

A Riot of Shape and Colour

IN 2023 the Parish Council had the pleasure of awarding grants to individuals and organisations for Public Arts projects. One recipient was Jim Anderson, a local multimedia artist who proposed creating a trio of mosaics for the village. A member of The Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers since 1996, his work encompasses different media and ideas, especially the use of found or recycled materials. Parishioners could view the project's progress and the artist at work in the window of his High Street gallery. Some were invited to be involved by placing small sections of mosaic under the artist's guidance. The first two mosaics were installed at Linton Heights Junior School and Linton Infant School. Kelly Harries, Headteacher of the Infant School commented, "It was wonderful to be part of this project: every child and staff member placed some tile pieces. We are delighted with the artwork, which captures our school values and symbolises our vision, 'where happiness and achievement go hand in hand'. Jim was brilliant and had a wonderful manner with the children".

The third mosaic was placed on the front of Linton Village Hall in September 2024. It was transported there in a wheelbarrow – unfortunately we don't have photos! The area behind the railings is publicly accessible: you are welcome to take a closer look at this marvelous mosaic. If you are passing the gallery, do call in to thank Jim personally. Further information can be found on Jim's website at www.jimpanzee-art.co.uk.

Linton Parish Council



Clockwise from top left: the mosaic at the village hall, the one at Linton Heights, Jim Anderson installing his work at the Infant school, and the finished piece in place.



"Be Our Guest" Celebrating 100 Years of Disney Magic

GET ready for a "tale as old as time" as our village hosts a magical fireworks display on Saturday 9th November to celebrate 100 years of Disney! This enchanting evening is set to be one of the best yet, so why not 'let it go' for a night and join us for some Disney-inspired fun? The gates will open at 5.00pm, and with a whole host of tasty treats and drinks available.

The Guy competition this year will feature Disney villains, so why not bring your best 'baddie' to life? Whether it's Captain Hook, Jafar or Scar, you can still enter by bringing your Disney villain-themed Guy to the safety barrier near the stage before 5.30pm for judging. If you're feeling inspired, grab your craft supplies and get started now—it's not too late to create something wicked! The bonfire (and Guys) will be lit at 6.00pm, setting the stage for the evening's grand finale.

Tickets are still available on Eventbrite, or you can pick them up at Sweet Talk News or Acorn Garage. Tickets will also be available at the gate. So don't miss out—grab your tickets now and 'be part of our world' for a magical evening of Disney fireworks and fun! Just a reminder, no dogs or sparklers will be allowed on site to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.



Scan this QR code for tickets

Alastair MacBean

Remember, Remember - to Celebrate Safely

FIREWORKS are explosives. They should be treated with respect, and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code. Support your local community and go to an organised display instead of holding one at home. See the article above for more details. If you want to celebrate at home please bear the following safety tips in mind.

Firework safety tips:

- Only buy fireworks with a CE mark;
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back. Never go back to a lit firework;
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing;
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves. Place used sparklers in a bucket of water;
- Never give sparklers to children under five;
- Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening;
- It's illegal to sell fireworks to someone under 18, or to light fireworks in a public place;
- Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night, and remember there are laws to follow.

Bonfire safety

1. Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, sheds, fences and hedges;
2. Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire, and never burn dangerous items like aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture, or batteries;
3. Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water;
4. Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby;
5. Avoid lighting bonfires in high winds.

For more information, visit cambsfire.gov.uk, our social media, or 01480 444500.

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Finchams 2024 Charity Christmas Light Display



WE will be having a switch on night on Friday 22nd November at 6pm in Fincham's Close, Linton. Please come and support this small event to raise money in memory of my grandad who sadly passed away in 2020. We are raising funds for the Norfolk Zipper Club to buy additional medical equipment for Papworth Hospital. 100% of your donations get spent on equipment. Our goal this year is to raise £2,500. Last year we raised £3,030 so it would be incredible to beat that! This year's display is even bigger than last year's, with the back garden open from 5pm until 9pm, and the front lights on from 5pm until 10pm. There also will be plenty of giveaways throughout the month and a naughty elf hunt every day! Please follow the Facebook page for all the latest updates: facebook.com/CoopersChristmasLights

Thank you,

The Cooper family.

How to Calm Your Dog During Fireworks Season

FIREWORKS season can be a stressful time for dogs and their owners, but with the right preparation, you can help your dog stay calm and relaxed. According to the RSPCA, as many as 62% of dogs experience anxiety during fireworks season, so it's important to help your dog cope.

Make a Safe Space (Den Building) Create a cosy, insulated area for your dog to retreat to during the fireworks. Choose a space like a crate or under a table and use blankets to muffle sounds. Reinforce this positive space by placing treats and toys inside in the days leading up to local fireworks displays (Cambridge: Nov 5th, Linton: Nov 9th).

Desensitisation with Firework Sounds Gradually exposing your dog to firework sounds ahead of time can help them acclimatise to the noise.

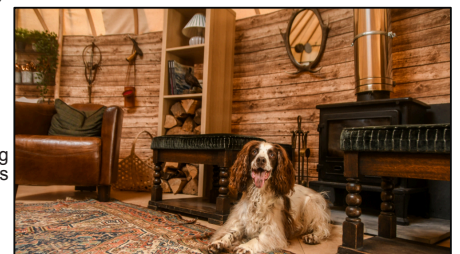
Exercise and Settle Early Make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise before dark so they are more naturally tired.

During Fireworks – You should aim to keep calm and comfort your dog by closing curtains, shutting windows, and playing relaxing music or putting the TV on to block out firework sounds. If your dog seeks comfort, reassure them, or let them retreat to their safe space if they prefer to be alone. Chewing can release calming hormones, so give your dog a yak chew or a Kong filled with their favourite treat.

Any questions, please contact me: info@angliandogworks.com

Emma Filby, Anglian Dog Works

I'm not bothered about the Fireworks



Events Committee - Can you help?

LINTON Parish Council is looking for volunteers to form an Events Committee to organise and host a Summer Event in 2025. The Picnic in the Park in 2023 was well attended and enjoyed by many parishioners, family and friends and it is hoped that this can be held as a biennial event.

Ideally there need to be approximately 25-30 volunteers involved who would be willing to start the process early in the New Year. If you enjoyed the Picnic in the Park and feel able to help, please contact the Parish Council office to register your interest via email on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

Jenny Seaward – Clerk.

Songs of the Season

An Evening of Traditional and Popular Music

JOIN us for a heartwarming evening of seasonal music on Friday 8th November at St. Mary's Church, Linton. Featuring the enchanting harmonies of the Belles Choir and solo performances, this event promises a delightful mix of traditional and popular songs that will uplift and inspire. Under the direction of the talented Rachel Goddard, the choir will fill the beautiful church with the spirit of the season.

The evening will begin with the bar opening at 7.00pm, offering a chance to gather and enjoy refreshments. The performance will start promptly at 7.30pm. While there is no set charge for this event, we kindly ask for donations in support of two worthy causes: St. Mary's Church, Linton, and Annabelle's Challenge, which is raising vital funds for Vascular Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (VEDS).

Come and celebrate the joy of music while making a difference. Your presence and contributions will help sustain the local community and support those affected by VEDS. We look forward to seeing you there!

Charlotte Dodd

A Baroque Celebration with the Azur Ensemble

ON Monday 9th December at 7.30pm the second concert in the series of events in support of the Friends of Holy Trinity Church Hildersham takes place. The performers are graduates from the Royal College of Music, Historic Performance Faculty under the guidance of Professor Ashley Solomon. Their programme will include music by JS Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Scarlatti and Handel and will have harpsichord accompaniment. Tickets at £15 are available using the QR code on the door. For more details contact huntcam2015@gmail.com



Athene Hunt

Headscratcher Number 5

MY six gardeners are arguing about their next planting. They wish to encourage bees to visit my garden. To do so, they have marked out six rows and six columns as a grid. Each gardener will plant six flowers: one each of red, orange, yellow, green, blue and violet. However, in each row or column each gardener plants only one flower and there can only be one of each flower colour. Can you help them? (The editor is still trying!)

Hint: Think Sudoku. Label the gardeners G1, G2 etc., and label the flowers Gx R, Gx Y, etc. in the grid.

Answer to Headscratcher Number 4: the vehicle is travelling at 40 km/h.



Aspasia

Festive Making and Shopping at Cambridge Art Makers



WE'RE holding our Festive Open Studios a little earlier this year to help you be extra organised with your presents, and perhaps avoid clashing with the multiplicity of other events in December. On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November, our studio and workshop are open for all; to see what courses we offer, find some lovely treasures to gift and enjoy seeing the wealth of creativity. We'll hopefully have some physical gift vouchers available to buy too, though these are always available online. Mince pies and mulled wine are to be expected, plus the annual destruction of the gingerbread on the Sunday afternoon!

Before then, we still have spaces on plenty of short courses, including festive ones, and including new Linton-based tutors. We've put lots of lovely courses online for 2025 too! No winter blues to be had in Linton!
Rosemary Bingham

Midsummer in November

FOLLOWING the success of *Beauty and the Beast* last year the Whole Pack Theatre is thrilled to introduce our new all-female production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Fury and discord have plunged the world into a wild, wintry wonderland where nothing is as it seems. While warring fairies wreak havoc on the climate, four lovers try to find harmony among the confusion. Meanwhile, the local am-dram group are just trying to rehearse their pantomime. A clash of passion, chaos and anarchic revelry, this festive production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is a sparkling midwinter frolic incorporating traditional Christmas songs set to haunting harmonies, and is sure to bring festive joy to the darkest of days.

The performance is in Hadstock Village Hall on 29th November at 7:30pm. Tickets are £15, available on the door or at wholepackhadstock.eventbrite.co.uk. For more information, interviews and press bookings please contact: thewholepacktheatre@gmail.com.

Jessamy James

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Village Events

A round up of dates from this edition

NOVEMBER

Sat 2	Farmers Market, 9am - 12pm	Linton Infants School
Sat 2	Balsham Picture House, <i>A Haunting in Venice</i>	Balsham Church Institute
Sun 3	All Saints & All Souls Service, 6pm	St Mary's Church
Tue 5	Scrabble Club, 10 - 12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Tue 5	W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 8	Songs of the Season' Concert, 7pm	St Mary's Church
Sat 9	Art Group Exhibition, 10.30 - 4pm	Free Church Hall
Sat 9	Linton Firework Display	Camping Close
Mon 11	Whist Drive, 7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue 12	Camsight meeting, 2pm	Chalklands Comm. Centre
Fri 15	Daylight Readers, 10.30am & 2.30pm	Library
Sat 16	Coffee Morning, 10 - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Mon 18	W. Wickham Gardening Club, 7.30pm	W. Wickham Village Hall
Tue 19	Scrabble Club, 10 - 12pm	St Mary's Pavilion
Thu 21	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Fri 22	Christmas Lights Switch On, 6pm	Finchams Close
Sat 23	Cambridge Art Makers Festive Open Studio	The Grip
Sun 24	Cambridge Art Makers Festive Open Studio	The Grip
Wed 27	Neighbourhood Policing Meeting, 7 - 8pm	Zoom
Thu 28	ACE Festive Buffet, 12.30pm	Sports Pavilion
Fri 29	A Midsummer Night's Dream, 7.30pm	Hadstock Village Hall
Sat 30	Children's Craft Club, 10.30 - 11.30am	Library

DECEMBER

Tue 3	W.I., 7.30pm	Village Hall
Thu 5	Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Sat 7	Farmers Market, 9am - 12pm	Village Hall
Sat 7	W. Wickham Christmas Fayre, 2 - 4pm	W. Wickham Village Hall
Sat 7	Balsham Picture House, <i>Home Alone</i> (PG), 7.00pm	Balsham Church Institute
Mon 9	Azur Ensemble Concert, 7.30pm	Hildersham Church
WEEKLY - please check with organisers of these events		
Monday	Mini Movers, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
Tuesday	Duplo Club, 10 - 11am	Library
	Knit and Natter, 2 - 3pm	Library
Wednesday	Wam Hub, 1 - 4pm	Sports Pavilion
	IT Club, 5 - 7pm	Library
Thursday	Stay and Play, 10 - 11.30am	Cathodeon Centre
	Baby Group, 1 - 2.30pm	Cathodeon Centre
Friday	Duplo Club, 11 - 12pm	Library

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Linton Heights Celebrates its Golden Anniversary

THE junior school in Linton recently opened their doors and welcomed past pupils and staff to join their 50th anniversary celebration.

The school's alumni enjoyed a cream tea and birthday cake as well as musical performances from across the decades by current pupils.

Linton Heights Junior School, which is a member of Anglian Learning multi academy trust, was built in 1974 and has proudly served the village of Linton for the past 50 years.



Golden Anniversary Celebrations

Throughout its history, the school has maintained strong links with the local community including the churches of Linton and Linton CE Infant School. The Junior School is the main feeder school for Linton Village College (also a member of Anglian Learning).

James Puxley, Headteacher said: 'It was a joyous and very special occasion during which our school's alumni had the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane. We are grateful to the local community for their support of the school over the past fifty years helping our pupils, both past and present, to flourish and thrive. Support has been provided by local businesses such as Camgrain, Dalehead Foods and the local Co-op who have worked closely with the school over many years.'

To find out more about Linton Heights Junior School, please visit: <https://lintonheightsjunior.org/>.

Sarah Golding

News from the Granta School

IT has been an exciting start to the year! We have welcomed new students and many new staff, all of whom have settled in wonderfully and have had a fabulous half a term. Richard McEwan has started his role as Deputy Headteacher and is looking forward to the year ahead.

It has been great to see how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents and governors in one year, extending from academic to sporting events. Our end-of-year prom was a great success and was well attended. Our leavers have settled into their new challenges, and we wish them all well with their next steps into adulthood.

On Thursday 10th October, we celebrated *Hello Yellow Day* in aid of young people's mental health. One of our classes had a sponsored exploration of all things yellow, and a special mention goes to Ben, who raised a whopping £155!

We will not be holding our annual winter fayre this year, but hope to return bigger and better next year with our summer fayre.

Thank you to Linton Fireworks for allowing us to take part again this year, and for providing us with some much-needed funds for a new minibus! From all of us at Granta, thank you for your continued support over the last year. We have lots of exciting activities and challenges planned, and we look forward to seeing what 2024-2025 brings us.

Emma Jennings

The Marsh Mail

OUR Open Evening at the end of September was a huge success, showcasing the school to prospective Year 6 families. I was impressed by how many LVC students volunteered to be helpers and tour guides on the evening, and by the passion and personal insights shared by our student leaders during the presentations.

Head Student Kuba demonstrated great independence and initiative through his successful application to the Henry Morris Memorial Trust Fund. Kuba received funding to embark on a trip to the Isle of Man. Having always been interested in the Celtic history of the Isle, he used the trip as an opportunity to find out more about the island's politics, history and geography.

Kuba met His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer at Government House and discussed various topics, including the role of the Lieutenant Governor, Crown Dependencies and Manx Culture. Kuba also met virtually with the Chief Minister and spoke about education on the island. Kuba, who has future aspirations in International Diplomacy, was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Effort and Dedication to Duty for his project and interview.

Other successes include our MFL trips to Spain and



Kuba receiving his award



MFL Trip

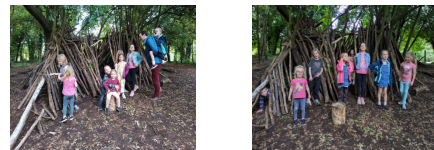
France this month. These trips are a great opportunity for our GCSE language students to experience both speaking and the culture of the language they have chosen to study. The students in Spain were also lucky enough to experience some glorious Autumn sunshine.

Helena Marsh

Lots of Autumn Fun at Linton Free Church

IT'S a busy and exciting Autumn at Linton Free Church. Beacon Trust held a fantastic gospel concert to raise funds for their work with young people in and around Linton.

Our children held their Autumn Lighthouse and, by the time of reading, both Churches will have put on the annual Light Party for children. Our Junior Church families also enjoyed an Autumn picnic in Wandlebury.



We held a harvest collection for Reach and children and adults also brought gifts of food items for their Foodbank. The Alpha Course has been running since early September. Look out for details of our next one in 2025.

Coming up in November, on Saturday 9th November our Art Group are holding an exhibition and sale from 10.30am to 4.00pm, in the Free Church Hall. There will also be silver jewellery on sale from the Adorn Jewellery Store. Next month we'll tell you all about our Christmas services and activities but we just wanted to give an early notice for our Christmas Lighthouse on Sunday 1st December, 10.30am to 12 noon in the Free Church Hall.

All Primary age children welcome. Christmas themed crafts, stories, games and snacks. **ALL FREE and LOTS OF FUN!**

Check out our website for more details:
Lintonfreechurch.org.uk

Ian Burns, Church Secretary

News from Linton Infant School

NOVEMBER is here, along with the darker mornings and evenings, and the term is well under way. We are already entering into the Christmas spirit by designing Christmas cards and drawing self-portraits for gifts. The children's artwork is amazing!

Last month our value was 'generosity', and we have seen and heard about some wonderful acts of generosity shown by our pupils. It made me think about how our school community has shown generosity this month. I was proud to realise that we raised over £250 for Jeans for Genes and £165 for Macmillan Cancer Support, and donated a huge number of items for Harvest Festival. These three charity events have become so woven into our school that we are showing generosity without thinking about it! Generosity comes in many forms, including monetary, time, and kindness; it is very easy to show generosity, and doing so has the benefit of improving your own mental health and well-being! Thank you to all of our staff and families who have shown generosity.

As the admissions window is open, we are already thinking about the intake for September 2025. We are pleased to be able to offer some small group tours on Monday 11th November at 10 am, Thursday 14th November at 10 am, and Monday 18th November at 1.30 pm. Places in each session are limited so please phone the school office to book a place (01223 891421).

Kelly Harries



Mega Christmas Meat Raffle

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Many children and young people live lives filled with the loss, and the longing for someone to care for them. Please will you spare a thought for those who have experienced suffering and trauma this year. For several years the young people of Hildersham Children's Church Council, in conjunction with Love Abington and the Churches in Abington and Hildersham have made this appeal. We are delighted that Biomed Realty, on Granta Park has generously offered to join in through their Give a Gift scheme.

Please choose a gift for a child in care or an unaccompanied refugee child. There is a special need for gifts for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who are leaving care and often get forgotten. Such gifts could be **chocolate, gloves, hats, scarves, a football, a local football game ticket, gift card towards sports shop purchases, art kits, blanket, backpack, toiletries sets, a Boots/Superdrug voucher, journal/notebook and pen, drawing materials, gift card to the cinema, slippers, dressing gowns.** There is also a need

for second hand bicycles and repurposed tech e.g. phones, tablets and laptops.

Please bring your gift, unwrapped in a gift bag labelled to say if it is for a boy or girl of approximately what age, to **Holy Trinity Church Hildersham on SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER between 2.00pm and 4.00pm** or **St Mary's Church Little Abington on SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER between 2.00pm and 4.00pm.** Join us at either venue for tea and cake.

If you are unable to deliver your present on the day, please email Rosemary Mead, leonardavmead@hotmail.com, or Amanda Palmer, amjpalmer@gmail.com, to make other arrangements.

Thank you for your generosity. The foster and refugee children will be so delighted to know that someone is thinking of them.

Rosemary Mead and Amanda Palmer



Gifts collected for young people on a previous occasion

New local walking routes

ONE of the best ways to enjoy our wonderful area is on foot, so our website has always included walks. They have generally been focused on footpaths, but last winter's exceptional rain made many difficult, prompting us to develop a new series of routes. We hope our Quiet Lane Walks will appeal to anyone who dislikes cleaning boots, and also to families, people with mobility problems, or less-energetic cyclists.

Our website has almost 40 Quiet Lane Walks in addition to over 100 established routes. You can find a route that suits you by scanning the lists of walks or by going to a parish introduction to see which route numbers go there – Quiet Lane walks start with 3. We have created quiet

lane routes visiting 41 of our hundred parishes but welcome suggestions for more – email a simple route outline to hundredparishes@btinternet.com and we will create a full description.

New routes range from 1 to 12 miles, passing through lovely villages and countryside, often with a café or pub. Route descriptions can be freely downloaded from our website.

If you do not have access to the internet but would like to walk and have suggestions, please write to The Hundred Parishes Society, 2 Greenfields, Stansted Mountfitchet CM24 8AH. We will send you a list of available routes and then print some at no charge.

Ken McDonald, Secretary



Near Strethall, which features in three of the new walks

ACE Festive Buffet

Activities and Care for Elders looks forward to welcoming old friends and new to their very popular Festive Buffet, to be held in the Sports Pavilion on Linton Recreation Ground, 12:30pm on Thursday 28th November.

There will be a small charge to cover the costs of the buffet and some live Christmas music. Look out for the posters with more details. We hope to see you at our final event for 2024.

Sue Filby

Historical Society News

At our October meeting we enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining evening with Susan Grossey – who spent a 'life in crime' after graduating from Cambridge University and worked 25 years advising financial institutions and others on how to spot criminal money; this led onto a highly successful new career as an author based on this fascinating subject. After briefly telling us about the books, Susan asked for stories and experiences from the audience; this did not disappoint and led to an extremely enjoyable evening. Those who were unable to attend but would like to find out more, contact Susan on: www.susangrossey.com

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th November 2024 when Ken McDonald, from *The Hundred Parishes Society* will speak on *A peek in some 'Hundred' Parish Churches*. Meeting begins at 7.30pm in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane (easy parking in the Health Centre public car park opposite). There will be refreshments & raffle.

For further details of the Linton & District Historical Society please email ldhscamb@ gmail.com or 'phone 01223 893915 or 01223 678835.

Margaret Creek

At the Library

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Knit and Natter: Every Tuesday, 2–3pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

Daylight Readers: Our Book Groups will meet twice on Friday 15th November, at 10:30am and 2.30pm. New members are always welcome.

Craft Club: Saturday 30th November, 10.30–11.30am, aimed at 4–10 year olds. Come along and make some Christmas crafts!

Do you like reading stories aloud? We have a vacancy for a volunteer to help with story time for 0–4 year-olds. Tuesday mornings, weekly in term time. Pop in if you're interested.

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Country Matters

Text by Oriel O'Loughlin, illustrations by Maureen Williams



Alpine milk production

IF you ever listen to the farming programmes on the radio, or watch Countryfile, there is often a lot of talk about falling numbers of dairy herds in the UK and arguments over supermarket milk prices. A recent trip to the alps encouraged my interest in alpine milk production, so although South Cams is not exactly a top dairy cow area, I hope that the subject of milk is of interest.

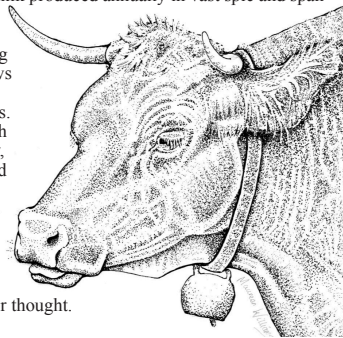
Everywhere in the Tyrol the brand of TyrolMilch is evident, from supermarket shelves to small dairy farms high on the unimaginably beautiful mountains. 2,980 farmers in the Austrian Tyrol supply their milk to TyrolMilch. 230 million kilos of milk are processed in the Wörgl factory. The company website is full of statistics about how sustainable they are, and how healthy their products are. All very laudable. What interests me most is the fact that for centuries alpine milk production appears relatively unchanged.

These farmers practise what is called transhumance – the movement of cows up from the valleys in the spring, and down from the mountains in the autumn. The traditional multi-generational house with the cows living in the barn at the back during winter is still very much the norm. Families often have very small herds; everything appears so orderly, and they earn extra income from letting out rooms in their beautifully decorated houses. All the cows wear bells, and the naughty ones wear extra large ones. Years ago there were hundreds of coloured wooden poles and huge reels of wire keeping the cows in place. Now it is all short lightweight plastic poles and electric tape. While the cows are up top in the summer, the valley fields recover. Farmers get 3 or even 4 crops of hay off their fields each summer with the help of all the manure from the barns. And to look at the grass, and smell it, is such a joy – there are endless herbs and flowers, and it all appears so green and lush. In the Tyrol there are around 2000 summer mountain huts, one in six reachable only by foot, and some of them have milking facilities. To reduce the need for transferring milk down the

mountain, some also have cheese making facilities. Alpine milk is very rich, 4.5% butterfat, and the higher altitudes lead to higher levels of Omega 3 fatty acids: no idea why. In the valley there are 7 herbs per square metre, and in the mountains more like 70. The cows are the same breed as those kept in the valleys year-round, but the diet is different. Cows after all have a digestive system designed for a diet of grass.

Every September, the different valleys conduct the cows through the towns and villages, a riot of colour and cowpats and a tourist attraction. As a Thanksgiving ritual, the cows wear bells, garlands of flowers and mirrors. Sometimes they disappear up the side streets, with a chap wearing leather breeches in hot pursuit.

Alpine milk is perceived by the consumer as sustainable, natural, healthy and respectful of animal welfare. This contrasts with our view of the massive dairy farms in the USA, and increasingly, here in the UK. I was amazed to find the largest dairy farms in the world are actually in Saudi Arabia, with 2 billion litres of milk produced annually in vast spic and span barns in the middle of the desert, containing up to 40,000 cows with excellent welfare standards. They are fed high protein corn, soy, and distiller dried grains. Each cow yields around 40 litres per day, as against the 10 litres per cow in the alps. Food for thought.



Granta Grapevine hits 400

GRANTA Grapevine Talking Newspaper celebrated over 400 recordings at its AGM on 17th October. The audio publication, including the Linton News, has been in operation since 1990. It is distributed every month on USB stick, and on its website grantagrapevine.org.uk, where you can find more information about us.

If you know someone who has difficulty reading the Linton News and would like to hear it read to them or you would like to help us, please call the number below or email grantagrapevine@gmail.com



The photo shows the Granta Grapevine team and supporters enjoying the celebration cake, provided by Linton Kitchen (see advert on page 3) which, to save the planet, has only 4 candles!

Mike Crofts, 893619

Linton Camsight VIP's for people of all ages with sight loss

WE all enjoyed a very interesting talk at our October meeting, by two members of the South Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Policing Team, Chris Wiseman and John Coppard. They described the various ways in which scams can easily happen. The methods used by the scammers are very convincing and devious, whether on the doorstep, on the telephone, or online. They advised on the best ways to recognise and close the conversation or to use online contact if there is any doubt at all about a caller's integrity, and how to report them to your own bank or the local police. Despite its serious nature, it was an entertaining and lighthearted talk enjoyed by all. It was followed as usual by our afternoon tea and raffle.

Our next meeting will be at 2pm on Tuesday, November 12th at the Chalklands Community Hall, Linton.

If you would like any further information on our meetings and on the ways in which Camsight can help people with low vision or blindness, please contact us through the Cambridge office on 420033, or on the number below.

Jean Mannion, 893595



Meeting the Neighbourhood Policing Team

West Wickham & District Gardening & Photography

AS Summer turned to Autumn the West Wickham & District Gardening Club met for their AGM. Many members were kind enough to come and contribute to the meeting with the election of new officers and to say 'thank you' to the outgoing treasurer, Andrew Morris, who formally stepped down from the committee he was instrumental in founding over 40 years ago. In the drinks party that followed, Andrew was awarded the RHS Recognition Award for his unflinching dedication to the Club over these four decades. A well-deserved retirement beckons although we are happy to say that Andrew will continue to support the Club in a less formal capacity as we move forward.

With a packed programme for the end of the year, the new committee won't be resting on their laurels. Here is a run-down of some of the remaining events for 2024 which we hope members and non-members who'd just like to find out more about us can come along to.

Monday 18th November: Jim Paine *Botanical Gardens: A Grand Tour*, 7.30pm at the Village Hall, West Wickham

Saturday 7th December: *West Wickham Christmas Fayre* 2.00–4.00pm at the Village Hall, West Wickham

Membership for 2024-2025 begins at the beginning of October and is open to everyone in West Wickham and the surrounding area. Annual membership is £8 per person which entitles you to a 50% discount on entry to RHS gardens. Please contact Sue Boase on 07716 401646 wwdgc@westwickham.org

West Wickham & District Photography Competition 24-25

Hosted by West Wickham & District Gardening Club

FOLLOWING the success of this year's competition, we hope you might be tempted to share your photos with us in next year's competition. To get you thinking the titles are: **Frozen, Light and Dark and Terrific Trees.**

Greetings and Christmas cards are often created from some of the most inspired entries so why not have a go? The closing date will be at the end of August so plenty of time to take out those phones and cameras!

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Bus Franchising Consultation

THE Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) launched a consultation on the concept of bus franchising in the county and how the authority can help reform bus travel. It's a very big step forward, as the idea of introducing a road charge in Cambridge to pay for more busses in Cambridgeshire has been binned; this is a more realistic alternative to improving public transport, but will involve more public funding to get it off the ground and possibly an increase in the Mayor's precept to help fund it, so please do contribute to the consultation if possible. <https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

There is also a pop-up event that anyone can attend, if they'd like to discuss the proposals with an officer of the CPCA.

Police Community Engagement Panel

Cambridgeshire Police hold quarterly public forums where they give updates on the service in South Cambs as well as take questions from the public. The next one is to be held online on November 27th at 7pm. To register for the event, follow this link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-cambridgeshire-community-engagement-meeting-november-2024-tickets-772923213137?aff=oddtcreator>

Cost of Living Support

The District Council has a raft of Cost-of-Living support packages available for those that need them. These range from free electric blankets to mobile food hubs to advice on what support can be claimed. Around 25% of benefits go unclaimed, so please do check, or ask those in need to check, if they are owed anything that they haven't been claiming. <https://www.scams.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support>

Cambridge 2050

For those keeping an eye on the news, you may recall that the former housing minister, Michael Gove, had announced that they saw Cambridge as an area of the country for growth and estimated that they'd like to build an additional 250,000 houses in the area, to encourage players in the science and tech industry to relocate here. Since the new government has come in our local authorities and MPs have been asking if they have similar ambitions for the area. We recently had a visit from the new minister, Matthew Pennycook, who said that the new government still saw Cambridge as an area for growth but so far refused to put a number on this. We imagine it will likely be closer to the 100,000-150,000 mark, which is actually almost in line with the current plan for the area – so we're hoping we won't see large swathes of our countryside unexpectedly developed!

Household Support Fund

We were under the impression a few months ago that the much-used household support fund, which is central government money distributed by the County Council, was due to cease. We were pleased to hear recently that it is now set to continue. This year Cambridgeshire was awarded £3.5 million to help with cost-of-living support.

There is free advice on the cost-of-living support available from the County Council for anyone who may be in need of it - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Local Highways Improvement Fund

Each year the County Council runs a scheme called Local Highways Improvement (LHI) where parish councils can bid into the Council for part-funding for a small highways project that wouldn't ordinarily be built out by the County Council. The applications for the scheme will be reopening before

Christmas, so if you think of any smaller projects in your local area that might warrant a bid, do speak to your parish council about it. <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/local-highway-improvement-funding>

Small Business Support Grant

The District Council have announced a new grant which is available to support small businesses in South Cambs. Small businesses can apply for up to £5,000 from a £100,000 pot as part of the wider Rural Prosperity Scheme, mentioned below, from the Combined Authority. SCDC still offers free advice to small businesses and startups. Full detail can be found here - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/business/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/small-business-grant/>

Community Energy Consultation

The County Council are consulting on how they can support communities with local clean energy projects. If you'd like to participate in this, more info is here - <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/community-energy-project>

Physical Activity Grant

The District Council has launched a new grant for members of the voluntary sector, specialist group or leisure centre. It is to help with classes aimed at people with long-term health conditions. There is up to £2,000 per applicant available and full details, plus an application form, is available on the website - <https://www.scams.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/physical-activity-grant-for-long-term-health-condition-management>

Active Travel Hierarchy Consultation

Another consultation to tell you about: the County Council are asking for people's views on which roads should be prioritised for active travel (not in a motor vehicle). There is an interactive map which can be seen via the link - <https://consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/active-travel-hierarchy> - it mainly affects Cambridge city and some of the bordering villages, but do take a look if interested.

Contact Details

District Council – John Batchelor – johndbatchelor23@gmail.com
District and County Council – Henry Batchelor – henrybatchelor89@gmail.com

Planning Applications

Planning Applications from September 18th until October 16th 23/03988/HFUL Submission of details required by condition 3 (traffic management plan) of planning permission, 26 High Street Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4HS. 23/03988/CONDB Validated: Friday 27th September 2024 Status: Awaiting decision

Linton W.I.

OUR speaker at the October meeting was Fiona Chesterton. Fiona came into an unexpected windfall which led her to researching her family history and writing a book 'Secrets Never to be Told'. Her search led her from Cambridge to Canada. Jessie Heading was born in Cambridge in 1877 in lodgings above what is now Boots. After leaving school, she worked as a seamstress and nanny. On the 18th November 1912, she sailed to Canada. Her occupation was listed as domestic servant. She settled in the Vancouver area and later married and had a son. There are lots of twists to Fiona's tale so members were eager to buy her book and learn the full story. Fiona was given a box of memorabilia from Canada which contained photos of Cambridge people. She has identified several but if you can help her identify more please go to her website fionachesterton.com.

Our next meeting will be on 5th November, when Kevin Boardman will be talking about the history surrounding the Gunpowder Plot.

Elizabeth Cox

Harold Mascall Walk: a fitting tribute

MANY parishioners will remember Harold Mascall, a prominent, well-respected figure in the village who sadly passed away last year. Harold was the founder of Linton Fire Station and remained sub-officer in charge until he retired in 1977. Aged 55, Harold had completed many years' service but was keen to continue being involved with the village community. In retirement he chose to stay close to the crew by becoming Chairman of the Sports and Social Club at the Fire Station until it closed.

Harold was postman for the village and joined the Parish Council. He was Vice-Chairman from May 1979 until May 1982 when he was appointed Chairman, a position he held for 3 years before graciously handing over to Cllr Brian Cox. Harold remained a Parish Council member for many years, sharing his knowledge and experience for the benefit of the parish.



A fitting tribute to Harold

In 2024, three parishioners proposed that the footpath behind the Fire Station be named in memory of Harold. Harry Stanford, Alan Plume and Mark Collins donated funds for the signage, and alongside the Parish Council, gained permission from the District and County Councils. The Parish Council office then arranged the purchase and installation of the new footpath sign. This permanent tribute to Harold will ensure he is always fondly remembered for his contribution to the village. Thank you to Harry, Alan and Mark for your request and kind donation.

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Parish Council Matters

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Defibrillators in Linton Latest update

AT THE Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September funding was agreed to provide two free-standing defibrillators, one for Bartlow Road and one for Horseheath Road. This will ensure that the eastern side of the village has access to this vital emergency equipment. This equipment has been ordered and will be installed in due course.

Through grant applications our Burials Assistant, Nadine Wilson, has managed to secure match funding for two external defibrillators and cabinets which must be placed on community buildings and require an electrical connection. These two defibrillators must be publicly available at all times. By securing the funding, Nadine has enabled the budget to go much further and potentially an additional defibrillator for the Balsham Road area can now be considered.



The Linton Village Hall trustee committee has pledged funds to cover the purchase and installation of an external defibrillator at the Hall, this will be placed on the exterior wall to ensure it is accessible to all parishioners 24 hours a day.

The Parish Council has agreed to adopt the defibrillator for all ongoing maintenance.

As you may be aware, Cllr Karen Sanderson spent the summer raising funds for an external defibrillator for the Chalklands Community Centre. SCDC have agreed to cover the cost of installation, and our local community warden will share responsibility with Karen to monitor the device. Again, the Parish Council have adopted the defibrillator to ensure the continuity of maintenance going forward.

All of the defibrillators in the village will be fully automatic and give voice commands explaining exactly how to use them, the defibrillator will guide you every step of the way!

A further training session will be set up in the spring of 2025 to ensure parishioners who would like to increase their confidence have the opportunity to do so. Please contact Nadine for further details on enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk.

The Linton Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved with this project, which provides essential emergency equipment that is readily available to everyone.

For more information, please visit the website at www.defibfinder.uk which shows the position of all defibrillators in the UK, search for your location and you will soon see some additional hearts on the map!

Clerk

Linton Village Directory Update and re-launch

DURING the COVID lockdown of 2020, a website was created to replace the Linton Directory, a useful but out of date booklet. Some of you may still have a copy, it may well be gathering dust on a bookshelf!

The purpose of the Linton Village Directory website was to create a user friendly, accessible listing featuring information of services and businesses for Linton and the surrounding area. The website can be easily updated and adapted without hefty re-printing costs.



The website has now been adopted by the Parish Council and recently updated by the office team. Additional funding from The Hundred Parishes Society, along with monies raised from sales of the Heritage Trail booklet, have enabled a revision of the directory which now includes a section on local information and a brief history of Linton.

The future of the website is where we need you to get involved. The basics are in place, and we are now looking for amendments and additions. Please visit the website at www.lintonvillagedirectory.co.uk to check your own listing. If you are not yet featured or the information needs updating, please get in touch with us at enquiries@linton-pc.gov.uk. Spread the word to family and friends to check listings, there is a large amount of interesting information and some intriguing "Glimpses into Linton's Past", kindly shared by the Linton Historical Society.

We are keen to add more local information so for example, if you have photographs which you would like to share on the website, we have a gallery page waiting for you. Please get in touch with your ideas.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the Linton Parish Council, the Hundred Parishes Society and the Linton Historical Society for supporting this project.

Clerk

Planning Update September/October 2024



I WAS almost tempted to write 'sorry, there isn't any' because it really has been a quiet couple of months. There have been a few applications for extensions or modifications and requests for tree work but no major (or smaller) developments have been forthcoming.

It's a bit unsettling knowing that the new government has big plans to tackle the housing shortage coupled with the overtures from Bloor Homes and the trust owning Fleming's Field both outlining an early intention to develop parts of Linton. We just have to wait and see what develops.

The Horseheath Road development and the surface water arrangements are a cause of frustration for parishioners living there... South Cambridgeshire District Council issued an Enforcement Notice (EN/00475/23) for an alleged breach of the surface water condition (S/2553/16/CONDO) in August 2023. The compliance timescale for the notice was by the 29th of November 2023. The perception is that nothing has been done and this is because nothing has been done! Unfortunately the wheels turn very slowly where these matters are concerned but hopefully before much longer we'll see some action.

If you are affected by this situation you might consider contacting SCDC Planning and requesting action be taken. The Parish Council has been pressing the case but it would be helpful if individual parishioners were to add their voice.

Please remember that the Parish Office can give advice on planning matters and Conservation Area requirements.

Cllr Tony Smith

Neighbourhood Policing Voice your concerns

JOIN Cambridgeshire Constabulary at a quarterly online meeting where you will hear direct from the officers policing your area about recent activity, they will listen to your concerns, present the results of the survey (please see below) and allow you to shape future activity. The next available event will be held in November, please use the link below to attend

[Event on 27th November 2024 7pm](#)

Each quarter you will be asked to fill out an online survey to enable a build up a picture of what is happening in the area and what is concerning you most. You are then invited to join the online meeting to discuss matters of concern and the priorities for the following quarter.

Clerk

Cathodeon Centre Wall Thanks for your patience

YOU MAY have noticed that the Cathodeon Centre wall has been undergoing an essential rebuild. Due to the deterioration of the wooden post wall, the Parish Council is funding a brick replacement.

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Parish Council Minutes

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the Linton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 19th September 2024 at the Cathodeon Centre.

Chairman's Comment.

The Chairman advised that further training has been requested in relation to the procedures for declarations of interest and dispensation. CAPALC training session on the Code of Conduct being held on 24th October 2024. Further training has also been requested by the RFO from CAPALC.

Clerks Report / Matters arising

Update on the naming of a footpath in Linton and consideration for the request for funding the installation. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed that the signage be paid for by way of the donation from the parishioners, and for the Parish Council to cover the installation cost with the quote from Local Handyman Services to be accepted. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

Defibrillators in Linton

Consideration for the request for two additional funded defibrillators for the village in priority locations and to set a maximum budget for the same, to be delegated to the Clerk for arranging procurement and installation of the units. **Decision required.**

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed funding of a maximum £8,000.00 excluding VAT be delegated to the Clerk to provide two freestanding defibrillator cabinets including defibrillators and to cover the installation costs to each location on Horseheath Road and Bartlow Road. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration for the donation of funds from Linton Village Hall Trustee Committee to enable the procurement and installation of a defibrillator at Linton Village Hall and request for the Parish to adopt the unit. **Decision required.**

Cllr Brian Cox proposed to accept the donation from the Linton Village Hall trustee committee for £1500.00 to purchase a defibrillator to be situated at the Village Hall. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration for the donation of funds from public donations to enable the procurement and installation of a defibrillator at the Chalklands Community Centre and request for the Parish to adopt the unit. **Decision required.**

Cllr Tony Smith proposed to accept the donation of monies raised by Cllr Karen Sanderson totaling £1500.00 to purchase a defibrillator to be situated at the Chalklands Community Centre. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **All Agreed.**

External Meetings

Consideration for the written report of the Neighbourhood Policing Meeting held on 28th August 2024. Written report in councillor packs. **Noted.**

Consideration for the written report of the Disability Access User Group Meeting held on 5th September 2024. Written report in councillor packs. **Noted.**

District and County Councillors Report for September 2024. Written report available in Councillor packs.

In addition to the written report the following points were added.

County & District Councillor Henry Batchelor informed the Parish Council of the Police Community Engagement meeting scheduled to be held on 27th November 2024, all welcome including members of the public.

District Councillor John Batchelor gave an overview of a meeting of SGDC and the Housing Minister, the focus for development in Cambridgeshire is apparent but that housing numbers being mentioned had reduced significantly.

Allotments

Consideration of the letter, drafted by the Administrative Assistant and the RFO, notifying parishioners that they have secured an allotment and permission to send. Supporting documents in councillors packs. **Decision required.**

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed the letter be approved and it be noted that a blue badge would be required for use of a disabled parking bay. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **All Agreed.**

Finance, Risk and Compliance

Quotations & Contracts

Consideration of quotes received in relation to the Annual Village Ranger contract due to commence on the 1st of November 2024. **Decision required.**

Cllr Tony Smith proposed the contract be awarded to Local Handyman Services. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **6 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.**

Consideration of quotes received in relation to the Annual Cemetery Ranger contract due to commence on the 1st of November 2024. **Decision required.**

Cllr Tony Smith proposed the contract be awarded to Local Handyman Services. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **6 in favour with one abstention. Agreed.**

Consideration of the quotations received for the annual cut of the Leadwell Meadows. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the quotation for the annual cut from Chris Markham be accepted. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration of the quotation provided from Local Handyman Services to re-set the gate post to the Under 8's play area. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the quotation from LHS to re-set the gate post at the Under 8's play area be accepted. Cllr Brian Cox seconded. **All Agreed.**

Cathodeon Centre

Consideration of the information provided by Grantham Groundworks and progression following review of the documentation received. **Decision required.**

Cllr Carl Cieluch proposed the quotation provided by Grantham Groundworks be accepted to include the stepped reduction in height of the brickwork as discussed. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

Grants and Funding

Consideration for the grant requests from Linton Granta Football Club. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed to award the grant to the LGFC for the development of the ladies team. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **Agreed with one abstention.**

Cllr Tony Smith proposed not to award the grant to the LGFC for the procurement of a new till system. Cllr Carl Cieluch seconded. **All Agreed.**

Traffic & Highways

Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID)

Notification of the data captured from the Mobile Speed Indicator Device (MSID) for July/August and request to purchase 2 spare batteries. *Written reports available in Councillor packs.* **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed a maximum budget of £120.00 for the purchase of replacement batteries and the procurement of the same be delegated to the Clerk.

Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

Events

Linton Fireworks

Consideration for permission to hold the Annual Fireworks Event on Camping Close on Saturday 9th November 2024.

Decision required.

Cllr Chris Hine proposed the Linton Fireworks Committee be given permission to hold the event on Camping Close on Saturday 9th November providing Cambridgeshire County Council have no objections as landowner. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

Cllr Carl Cieluch volunteered to work with the Fireworks Committee on the relevant checks of the area following the event.

Remembrance Sunday

Consideration for a maximum budget and delegation to the Clerk for purchases of memorial items in relation to Remembrance Sunday. **Decision required.**

Cllr Chris Hine proposed a budget of £250.00 for the Clerk to purchase memorial items in relation to Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Karen Sanderson seconded. **All Agreed.**

Consideration for a maximum budget and delegation to the Clerk to purchase refreshments for the gathering at Linton Village Hall after the Remembrance Sunday service.

Decision required.

Cllr Karen Sanderson proposed a budget of £100.00 for the Clerk to purchase refreshments for the gathering at the Linton Village Hall after the Remembrance Sunday service. Cllr Simon Hill seconded. **All Agreed.**

Pavilion Building

Notification of the Small Society Lottery Licence for the LGFC at the Pavilion building. **For Information. Noted.**

Cemetery

Consideration for the revision to the Cemetery Regulations in relation to the introduction of acrylic headstones and other memorial items. *Supporting documents in councillors packs.* **Decision required.**

Cllr Kate Kell proposed that the Cemetery Regulations be updated to include that acrylic headstones and other memorial items are NOT permitted in the Linton Cemetery. Cllr Tony Smith seconded. **All Agreed.**

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