	Quiz, Beacon Youth Trust, 7.00pm	Free Church Hall
Sun 12	Linton Jazz Concert, 2pm	Haverhill Arts Centre
Mon 13	Whist Drive, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 14	Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 14	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 14	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Tue 14	Camsight meeting, 2pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre
Tue 14	Linton Fireworks Recruitment Social, 8 - 9.30pm	Free Church Hall
Thu 16	Annual Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Catholic Centre
Fri 17	Daylight Readers, 10.30am & 2.30pm	Library
Sat 18	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, 10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 18	Jumble Sale 10am - 2pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre
Sat 18	Balsham Singers Concert, 7.30pm	Balsham Parish Church
Tue 21	Duplo, Rhyme, Storytime, 10 - 11am	Library
Tue 21	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Tue 21	Historical Society, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed 22	Cams Neighbourhood Policing Meeting, 7 - 8pm	Zoom
Wed 22	Defibrillator Training Session, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 26	Café Church, 10am	St Mary's Church
Sun 26	NGS Open Gardens, 2 - 6pm	Various
Sun 26	Plant Exchange, 2 - 6pm	14, High St.
Tue 28	Lego Club, 10am - 12pm	Library
Tue 28	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
JUNE		
Sat 1	Farmers Market, 8.30 - 11.30am	Village Hall
Sat 1	One Life (12), 7.30pm	Balsham Picture House
Tue 4	WL, 7.30pm	Village Hall

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Y5 Trip to Leicester National Space Centre

AT Linton Heights, we aim to provide pupils with first-class, study-related, educational opportunities whilst also appreciating the tightness of family budgets.

One high point of the Y5 calendar is the annual trip to the award-winning Leicester National Space Centre, which is home to the UK's largest planetarium, six interactive galleries, 42m high iconic Rocket Tower and over 150 hands-on elements. For our pupils this really is an out of this world experience!

Zach from Class 5 writes:

On Friday 15th March the whole of year 5 jumped on coaches and travelled up to the Leicester National Space Centre. It was truly a sensational trip and one that we were all very excited about!

From arrival onwards our itinerary was action-packed and full of amazing things. Firstly, we went into a planetarium to watch a show about becoming an astronaut. It was genuinely the closest possible experience to being in space. My favourite parts of the day were when we programmed a Lego Mars Rover and climbed a rocket – both experiences gave me a valuable insight into the topic of space that we are studying at school.

There were a lot of interactive things to do in each exhibit. Although it was a long journey, it was worth the trip! Out of all the trips and residential experiences that we enjoy at Linton Heights, this was one of the best.

James Puxley



Y5 students at National Space Centre

Linton Infants go to Legoland

WOW! The Year 1 topic last term was 'We are Inventors'. What better way to bring our topic to life outside of the classroom, to engage, excite and inspire our children to perhaps become inventors themselves than a trip to Legoland! The children had a fantastic day on our school trip with an early start and a later than expected return due to the delights of the M25. However, I am sure all the children and staff will agree, this really was an inspiring trip.

It is thanks to the PTFA that these trips can go ahead with minimal cost to our families, they work really hard raising funds to supplement coach travel and admission fees. To support us and our PTFA, please do join us at our Summer Fair on Friday 14th June.

This term is always about transition. We think about those children leaving us to start the next phase of their education and plan for those children joining us in September. Offers have been sent to those children. If you have received an offer and you haven't done so already, please could you contact the school office by email; office@linton-inf.cambs.sch.uk to accept or decline your space.

We would also like to invite parents to our New Parents Evening on Wednesday 15th May, 6pm-7pm.

We do currently have spaces in all year groups in our school. If you know of someone who is looking for a school space, please do contact the school office for further information.

Emma Hicks



Left: Model Students in Model Setting Above: LVC Students Face the Music and Dance

Marsh Mail

IN March, audiences were treated to an evening of exceptional talent at our annual dance show. With the theme of *Iconic Singers*, over one hundred pupils from years 7 to 11 performed in an array of genres to the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Amy Winehouse and Elvis Presley. The audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

I really felt the emotion and the purity demonstrated by the show. A very special evening with a genuinely positive vibe. That dance show last night was something else. I thought last year was good but....

The show also demonstrated the wonderful skills of our student technical and backstage team who artistically delivered the lighting and sound for the show with the support of professional lighting/sound company Blueshed.

Our dance department is also continuing our partnership with DanceEast, who are currently delivering a series of workshops to our Lower School Dance Company, developing students' performance skills and industry knowledge.

DanceEast have invited us to contribute to a highly prestigious sixth form project this summer involving performance and choreography expertise from professional dancers from the internationally acclaimed Hofesh Shechter Dance Company.

We look forward to seeing the amazing outcomes of our students' work, which will culminate with the opportunity to perform their piece at DanceEast in the Autumn.

We are also excited about our involvement in Stage 24, Anglian Learning's first ever dance festival which will be hosted at Bottisham Village College in July and will enable schools to showcase dance skills across the Trust.

Helen Frost, Head of Dance



Sign Up for the Beacon Youth Trust Quiz Night!

THE next Beacon Youth Trust fund-raiser in the village is on the way. The evening of Saturday 11th May sees the annual 'Not the Eurovision Song Contest' Quiz taking place in the Free Church Hall. In its 13th year (having gone on-line in the pandemic), its name derives from when it always takes place: the same evening as the final of the Eurovision Song Contest. The questions do not relate to that event! Winners receive prizes. As for the past several years, any funds raised will help to fund the youth work in the village that is overseen by the Beacon Youth Trust.

The details are as follows:

Quiz takes place on Saturday 11th May, 7.00 for 7.15 pm in the Free Church Hall. Cost per person is £15.00, to include Fish and Chips or alternative. Pay on the night (card or cash). Bring your own drinks (and other refreshments).

To reserve places, please email the Quiz Master, Steve Munday, on Munday5@aol.com. Please also state preferred food choice (Fish and Chips or Chicken and Chips or Halloumi Burger and Chips). Ideally, whole teams (approximately 8 people per team) sign up. However, it is perfectly possible to sign up with whatever numbers and teams can be put together on the night.

So, come and join us for what promises to be a fun-packed, roller-coaster ride of an evening. And it's all in a good cause.

Steve Munday, Chair, Beacon Youth Trust

Granta School News

AS we return to school for the start of the summer term, the weather continues to be changeable however, this has not stopped the birds from singing, the flowers from blooming, or dampened the spirits of our students and staff. We continue to take trips into the local community visiting St Mary's Church, Boswell's bakery and the CO-OP all of which help to contribute towards our students ASDAN *Personal Development* qualification. Along with thanking all of these local businesses for making our students feel very welcome during their visits, we must also thank Linton Kitchen who recently donated some Usborne books to our school, all of which have been a great addition to our library.

This month, our KS2 students are taking part in a big school sleepover, which is always a great event even if not much sleep is had, whilst some of our sixth form students will be visiting Cambridge and Huntingdon Regional Colleges for taster days to discuss their future placements. We continue with our recruitment for a Deputy Head and an Apprentice TA, further details for both are available on our website.

Dates for your diary:
Half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st May
Summer fayre: Saturday 6th July 12-3pm
Winter fayre: Saturday 30th November 12-3pm

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Hundred Parishes National Hedgerow Week



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AS day length increases and the air becomes warmer, plants put out new shoots. Many insects emerge and birds pair up, preparing to breed. Since the 1960's, the average minimum winter temperatures have been rising. Snowfall is now a rarity, and frosty days are much less frequent. The current growing season is almost a month longer than 50 years ago. Primroses and bluebells are opening earlier. Researchers recorded that the first flowering of some 406 plant species has advanced by almost a month since 1986! This has affected the emergence of pollinating insects such as bees and butterflies; some are adapting to the warmer climate.



Littlebury - bluebells

Hedgerow shrubs and trees are leafing and flowering earlier too, providing food for many hungry caterpillars, which are themselves ideal food for nestlings. Hedgerows are a valuable wildlife habitat, often providing a living framework to the landscape and our rural heritage. Long-established hedges grow in soil that is rich in stored carbon, and older trees within the hedgerow also hold large stores of carbon.



Newport - caterpillars on a stripped hedgerow

A recent planning application to fell an ancient hedgerow oak close to Clavering led to a vigorous and successful campaign by residents to save it. This tree is now registered on the Ancient Tree Inventory, a record similar to the one for listed buildings. There are more trees in local hedgerows that could be recorded.

Army Cadet Force - Sawston Recruiting now

MY name is Ian Pavitt and I am the detachment commander for the ACF Detachment in Sawston. We are a military themed youth organisation for young people aged 12-18 years and we are recruiting.



We follow a disciplined and enjoyable syllabus to educate young people in a safe, enjoyable, and achievable active environment.

During your time as a cadet, you will learn and gain many skills and qualifications, in a variety of different subjects such as:

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- Navigation (Use of Maps and Compass)
- First Aid (Vital Life Skills)
- Skill at Arms (Safety skills with rifles, in order to safely fire them)
- Adventure Training (including Kayaking, Motorbikes, Climbing)
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- BTEC and much much more.

We offer various Camps/Trips each year from 1 day up to 8 days. You will meet and be part of a team of other young people from the local area and experience things which you may never have thought you could achieve. Some of the qualifications you get from the ACF will help you with Uni, college, and job applications.

We parade every Wednesday Evening from 19.15 until 21.30hrs at Hayfield Avenue Sawston CB22 3JZ.

If you have any enquiries or want any more information, you can contact www.armycadets.com

SSI Ian Pavitt Detachment Commander for Sawston Army Cadet Force.



Protecting trees in local hedgerows

Details of how to do this can be found on <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/how-to-record>. National Hedgerow Week, organised by the Tree Council, runs from 6th May to 12th May and is timed to showcase hedgerows resplendent with fresh new growth and full of wildlife. Please enjoy one or more of the many walks listed on the Society's website www.hundredparishes.org.uk, and consider recording some of our wonderful old trees.

Tricia Moxey Trustee



Linton WI Gran's Little Day Book

KEITH Day, our speaker, told members his grandmother's very interesting history and showed us pages from a notebook she kept containing recipes, herbal remedies, knitting patterns, etc.

After her death in 1995, Keith found the notebook whilst going through family treasures, put some of it on Facebook, and got 888 requests for a copy of it! He decided to self-publish it and the first 100 copies sold out within three days. He brought along copies for our members to buy. Keith also handed round biscuits made from one of the recipes and asked members what the secret ingredient was. Nobody guessed, but it turned out to be ground rice. Delicious they were too, nice and crunchy.

One herbal remedy contained syrup of squills and syrup of poppies, making laudanum. An indigestion remedy contained brandy, sention root, bitter aloe, aniseed, compound of rhubarb and cayenne pepper. A gingerbread recipe contained sal volatile (smelling salts) which makes ammonia in the oven.

Copies of the notebook have gone to the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford and the British Library. Keith also has a very interesting history himself, having been a botanist, a teacher, and worked for MI6. At our next meeting on 6th May, a lady called Rose is going to talk about bone health. Ladies, why not come along and join us for convivial evening, a cuppa and a chat? You can come as a visitor for a small donation. Our meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Coles Lane. Sally Proberts (891021)

Linton & District Historical Society

ARSENIC'S Toxic Legacy was a most entertaining evening, thoroughly researched and well presented; Neil Dickinson guided us through the early beginnings of this highly poisonous compound up to the present day and what was going on in between!

Ill-fated relationships could be finalised using arsenic. Green coloured dresses, ladies' accessories and even green-coloured wallpaper proved hazardous. Surprisingly, a shade of green named Arsenic was produced by one well-known paint manufacturer not so long ago. Little wonder green is treated with suspicion. Peppermints proved fatal in Bradford in the mid 1800's when this poisonous white powder was mistakenly sold to a confectioner instead of Plaster of Paris! In America, it was commonly used as a pesticide. *Apple Pickers*, a 1940's portrait, shows girls cheerfully gathering their crops which had previously been sprayed, totally unaware of the consequences. Cartoonists sadly depicted these terrible situations. Oh yes, and we must not forget the sheep dip and how to get a healthier, bigger and better chicken.

Thankfully, modern day professionalism in the use of this powerful compound is being used much more effectively. Questions and answers followed the talk, and we all left far more knowledgeable.

In May, we welcome back Mike Wabe who will present: *Foul Murders in East Anglia*, Tuesday 21st May 2024, Linton Village Hall, starting 7.30pm. Refreshments & Raffle. Easy parking in the Health Centre public car park opposite.

Recommendations for interesting speakers and subjects are welcomed when planning our programmes. For further details of the LDHS please contact ldhscambs@gmail.com, 893915 or 678835.

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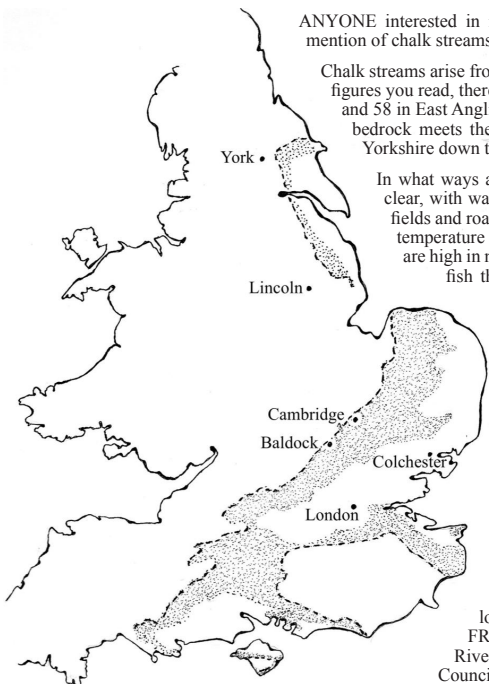


Country Matters

Text by Oriol O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams



Chalk Streams



Map showing chalk stream areas in England

ANYONE interested in rivers, canals, estuaries, water levels, and pollution will hear mention of chalk streams. What is a chalk stream, and why are they so important?

Chalk streams arise from springs in landscape with chalk bedrock. Depending on which figures you read, there are 210 chalk streams worldwide, 160 of which are in England, and 58 in East Anglia, including our own River Granta. They only exist where chalk bedrock meets the surface of the ground, and this is an area from the south of Yorkshire down to Hampshire.

In what ways are they so different from our other rivers? They are clean and clear, with water coming up from underground instead of dodgy run-off from fields and roads. Being fed from aquifers, the flow, the mineral content and the temperature range are much more constant, and the water is gin clear. They are high in nitrate, phosphate, potassium and silicate, an atmosphere in which fish thrive, and contain plenty of gravel in which salmon and trout spawn. If you walk through RSPB Fowlmere up the road, you will see watercress growing in the summer, with fish clearly visible. The water is so well oxygenated and rich in nutrients and micro-organisms that it teems with wildlife other than fish, such as kingfishers, swans, water voles, and damselflies.

Before we sit back and relax with this picture of a rural idyll, we have to remember that water companies love this water too, and have been over extracting for decades. Our increasing population and vast house building projects need water. Some rivers and streams are reduced to a miserable trickle in summers, and in wet winters are polluted with sewage and agricultural run-off. Step forward the Chalk Stream Restoration Society, founded in 2021. Chalk streams are now designated high priority sites of special natural heritage, needing restoration of chalk stream catchment areas. These schemes are launched by water companies and driven by local communities such as our own Friends of the River Granta. FROG gets support for rubbish clearance and conservation from RiverCare, Beach Care, the Wild Trout Trust and Linton Parish Council.

The Granta is beautiful and rare, and we are lucky to have it running through our village.

Gardening Club Diary

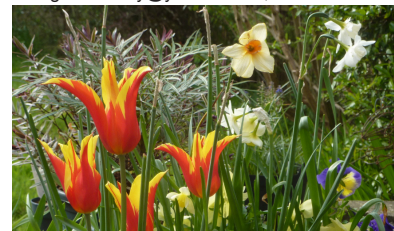
THERE was a late change to the Linton Gardening Club April meeting. Instead of a talk on composting, we welcomed Peter Jackson who gave us an entertaining and enjoyable talk on the topic of 'Perennials'. As the name suggests, perennials give year-round structure, form and colour in the garden and form a framework for vibrant and bright tender summer bedding plants. Lasting for two or more years and often easy to divide or propagate, their use is a satisfying and cost-effective way of gardening.

I have been potting up overwintered cuttings of pelargoniums and other house plants, dahlias and hostas. By early May, the risk of frost has passed but do keep a wary eye on the weather forecast. Whether grown from cuttings, seed or shop bought, grow on bedding plants, tomatoes and suchlike under cover. If the weather is reasonable, gradually accustomise bedding plants to outdoor conditions before planting out in their final flowering positions. Spring is one of the busiest times of the gardening year but I like to indulge in the pristine but transient beauty of the newly emerged foliage, blossom and flowers before time spoils things. The forms, colours and beauty make the effort in gardening well worthwhile.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Garden Club members will be demonstrating and sharing tips on planting containers for summer interest and colour. As usual, there will be teas and a raffle and all are welcome to attend and participate. Entry is £3 for non-members.

Normally the club would resume in September but because there are no volunteers to take up the positions of Chair and Secretary, sadly this is likely to be the last ever meeting of the Linton Gardening Club unless someone comes forward.

Jim and Helen, Linton Garden Club,
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, tel. 01223 893577



Spring bulbs putting on a good show

Linton gardens open for charity Sunday 26th May

FOR the third year running, our village gardens will open as part of the National Garden Scheme, and the date is getting close now: Sunday 26th May from 2pm to 6pm. Seven gardens will open, including some new ones, and the date is different from the openings in previous years, plus the season this year seems early too, so different flowers should be out. The money raised goes to nursing and health charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie (<https://ngs.org.uk/>).

The gardens that will open this year are three new ones including the Community Garden in Chalklands, and the gardens at 30 Symonds Lane and 15 Balsham Road; and four that have opened in previous years –

14 High Street, 16 High Street (Queen's House), 94 High Street and 20 Mill Lane.

Free and convenient parking will be available for those who need it thanks to the generosity of Linton Village College. One ticket covers the whole group of gardens, and is available on the day at all the gardens: £8 for adults, children free. Light refreshments will be provided by The Linton Kitchen at 94 High Street, and free plants and seedlings will be available at 14 High Street.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible, and hope for fine weather on the day!

Jenny Marks, County Organiser
jenny.marks@ngs.org.uk

Free plant and seedling (exchange) on 26th May garden opening

THE free seedling events at 14 High Street, Linton on the fourth Sunday of the last two months have been very inspiring. They have attracted different age groups including both experienced gardeners who are very knowledgeable about plants, as well as people who are taking the chance to have a go with these seedlings even if they don't think of themselves as gardeners.

The fourth Sunday of May, the 26th, is both the next date for free seedlings and the day when Linton gardens (including ours) will open for the NGS (the National Garden Scheme, see article in this issue). We will still offer free seedlings, but would also like to take the opportunity to expand the scheme to a seedling and plant swap as well.

It is said that if you want to keep a plant, you should give it away – so you can get it back if you lose it. So if you would like to share any of your plants/seedlings, please email us at yxseedlings@gmail.com by 23rd May, so that we can arrange space for your seedlings. There is a charge of £8 per adult (going to the NGS's charities) for entry to all the Linton gardens (<https://ngs.org.uk/>), but the plants and seedlings at 14 High Street will remain free whether or not you can contribute some.

We look forward to you joining us on 26th May 2-6pm or/and exchanging plants and seedlings.

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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 to help support local businesses and communities. Worth taking a look at if you need funding for a project or you're a local business wanting to expand and progress - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/business/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/rural-england-prosperity-fund/> - applications open on Monday April 8th and when the money is gone, it's gone!

Local Elections

You'll be pleased to hear there is only one local election this year, for the Police and Crime Commissioner of Cambridgeshire. This doesn't get a huge amount of media coverage but is nevertheless an important role, so please do take the time to research the candidates and, if you can, vote. 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/Balsham, 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's 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 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.

Anaerobic Digestion Plant Proposals

The two planning applications for biodigesters 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:

Acorn, Haverhill – andrew.rutter@suffolk.gov.uk
<http://suffolk.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F0045%2F23SE&fbclid=IwAR0aj4d4JMd9Yr3cP-Etp9rxDR4kKDwvzX0wMyHkFOomG45fCq0khXRbyrEStreetlyHallFarm,StreetlyEnd,WestWickham-helen.wass@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
<https://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S0BB1JDYKNQ00>

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

Planning Applications

Planning applications under consideration as of 19th April 24/01112/HFUL First floor rear extension. 16 Back Road Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JF Validated: Mon 25 Mar 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

24/01082/LBC Removal of existing flat roof rear extension and replacement with pitched roof single storey extension. Minor works to the outbuilding including removal of existing lean to structure and replacement with extended overhanging pitched roof. 6 Church Lane Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4JX Validated: Thu 21 Mar 2024 | Status: Awaiting decision

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A Time to Celebrate

CAFE Church at St Mary's, at 10.00am on the 4th Sunday, is a themed service, which is welcoming and informal. We serve refreshments before the service starts and these can be enjoyed at the tables during the service.

In February the theme was *Lydia and Onesimus*. This was reflected in how the church was set up, the songs, the talk and when we heard from women in the congregation, telling us how they had grown in faith over the years. It was fascinating to hear how God touched their lives and brought comfort and joy to them. It was also wonderful to be together to celebrate Leslie's 102nd birthday. We pride ourselves on having good coffee and even better refreshments available before Café Church but this was an ideal opportunity to share some birthday cheer, our thanks to Liz, Charlotte and Tom for providing the cakes and fizz. I hope that we might see you at a future Café Church when we will be celebrating another aspect of our faith or story from the Bible.

Cathy Watts LLM



Parishioners celebrate the big birthday

Hockeys comes to Linton

HOCKEYS will open their doors this coming May after renovating the former electrical shop 'Tournant's' on the High Street. The Linton office becomes Hockeys fifth branch, complementing their successful Cambridge, Newmarket, Willingham & Wisbech offices. Director Jeremy Trott explained why Linton was chosen for their business.

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Hockeys are a company that enjoys being part of the local community. Before opening the new branch, the company sponsored and supported the Linton Fireworks Display, Linton Aztecs, Babraham Colour Festival, and Linton Heights Netball Team.

If you are considering selling your property, please call 01223 789966, email linton@hockeys.co.uk or pop into the office at 47 High Street, Linton, CB21 4HS.

Annual Meeting of the Linton Parish

Thursday 9th May 2024 at 6.30 pm
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River Granta - Chalk Stream Preservation Project.

Linton in Bloom - Spring Update.



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THE Cambridgeshire Constabulary Priorities at this time are Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Serious Sexual Offences, Fraud, Modern Slavery and Trafficking, High Harm Offenders, Street based Knife Crime, Organised Crime and Burglary, County Lines, Serious and Organised Crime.

The Cambridgeshire Policing structure is as follows; there is 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 5 Constables, 3 PCSOs, 5 24/7 reactive policing teams, 1 Inspector, 5 Sergeants and 3 Officers across the whole of Cambridgeshire.

Also there are support teams such as CID and Specialist teams such as Traffics, Firearms, Dog Units, Rural and Community Action Teams. Operational support including the use of drones and neighbourhood support teams.

The crime update for December, January and February shows that in December 530 cases were reported (last year it was 544), January 511 cases were reported (last year it was 600) and February 564 cases were reported (last year it was 575). A complete breakdown can be found on their website (www.cambs.police.uk).

Some of the activities in the last three months are as follows;

There were 7 Section 59 warnings issued to people at car meets, there were 9 vehicles seized across Cambridgeshire for either no Insurance or no Driving Licence and 36 speed checks were conducted in a number of different villages.

Drug crime was as follows - There were 38 stop and searches of persons and vehicles believed to be involved with drug related offences. 1 person was arrested for Possession with the Intent to Supply.

The planned week of action against Knife Crime was very successful - test purchasing showed that the majority of shops were checking ID and acting both legally and morally. Knife Amnesty boxes worked well with a large quantity of knives handed in.

The Police currently have a list of young people they are keeping an eye on, checking on them regularly so that they know the Police are watching them. And finally, one young person was dealt with for having a knife on school premises. They are now working with the Youth Team to prevent further offences.

It is really important that we all report any incidents of crime in Linton and the surrounding area to the Police by using 111 or by signing up to Ecops. If incidents are not reported then the Police believe that Linton is a quiet crime free village and therefore the more incidents reported the more Police presence we will get in Linton.

Dates for the next Community Engagement Events are as follows.

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 7.00pm
Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at 7.00pm

Further details on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website.

Cllr Karen Sanderson

Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project



THE STRETCH of the Granta flowing through the Pocket Park has been selected by the Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project to be part of their chalk stream restoration plans.

The river currently has some excellent attributes, attracting endangered species including water vole. Evidence of voles was found during a meeting between the Linton Friends of the River Granta (FROG's), Linton Parish Council (LPC) and the team from the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning (GCSP).

The Pocket Park can be included in the improvements, so we have been encouraged to consider what would encourage further respectful use of the area. This could include sensitive changes to the paths to make more areas accessible even after bad weather, additional information boards to help with seasonal identification of wildlife, improving the ponds and ditches, and the provision of additional seating areas or hides, etc.

If you are interested in being involved in this work and are not already a member of the FROG's, please let us know. We have been promised that most of the works will be carried out by the project team, but there will still be opportunities for volunteers to join in and help.

Cllr Kate Kell

Reduce Food Waste Visit the Food Hub at the Village Hall

UNTIL a good friend told me, I was not aware that the Mobile Food Hub is as much about reducing food waste as helping out with the cost of living.

Donations mostly come from supermarkets & restaurants and it prevents perfectly good food from being sent to landfill. While there are similarities to a food bank you do not need any form of referral or vouchers, this means anyone and everyone can make use of the service. Please just turn up on the day.

The Mobile Food Hub is in Linton on Tuesdays from 12pm to 1pm, at the Village Hall. The food is either free or at a reduced cost and you can pay in cash or by card. Also, there are some other essential products available. This initiative is funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

Planning & Meeting Update March/April 2024

Station Road Linton 22/04033/OUT Appeal

The date: Wednesday 8th May
The time: 10am
The place: SCDC, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne.

The Appeal is open for the public to attend and it is usual for the Inspector to offer the opportunity for members of the public to speak early in the process. If you are unable to attend, but would like LPC to make comments on your behalf, please email enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk by 7th May 2024.

Many thanks to those who have sent evidence of the parking issues that currently exist in Station Road, and for the pictures of what happens when an HGV can't make it up the road ... in case you're wondering, it tries to reverse back out onto the A1307! Cue the queues.

Having read the Statements of Case from both the Appellant and Highways, it appears that the key argument will be about whether the A1307 is considered to be a road or a street. Considerations include the volume and speed of traffic that then impacts the standards applied to road junctions for visibility.

We would still be particularly interested to hear from the business community about existing needs for commercial space in the local area.

The application can be viewed at: <https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications/> using the planning reference above.

Allotments

LPC is still waiting to be notified about the status of the enforcement action to rectify the issues with the surface water drainage scheme. We hope to have plans and policies in place ready to confirm the offers to those on the waiting list as soon as possible once this issue is resolved. In the meantime, we have asked the S106 team whether/how the plots will be maintained until allotmenters can take them over.

Grip cutting

The Lead Local Flood Authority have had the grips on Horsehead Road and Balsham road re-cut. These should hold surface water run-off during periods of heavy rain to allow more of it to soak into the ground rather than running down the roads and into properties.

We understand that the grip cutting work is part of a larger scheme of surface water management being undertaken in conjunction with local landowners.

Cllr Kate Kell

Annual Meeting of the Parish Thursday 9th May 2024

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Thursday 9th May 2024 Linton Village Hall in Coles Lane.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at the Cathodeon Centre.

The Clerk gave valid apologies for Cllr Carl Cieluch, Cllr Guy Ennew and Cllr Anya Sparks.

Apologies were not received from Cllr Poulter at the time of the meeting.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed that the valid apologies be accepted. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Apologies were also received from the County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor and District Councillor John Batchelor.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman spoke about the Mobile Food Hub which takes place at the Village Hall every Tuesday and explained that it is not a food bank. The hub helps to reduce food waste and there are no restrictions on who can use the service. There is no requirement for referral. It was requested that this information be circulated again using all appropriate channels, inc. the Linton News.

Cllr Kate Kell, representing the Speedwatch Team, spoke of the sudden passing of Mick Godfrey, having recently attended the memorial service held in Linton. Cllr Kell commended his commitment to the group and gave thanks for his long-term service as a regular volunteer.

Open Forum for Public Participation

The participant spoke of concerns in relation to the water egress from the Rivey Bridlepath causing flooding on Back Road and in the gardens in Rivey Way.

The Clerk stated that the matter had been escalated to Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Rights of Way Officer, Highways Officer and County Councillor Henry Batchelor. It was unclear whether drainage works on the lower end of the path had been carried out by CCC, following the bridlepath work by Rights of Way, CCC. The Clerk explained that the responsibility for the drainage from the tarmac path falls under the jurisdiction of CCC Highways. The Clerk to continue to liaise with CCC requesting the work to resolve the issue is carried out as a matter of urgency.

Matters Arising

The Chairman stated that following the questions raised in the public participation section of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th February 2024 in relation to agenda item 270/23/24, it be minuted that the Parish Council confirm the issues raised had been addressed and that Linton Parish Council had followed the correct legal advice in relation to the costs claim for the Land Tribunal case for the Market Square.

Clerks Report

Consideration for the "Hot Topics" to be presented for public interest at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 9th May 2024.

Councillors discussed the format of the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Public to be invited to attend from 6.30pm with the meeting running from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

Councillors would be in attendance to speak with the public on the "Hot Topics".

Councillors Merrie Mannassi, Helen Lawrence-Foulds, Karen Sanderson, Tony Smith, Kate Kell and Chris Hine confirmed they would attend the meeting.

Consideration for the proposal to hold a free defibrillator training session at the Linton Village Hall with a maximum

budget for hire of the venue and refreshments.

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed the training session be arranged with a maximum budget of £100.00. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

External Meetings

Update following the Cambridgeshire Police Community Engagement meeting held on Wednesday 28th February 2024. It was requested that future meetings be advertised on all available channels. It was noted that reports are not being made to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and attendance for the online meeting was lower than the Coffee with a Cop sessions.

Planning

Bartlow Road

Update on the Bartlow Road development site. Ref S/1963/15/OL and S/2501/19/RM. Verbal update from the Planning Committee. **For Information.**

It was noted that a parishioner raised the issues of surface water egress from the northern site to the southern site, crossing the Bartlow Road and the excessive mud on the newly laid section of the same road to the County & District Councillors.

Neighbourhood Plan.

Consideration for the recommendation from the Planning Committee in relation to employing an external consultant. **Open discussion and Decision required.**

Chris Hine proposed a maximum budget of £3,000.00 to employ consultant(s) in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lee Gardner seconded. **All Agreed.**

Finance, Risk and Compliance (FR&C)

RFO, Risk & Compliance Manager Report.

Consideration for the recommendation from the FRCC to appoint Cllr Lee Gardner and Cllr Brian Cox as signatories on the bank mandate for the Bowls Club on behalf of Linton Parish Council to enable the release of held funds to the parish. **For Information. Noted.**

Finance

Contracts & Quotes

Consideration of purchasing a replacement parish owned bench for the Cemetery following the removal of the same beyond repair. **Decision required.**

Cllr Helen Lawrence-Foulds proposed the Turnberry bench be purchased at £299.00 with a further £150.00 allowance for installation. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of the quotes in relation with the Grounds Maintenance contract for Lot 2. Correspondence item 147 refers. **Decision required.**

Cllr Lee Gardner proposed to accept the quotation from He Found Gardening for Grounds Maintenance, Lot 2. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration for the Insurance Renewal for 1st April 2024 with Clear Councils. **Decision Required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the insurance be renewed at a maximum budget of £5440.35 and that the changes made to the bowls green be disclosed. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Policies & Procedures

Consideration of the draft Complaints Policy document as recommended by the FRCC. Supporting documents available in Councillor packs. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Complaints Policy be adopted as recommended. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of the draft Persistent & Vexatious

Communication & Complaints Policy document as recommended by the FRCC. Supporting documents available in Councillor packs. **Decision required.**

Cllr Brian Cox proposed the Persistent & Vexatious Communication & Complaints Policy be adopted as recommended. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Traffic & Highways

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) between 20.01.2024-09.02.2024 and 09.02.2024-01.03.2024. **For information. Noted.**

Open Spaces

Consideration of the information received in relation to the proposed future development of Flemings Field and the request to advise the best approach for seeking feedback from the parish. **Open discussion and Decision required.**

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the landowner be invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish to display information regarding the proposed development and to engage with the parishioners. Cllr Chris Hine seconded.

All Agreed.

Youth & Groups

Beacon Youth Trust (BYT)

Consideration of the Monthly Report for January 2024 and February 2024. Written report available in Councillor packs. **For information. Noted.**

The Clerk was asked to request the January BYT Report be submitted for the meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 18th April 2024. On the February report, some calculations were found to be inaccurate, corrections requested. It was also noted to extend invitations for Youth Working Group meetings to all councillors.

Linton News

Confirmation of articles for Linton News plus regular reports from the Planning Committee – May edition. Deadline 17th April 2024. **For Information.**

Planning & Meeting Reports – Cllr Kate Kell.

Mobile Food Hub – Cllr Merrie Mannassi.

ECops and Crime reporting – Cllr Karen Sanderson.

Annual Meeting of the Parish to be featured in the main pages of the Linton News and in the Parish Matters.

Market Square

Notification of advice received in relation to the dangerous structure (wall) at the rear of the Market Square **For Information.**

The Clerk advised that instruction had been received from 3C Building Control to continue the safety measures in place at the rear of the Market Square due to the responsibility for the safety of the public. This must remain in place until the owner of the wall carries out the necessary repairs.

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

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