



# Linton Parish News Spring 2024

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## From the Chair of Linton Parish Council

Spring time and its lovely watching the Orchards and countryside Bloom.



### Tuesday May 21st

Save the date Linton Residents!

**7:30pm for an evening of wine, snacks and chat about the past year in Linton in the village hall. Out with the old way of doing things and in with the new: It'll be a chance to mingle with neighbours and talk about all things Linton, and we have a guest speaker, Duncan Mills of Berry Gardens. MC for the evening is yours truly!**

Local elections are just a few days away (Thursday 2nd May) and you do have a voice so please use it. Apathy is, in my view, not an option and we must move away from the minority dictating to the "silent" majority. We are now Loose and Linton Ward. The change, which your Parish Council supported because we have much in common with Loose and it gave us a stronger voice. We are a small Parish and adding us to Loose produced two Ward Councillors. **Also coming up** and watch the notice boards for the **Bull Inn** might have something a bit special for **D-Day celebrations**. Cont... page 2

### A Summer Concert with cheese and wine in St Nicholas Church.



The Hartlip Singers who received a standing ovation at Holy Trinity, Coxheath in December will be coming to Linton for a summer evening concert on **Sunday 30th June at 6pm**. These talented singers come from all walks of musical life, ranging from Rochester Cathedral, the BBC Chorus, and Amateur Operatics. singing music from classical to show songs, folk and pop.

**Tickets (suggested donation £15) from Claire - 01622 744971**

### Linton Parish Council Website [www.lintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.lintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/)

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Peter Paterson is our new  
Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator.  
Contact him at  
[ppaterson@trustfirmin.com](mailto:ppaterson@trustfirmin.com)

**Are you new to the village? WELCOME to this lovely part of Kent. See inside for news from the Parish Council, St Nicholas Church, Linton Walkers, Village Hall news, Litter picks, Community coffee mornings and more!**

From Bernie, continued from page 1.

**The Greensand Place application** might well be decided shortly. We've objected, as per our letters on the MBC portal, which is the absence of infrastructure.

**The Maidstone Local Plan** has now been adopted and no the Greensand Place application is not part of it.

**Fridays application** for 190,000 free range chicken farm was reduced by a third and now withdrawn. But don't count your chickens!

**Clockhouse at Rankins Farm** has yet to come forward with a proposal on the site regarding polytunnel coverage and screening. And they've applied for Polytunnels at Linton Growers along Redwall Lane. We have objected to several hectares of all year round polytunnel coverage, which are far taller than can be seen on Rankins Farm.

**Volunteers**—Can you Help Linton; no matter how or what, come and have a chat. There's something for everyone! If you have green fingers, accountancy skills, reviewing charity accounts or editing our small Newsletter and lots in-between. And on that note we say a big thank you to Cllr Julie Urquhart who is stepping down from her volunteering roles to move away, we wish her all the best for the future.

**Look forward to seeing you all on 21st May at 7.30pm. Bernie Cresswell**

**Thank you to all our volunteers who deliver Linton Parish News to every home in the village.**

### Pastoral Letter from the Rector

May is here at last! *'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come...'* Song of Songs 2:11-12

I always find May to be a hopeful month. It's when Spring begins to turn to Summer. Those of us sick and tired of trekking our dogs through cold, thick, sticky, mud rejoice in the return of firmer ground and cleaner floors; we can turn the heating off until October; the green-fingered among us will see our gardens flourish once more; the evenings are lighter; we have two Bank Holidays in the same month! What's not to love?

No wonder our ancestors welcomed this month with feasting and dancing. It must have marked some relief for them - the frosts were gone, food was more plentiful, less darkness, less sleeping, more time to enjoy the company of others.

In the church, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, we'll be celebrating too as we mark the festival of Pentecost. We'll hear again the account in the book of Acts that describes how the Spirit of God was poured out on the first believers with tongues of Holy fire...

You are welcome, as always, to come along and join us as we discover what these events can mean for us today.

Have a look for yourself - see if there's something you can celebrate this month. And if there isn't? Make something up - and invite your neighbours! Warm May blessings to you all,  
*Lorna*



### Linton Walkers

The Linton Walkers' 2024 walking season is well under way now. Copies of the walks schedule can be found via the website or contact [lintonwalkers1@gmail.com](mailto:lintonwalkers1@gmail.com) – or just turn up at any walk. Jerry Whitmarsh runs the Thursday weekly walks (11am each other Thursday), and Peter Goodhew the Tuesday evening walks (6pm/7pm each Tuesday). There is also a summer outing, an end of season dinner, and a Rogation Sunday Linton Boundary Walk.

### Community Coffee

#### Mornings

#### St Nicholas Church

Tuesdays 30th April: 28th

May: 25th June

If you've not been before come and claim a free drink with your copy of Linton Parish News. A member of Linton Parish Council will be present to talk about local community matters and listen to your views.



### Linton Village Hall

Please email the Lettings Secretary: [lintonvillagelettings@gmail.com](mailto:lintonvillagelettings@gmail.com) or call 07903 419055. or contact Ray Dixon on 07947 308224 [raydixon1@btinternet.com](mailto:raydixon1@btinternet.com)



### The Linton Litter Pickers Saturday 1st June at 10am

Meet at the Musket Brewery Car Park, Loddington Lane. Refreshments at 12 noon at the Brewery.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who turned out during the winter months to keep our lanes clear.

Info from: Caroline Richer  
[caroline\\_richer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caroline_richer@yahoo.co.uk)

### Friends of Linton Church,

a Registered Charity, raises funds to assist toward the preservation and maintenance of the fabric and contents of St Nicholas' Church, Linton.



Residents and visitors, who may for whatever reason not wish to contribute directly to Church funds, nevertheless admire this lovely building and understand the importance of its historic central role in the Linton community. You are warmly invited to join us. Please see link below for more information including a form for joining the Friends. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the Chairman,

Bernard Cresswell  
email: [bernardjresswell@gmail.com](mailto:bernardjresswell@gmail.com)

### Linton Allotments

HELP! The allotments need someone to oversee them. Please contact the Parish Clerk: Sherrie Babington  
[clerk@lintonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@lintonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### Your Parish Council

Bernard Cresswell (Chairman)  
Email: [bernardjresswell@gmail.com](mailto:bernardjresswell@gmail.com)  
Pat Burden, Caroline Richer, Patrick Gerrish, Peter Paterson, Tony diMarco

### Sundays at St Nicholas Linton

Second Sunday of the month

12th May 9.30am Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of the month

26th May 9.30am Holy Communion

Please 'like' our new Facebook page

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/St.NicholasLinton/)

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brands will donate to us shop online with them – at no extra cost to yourself! , so please sign up to support us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>



### What's on for Children in the Benefice?

Becky is our Children and Families' Worker (07949 646865) Search "Coxheath Benefice Kids" for our Facebook page.

**Little Angels** at All Saints, West Farleigh. A toddler group for birth to 5's. Every Friday during school term time 1pm to 2.30pm

**TinyTotsToybox** in Coxheath Church 1:30-3pm Thursdays in Term-time for children from birth to 5. Parents or carers must stay with the children.

**Seekers** in Coxheath Church, Thursdays after school until 5pm. For children in school years 3-7 who live in the Benefice.

**Bible Babble** at Coxheath Church first Sunday of the month 7.30 to 9 pm for those in school year 6 and upwards.

**Midweek communion at St Nicholas,** 12 noon on the last Wednesday of the month. An informal service followed by a light lunch. All welcome.

Wednesdays

24th April, 29th May, and 26th June

**Brew and a Bite at Holy Trinity, Coxheath.** Please join us for a cuppa and a bite to eat on Tuesdays 2.30-5pm and Thursdays 11-1pm. There is no charge, however you are able to make a donation should you wish to, but we mainly just want to see your lovely faces! We look forward to seeing you soon.

### Who's who in the Benefice

Rev Lorna Faulkner, Rector  
01622 747570

Rev David Jones 01622 741474

Rev Clinton Davis

Becky Parnham, Children & Families' Worker 07949 646865

[Website & Facebook](http://unitedbenefice.church)

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### And for all the family

at St Nicholas Linton. Messy and Muddy Church on alternate 3rd Saturdays of the month from 3pm

18th May, Muddy Church



15th June  
Messy Church



The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,  
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh