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## PEDALLING FOR YOUR LOCAL PARISHES

**B**IKERS, put your money where your church is. You don't have to be a churchgoer to admire and appreciate the beauty of the building. One somehow expects a church to be the focal point in the centre of a pretty village, so you would probably notice if it was missing or fell into disrepair.

But churches don't remain standing without a great deal of expenditure on their upkeep, so now is your chance to help.

The Historic Churches annual sponsored cycle ride will take place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 6pm. Riders will be leaving S' Mary's, Linton from 10am. You can visit as many or as few churches as you can manage in the allotted time, but if you are sponsored per church, you could finish with a tidy sum for the coffers – as well as tired legs!

The money raised is divided between your local or chosen church and Cambridge Historic Churches Trust, who give grants and loans to help churches in the area with the cost of restoration work. So, please start pressing your friends and relatives into sponsoring you in a very good cause.

Refreshments are provided at some of the churches so you could make friends along the way whilst you are admiring the building, discussing your experiences or stretching your muscles. We try to provide stewards to welcome riders during the day at S' Mary's.

If you would like to take part or would like more information, please contact:  
David Parry-Smith 894715



David Parry-Smith at the start of a previous cycle ride

Picture by John Keeble

## K-Club approaches 8<sup>th</sup> year!

**L**INTON'S own lottery will soon be entering its 8<sup>th</sup> year and now is the time to think about joining if you are not already a member. The K-Club was launched in 1998 to raise funds for Linton Action for Youth, or LA4Y as it is better known. It has raised over £12,000 to date, but this year we would like to expand club membership to around 400 in order to increase its fund-raising potential.

It costs £12 for a year's membership, which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September, with over a half of the total 'take' going towards prize money. Indeed, this year's star prizes will amount to no less than £925, and will be drawn in September - look out for local publicity announcing where this will be held. You should find a K-Club application form in this copy of the Linton News, but they can also be obtained from either of the village newsagents or the Post Office. Failing that, ring me on the number below or e-mail me, and I'll ensure you get as many as you need.

Please help us to build on the success of this fund-raising initiative. The cause, if you didn't already know, is the maintenance of local facilities for youth and family support activities based at the Drop-In Centre on the Linton recreation ground.

So don't delay, fill in your application form now and send it to me at 7 The Grove in Linton and I'll make out your personal membership card for the new K-Club year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

Peter Dixon, K-Club Promoter  
890220

Email Peter@peterdixon.freemove.co.uk

## A well deserved award

**A** FORMER pupil of Linton Village College was recently the recipient of a national award – he was named as a S' John Ambulance young first aider of the year.

Linton resident James Thorne, aged 16 and now studying at Hills Road Sixth Form College, was passing LVC at the end of the day in January when he came across a man slumped over the steering wheel of his car. Mr Sillery, a supply teacher who had recently retired from teaching maths full time at Linton, had suffered a heart attack.

With the help of another teacher they lifted him from the car and James tried to resuscitate Mr Sillery, using knowledge from a first aid course he had attended a year ago at Linton Squadron Air Training Corps where he is Flight Sergeant.

Firstly he tried mouth to mouth resuscitation and then chest compressions as it became clear that Mr Sillery was not responding. An off duty nurse stopped to help and a first responder from MAGPAS followed very quickly by ambulance; sadly Mr Sillery, an immensely popular teacher, died at the scene.

James's dad Kevin and Mr Bush, principal of LVC have both expressed how proud they are that he showed calmness



James Thorne, recipient of S' John Ambulance first aider of the year award

and maturity in a very difficult situation. James was initially upset that he was unable to save Mr Sillery and still thinks of the incident when he passes the scene, but he is confident that he did his best and followed procedures that he had practised many times.

James joined the S' John Ambulance Brigade in August and hopes to join the police force when he has completed his studies. LNT

## LINTON DIARY

To guarantee entry into this diary please ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office.

Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition.

You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info

### Weekly Events

Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Story Time, 2.15pm-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Linton Radio Race Car Club, 6pm-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Tots in Tow, 10am-11.30am Wednesdays in term time	VH
Rock Café, 1.30pm-3pm, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Little Acorns, 10am-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Bowls roll-up, 2pm, Wednesdays	The Pavilion
Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Bridge Club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Ladies' netball, 7pm-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
Weight Watchers, 7pm, Wednesdays	Cathodeon Centre

### AUGUST

<b>2 WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
2 Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm,	Village Hall
4 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
4 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
7 Camera Club, 9.30am	Village Hall
9 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre
<b>14 Macmillan race, 10.30am</b>	<b>Wandlebury Woods</b>
16 Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm,	Village Hall
17 CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
<b>23 Linton library storytime, 2.15-3pm</b>	<b>Linton Library</b>
29 Blood donor session, 10am- 12.30pm & 2-4pm	Village Hall

### SEPTEMBER

1 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
1 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
4 Aztec fun day - tournament, boot sale etc.	LVC
<b>4 Thurlow Fayre from 1pm</b>	<b>Thurlow Sportsground</b>
<b>4 Thurlow Car boot sale, 11am</b>	<b>Thurlow Sportsground</b>
<b>6 WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>6 Ace trip to Ely, 10.30am, pick up point to be announced</b>	
9 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre
<b>10 Churches Trust Cycle Ride, 10am-6pm</b>	<b>S' Mary's</b>
13 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre
15 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
<b>18 Cambridge glass fair, 10.30am,</b>	<b>Chilford Hall</b>
<b>20 WEA - The Plant Hunters, 10am</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
<b>24 Big Band Ball</b>	<b>Sawston Village College</b>

Refuse collection: 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Recycling collection: 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

Library times: **Monday** Closed; **Tuesday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm; **Wednesday** 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Thursday** Closed; **Friday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Saturday** 10am-12noon.

The Linton News can also be read online at [www.linton.info](http://www.linton.info)

## Viva Mexico!

**I**T wasn't exactly Mexican weather, but for one Saturday night in June, Linton Infants' School felt the Latin heat that was Midsummer Mexican Madness...

Parents and supporters of Linton Granta and Chestnut Playgroups who turned out for this fundraising event were treated to a delicious chilli meal followed by generous quantities of dessert. Those still able to move after this feast could then take their chances on the rodeo bull: sombreros off to Vince Howard, winner of the final rodeo play-off.

The title of Best Dressed Mexican was hard to award

with so many convincing moustaches to choose from, but the prize went to Caroline Taylor, resplendent in a long black wig.

Angela Stansall cleaned up in the casino and took home the champagne prize.

Everyone enjoyed a great party thanks to the planning and hard work of the Midsummer Madness team, led by Michelle Ecclestone.

Muchas gracias all round, and a big thank you to our sponsors McKenzie & Hayward Garage, Infinity Connections Ltd. and DG Decorators.

Anna McMahon  
892977

## The jungle comes to Linton library

**L**INTON library invites you to bring your children, up to five years old, along to a Storytime Jungle Special on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. It will take place in the library from 2.15 - 3pm, and is absolutely free. There will be songs, rhymes, stories and craft activities, so why not bring along a toy jungle animal and join in the fun. No need to book, just turn up!

Regular storytime will be taking a break over the summer holiday period, but is back as usual from 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Hilary Crooks 894373

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# FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

by TONY SMITH

A PIGEON the size of a large chicken struggles to take off from my fence and fly to the apex of the roof of the houses nearby, then proceeds to let everyone know exactly what it is.

A pi-geon, yes I am! A pi-geon, yes I am!

Here in Paynes Meadow, things are not going according to plan and building work is now said to be starting on 1<sup>st</sup> August. The show starts with the removal of the block paving outside my bungalow to be replaced with tarmac and I have met the contractors and groundwork managers who seem to be very nice people, but delivered the bombshell that we are going to lose some of our front garden. News to us, but seemingly a bigger revelation to the Papworth Trust, who hadn't been informed either. We have to relocate some of our plants including Holly and Jessica, the Soham rose, and a young smoke bush which we have nurtured lovingly despite the attempts of the infertile clay soil which I believe to have originated from some uninhabitable planet, or maybe Haverhill, one of the two.

There has been little to smile about as events in London unfolded on 7<sup>th</sup> July. I know the areas of the city well and this modern age of bringing news to us as, or even before it happens brings home pictures which were very familiar to me. Just opposite Liverpool Street station there is a large building which is the home to some sort of financial institution, and when I was able to work I was often to be found deep underground in the boiler house of this, able to hear and feel the tube trains rumbling beneath my feet. Catacombs of tunnels and passageways, frightening to those who may be claustrophobic, terrify me now as I recall that dates and times were all that prevented me from being in darkness and terrible danger. The joy of Britain winning the Olympic bid, the despair just twenty hours later; we see it all nowadays analysed and scrutinised in miniscule detail by television and radio. Fresh calls for tighter security by the endless procession of 'experts', more monitoring of communications, CCTV, ID cards all may bring a feeling of safety for some, but will never stop any individual doing what they will. This country may never be the same again and I struggle to make sense of the fact that just some forty miles away here in Linton everything carried on as usual, as if in a different land.

Last year, the first references to Christmas were made at the end of this month, but on 6<sup>th</sup> July, Radio Cambridgeshire told their listeners about the top three rated toys we are likely to be buying this Yuletide. A shopping channel on satellite television broke the news that the widget they were selling would make an ideal Christmas present. Little wonder that the magic has all but gone so as far as Andy and myself are concerned; every day may as well be Christmas. Off to the sales I go, safe in the knowledge that they will last well into next year, when financial 'experts' will probably announce that people bought less this year than last. Not surprising if we are told to start shopping six months before! After my last check-up at Addenbrooke's recently, I stood at the desk to arrange my next visit in six month's time, early January 2006. I wished all the staff a very 'Merry Christmas', and was very surprised when a low menacing growling noise with muttering that included words that someone of my tender disposition should never have heard came back at me. The nurses were just going off their night shift, and I found they do not like being called 'ladies of the night' either!

I really do not understand so many things these days, it must be because I am very frail. Please take care, as I forecast very bad weather indeed over the coming weeks, and I'll try very hard to see you all next month.

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A BEAUTIFUL summer's day greeted members and friends of Linton Granta Bowls Club as they gathered to compete for the Derek Dimmock trophy on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Joint founder member Derek was president of the club when he sadly died in August last year. He had also been vice-captain, captain, secretary and a very keen player of the club, as well as captain of the Steeple Bumpstead league.

As a tribute to a valuable stalwart of the club, members enjoyed a full day of bowling in his honour. One ex-member, welcomed by everyone, had travelled from Cromer on the North Norfolk coast to make up a team.

Ten teams played against each other during the triples knock-out match in the morning. Buffet lunch with delicious sweets, all made and provided

by the members both male and female, was served.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final were played in the afternoon. Winners of the Derek Dimmock trophy were Skipper Roberta Adolph with Mike Butcher and John Darling, runners-up were Skipper Roy Tarver with Eric Garden and John Norris. A great day's bowling was enjoyed by all.

President Sam Agnew paid tribute to Derek and said he is greatly missed in the club, before inviting his widow, Shirley, to present the cup to the winning team.



Presenting the trophy, from left to right: Sam Agnew - President, Mike Butcher, Roberta Adolph, John Darling and Shirley Dimmock

Picture by Trish Agnew

All players in the final received a bottle of wine and Shirley was presented with a bouquet. After tea, served with home-made cakes, the bumper

raffle was drawn. Many thanks to all members and their wives for their generous contributions.

June Bunn 891442

## ...and other news

THE new outdoor season started well despite the rather variable weather conditions. Wednesday afternoon roll-ups on the recreation ground have been very well-attended with 20+ bowlers regularly enjoying the opportunity to bowl outdoors. These sessions provide newer and less experienced members with the chance to gain experience in a supportive and non-competitive atmosphere. Anyone contemplating taking up the sport is welcome to come along; roll-ups start promptly at 2pm.

Results in Division one of the Steeple Bumpstead League were initially very encouraging, with three wins against Haverhill Town A (away) and Balsham and Clavering (both home). Since then we have only had one win at home against Castle Hedingham with defeats away to Cavendish, Saffron Walden, Castle Hedingham, Radwinter, Castle Camps and Balsham.

However our overall performances on grass have been much improved as we all become more familiar with each

club's green. With four home fixtures left we still hope that we can preserve our Division one status. The last league table placed us 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams.

The club winter outdoor pairs competition was held on 1<sup>st</sup> May. The pairing of John Harpur and Roy Tarver won a close game 16-10 against Bryan Beavis and Sam Agnew. Thanks to Jean Runham for organising this event and the summer club singles' and pairs' competitions.

In the league Walter Smith Knockout Competition we reached the quarter final stage

with victories over Clare and Cavendish. The match against league leaders Radwinter was unfortunately lost by just one shot for a place in the semi-final.

The programme of friendly mid-week matches against local clubs has been continuing on a regular basis. Fixtures against Castle Camps, Sutton, Haverhill, Quendon, West Wrating and Birdbrook have been played. It is hoped to play return fixtures against these and other local sides during the rest of the season.

Mike Butcher

## African extravaganza from the guides

AFRICA was the theme of the Linton District Guides gang show held at the Village College on 9<sup>th</sup> July. Eighty five girls from Linton, Horseheath, Balsham, Brinkley and nearby villages joined the opening medley of songs for Africa.

The two performances included dance routines based on animal movements, a Brownie shadow puppet show, Guides playing flute, saxophone, clarinet and piano solos, and three solo singers including 12 year-old Jess who socked it to 'em wearing an original flapper fringed dress. Five to seven-year-old Rainbows delighted the audience with their dancing and songs, undoubtedly a

highlight of the show, which revealed the varied talents and resourcefulness of the girls.

Parents, families and friends thundered applause for every item through to the final curtain. Parents also volunteered to make costumes, apply makeup and bake cakes for the refreshments.

District Commissioner, Sarah Carter presented Baden-Powell awards, the badge for the highest Guide achievement to Natasha Taylor, Emily Jacob, Claire Creek and Izzy Speller. Long service awards were presented to leaders Christine Newman and Emma Penfold.

It is hoped the Guides' prof-



Singing pretty - Linton and Horseheath Brownies

Picture by Sarah Carter

its will be in the region of £1,000, to be shared with Linton Village College's link school in Boepathutse, South

Africa - hence the African theme.

Pam Richardson 890921

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# Readers write

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Please note: All letters for publication must be supplied with a full name and address to enable us to check their authenticity.

## Not quite so wonderful

Dear Editor,  
Everyone is entitled to express their opinion. In my view, however, the one-way system on trial is neither "wonderful" nor a "success", at least in its phase two version. The west to east one-way in Back Road has resulted in a far too rigid traffic flow. It has meant most vehicles from the Rivey, Balsham Road, Linton Heights and the old Cathodeon area, wishing to leave the village in the Cambridge direction now come along the High Street to access the A1307 rather than having the choice of High Street or Back Road.

In the morning between 7am and 9am, the flow of vehicles is now continuous and the speeds higher. Any minor delay results in a 25-30 car jam (I know because I counted them two days running) and watching from a first floor window I am constantly worried about the increased danger to children and parents walking to school when the traffic is running freely, and speeds in excess of the 30mph limit are the norm. At other times, 40-45 mph is not unusual between Mill Lane and Church Lane. I await the harvest with larger tractors and trailers bouncing down the High Street on their way to Back Road via Symonds Lane with some trepidation.

Visibility and speed at the Coles Lane/High Street junction are major issues and for all pedestrians, young or old, this is now a very dangerous area of the village. Safer for cyclists? I don't see how that can be if most of them cycle the wrong way up the High Street or on the pavement. And why is it selfish for the residents at the Balsham Road end of Back Road to want to protect their quality of life? It will be very interesting to see how businesses evaluate their turnover for the period of the trial.

The letter from the Stagecoach driver was illuminating - why could buses (and lorries) not continue to use Coles Lane and Back Road eastwards if the one-way system is scrapped? This at least would avoid the bus "head to head" confrontations in the High Street.

A final personal point - I object to having to drive an extra 0.4 mile to get home. This amounts to more than 130 miles a year. Multiply that by the number of vehicles involved and Linton's "green" credentials (if there were any) fly out of the window.  
Michael Lindsay  
97 High Street

## A roundabout way to solve things

Dear Editor,  
I am puzzled as to the need for computer simulation of traffic conditions on the A1307. Simple observation of rush hour traffic will reveal a virtually non-stop stream of vehicles - i.e. a moving traffic jam. Not surprising therefore that when the flow is interrupted, a static jam is instantly created, there being no gaps to absorb the flow. It is equally hard to understand when, if a roundabout at the Bartlow crossroads will cause congestion, traffic lights at the High Street/A1307 junction will do anything other. Indeed, it

seems likely that lights operating on a timed mechanism will cause more delay, as they are not sensitive to traffic flow, and may hold up A1307 traffic when nothing is waiting to leave the High Street.

Having in the past observed westbound vehicles turn left (east) out of the High Street, followed by a U-turn in the entrance to Hadstock Road before heading west, might a better solution not be to install a roundabout at the Hadstock Road/A1307 junction, and ban right turns from the High Street? Cambridge bound

traffic would then turn left (east) and execute a circuit of the roundabout before heading west. This would also minimise the problems of intending eastbound vehicles becoming trapped in the High Street by others waiting to turn to the west blocking the exit, even when the eastbound lane is clear, and of access to the High Street for incoming vehicles being blocked by a combination of the queue awaiting to exit and parked vehicles. Or is this just too much like common sense?

C W Adolph  
14A Back Road



Part of the huge New World Tapestry, which took 256 tapestry workers 20 years to finish

Picture by David Champion

## Finding out about Britain's own 'Bayeux' Tapestry

DO you know that Britain has its own 'Bayeux' Tapestry? But this one is larger than its French counterpart and has a distinctly horticultural rather than warlike theme.

Linton WI members heard last month that the New World Tapestry was conceived and designed by West Country artist Tom Mor, who was the speaker at the WI's July meeting.

The work is 267 feet long and four feet deep and contains nearly 39 million stitches, the last of which was put in place by Prince Charles on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2000.

M<sup>r</sup> Mor told members that the work tells the story in stitches of England's colonisation attempts in America, Bermuda, Guyana and Newfoundland between 1583 and 1642, when the Civil War started.

It also features England's great gardeners and herbalists and illustrates the coats of arms of 264

adventurers, colleges and companies of the period and the same number of herbs, medicinal plants, trees and shrubs.

The tapestry, on display at the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum in Bristol was worked on by 256 *tapissiers* and took 20 years to complete. Further details can be obtained at [www.newworldtapestry.org.uk](http://www.newworldtapestry.org.uk)

After M<sup>r</sup> Mor's talk, president Tricia Lewis gave a report of the annual meeting in London where the speakers had been actress Jane Fonda talking about poverty and author Bill Bryson speaking on life's lighter side.

The next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August will feature M<sup>r</sup> L Coppock talking about the story of the letter post. New members are always welcome.  
Ann Simpkin 892090.

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## An evening of 'treasures'

HILDERSHAM WI held its own Antiques Roadshow last month - and what a fine collection of 'treasures' members brought along.

They ranged from a Rembrandt print, possibly from 1639, to a beautiful silver teapot and a pair of tiny silver boots, which looked like pincushions but turned out to have carborundum stones inside for sharpening pins.

Other items included jewellery, an attractive oil lamp still used for power cuts, a sailing boat which many years ago sailed on Black Heath Com-

mon pond and a delightful claret decanter.

Our guest speaker was M<sup>r</sup> Barrie Stevenson, whose hobby is to find out as much as he can about antiques.

He was delighted at our treasures, none of which he had seen before, and he had something of interest to say about every item. Members left knowing much more about their treasures than before.

Our August meeting is for members only and the speaker is still to be arranged for September, but visitors will be very welcome.

Pamela Parris 892026

### Family Resource Centre

Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton  
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# Best wishes for the season



IS it your mother, gran or Launty in this picture taken by E.W. Morley, photographer of Linton?

Sheila Price recently found this Christmas postcard in a shop in Saffron Walden. Judging from the writing on the back, the girl on the left is probably sad Vera, although neither child looks particularly happy. It is suggested the picture could have been taken around 1900 and was almost certainly sent from a Linton family.

No surnames or dates are included in the message, which reads:

"Dear Aunt, just received parcel and thank you very much for contents, also thank Flo very much for toys. the children are delighted. they are quite alright. best love & wishes from both of us to you both. hope you will have a happy xmas. thought I would send you the children. we could Not make Vera look Pleasant. I don't think she will forget you any more. she often talks about you. Yours lovingly, Sarah & Jack."

Kate France  
891602

# Reaching the heights to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief

LADY from Newmarket would like you to join her in raising funds. She is set to hike to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Relief.

Jennifer O'Callaghan is hoping to raise £4,000 for the charity by trekking from 1,800m above sea level to the summit of the Tanzania mountain at 5,896m.

A five mile race and a two and a half mile fun-run will be held for the cause at Wandlebury Woods starting at 10.30am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. It is a very scenic route and Wandlebury Woods is an ideal place to hold such an event.

Jennifer hopes to get a good turnout from families in surrounding villages and the event should attract casual and serious runners alike.

You can enter by sending



Jenny with a picture of Mount Kilimanjaro

an entry form which can be found on the website [www.newmarketjoggers.co.uk](http://www.newmarketjoggers.co.uk) to Jennifer O'Callaghan, Flat 5, Ian Trethowan House, Howard De Walden Way, Newmarket CB8 0LU.

Alternatively you can enter on the day making sure you arrive in plenty of time. For more information please contact:

Jennifer O'Callaghan  
07980897585

## Where did that new plant come from

NEWS from the "Workers' Educational Association (WEA): next term's subject.

For the autumn series of 10 lectures we are fortunate to have been allocated one of the country's leading experts in the field of botany.

M<sup>r</sup> Peter White whose subject is entitled "The plant hunters", will present an exploration of the stories behind the discoveries of so many garden trees, shrubs and flowers that we now take for granted, as well as contributions made by botanic gardens, nurseries and artists.

The series commences at 10am on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at Linton village hall and apart from a mid-term break on 25<sup>th</sup> October, will continue on the following Tuesdays until 29<sup>th</sup> November.

For further information please contact:  
Leslie Allison 891154

## Linton garage sale



HELLO everyone and a special hello to all the children at the Infant and Junior Schools.

When you read this I shall be in Masindi District in Uganda working with teaching colleagues in my placement school. I just wanted to say a very big thank you to all those people who have supported me by their generous donations or

by taking part in the great Linton garage sale.

In September/October there will be an auction of promises which was postponed from July. There are some wonderful promises to bid for so do come along.

Hopefully I will be able to do a small presentation as well to share some of my Ugandan experiences. I look forward to seeing you when I get back. Have a lovely holiday.

Angela Stansall  
Linton Infant's School

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# Singing their hearts out



The children from six local primary schools at rehearsals for the festival

Picture by LNT

THIS year's Linton Village College primary music festival was held in June, when 250 year 5 and 6 children from the six primary schools in the area came together to sing and per-

form at Chilford Hall. The festival is part of the induction events for year 6, who will be entering LVC in September. The college's music director, Chris

Charlesworth who organises this event was delighted with the energy and effort the children put in during an evening which was enjoyed by a sell-out audience. LNT

## A chocolate prize for all you film buffs

ATTENTION all film enthusiasts ... here is a great prize competition.

Ever since I said I would write about the Cinema Kit, I have been trying to remember and find the name of a film made in the late 1970s by a French woman director, whose name I've also forgotten.

The story is about a young woman's need to escape from the back-biting gossiping village where she grew up and she finds fulfilment in the arms of a travelling projectionist.

She sees adventure, romance and suspense in him as he tells her stories about the outside world; the towns and villages he takes cinema to.

So here I am battling a deadline with the editor breathing down my neck, which leads me to offer you, kind readers, a box of chocolates (or big tub of chocolate ice-cream depending on the weather) for anyone who emails the name of the film and/or the name of the director to [webeditor@linton.info](mailto:webeditor@linton.info)  
Mandy Honeyman

## Hi, I need company



A fantasy at present

I DO not have a name, as the lady who would like to be my new mistress has not chosen me yet. She lives locally, and having bought her own house earlier this year she would really love to have me to complete the equation. Unfortunately, she works full time and I would be on my own all day during the week.

Dogs are social creatures and if I am left alone for most of the week I would be thoroughly miserable.

What I'd really like is to find someone locally who would love my company during the day but is put off from the full responsibility of ownership, either because of the walking, or the financial burden or maybe just the huge tie that owning a dog will bring.

My new mistress would take full responsibility for all walking, training, financial obligations (i.e. vet bills, insurance, food, toys etc.). I just need someone to have me with them from about 8am to 6pm Monday - Friday.

And we're not talking a big dog here. Her house is small so ideally she'd like to get something like a West Highland terrier - very cute!! Obviously she realises that people have lives of their own and there will be times when the arrangement falls down - holidays etc, but if for most of the time I had some company during the day then that would be perfect.

If you think you could be the person I'm looking for, please, please give my hopeful mistress a call:  
Vanessa Rowe  
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## Are you a van driver or a Van Gogh?

ARE you an aspiring artist or budding portrait painter? Granada Television is looking for anyone and everyone who has ever fancied putting paint to paper.

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Dan Schumann

## Joe Loss

TO celebrate 75 years since the foundation of Sawston Village College and 75 years of music from the Joe Loss Orchestra, the college is staging the Sawston Big Band Ball on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and stars Todd Miller and the Joe Loss orchestra and will be at the college in the Henry Morris hall. There will be a buffet and licensed bar and the dress is black tie. For details, call 712424.

Dan Schumann



## Sign up to start your own 'cinema'



Cinema magic: why not organise your own show or run your own festival or film club?

Picture courtesy of BPE

FANCY a film tonight? Now you can organise your own film show courtesy of the Broadening Education Partnership (BPE).

Last month at Sawston Village College, the partnership launched the Cinema Kit.

This is a fantastic piece of equipment, which anyone in South Cambridgeshire can now hire from arts development manager Dan Schumann at Sawston Village College for a one-off show, or perhaps a film festival or a film club.

The kit assembles easily, the picture and sound quality are excellent and numerous films are available for you to choose from. You can get further details from Dan on 712825.

LNT

## K-club July winners

THE winners of the July K-Club monthly draw were:

- 1st prize (£50)  
M<sup>rs</sup> C Foster (No.362)
- 2nd prize (£25)  
M<sup>rs</sup> B Glover (No.132)
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# ANOTHER LINTON LINK WITH AFRICA



Members of Juhudi children's club working on mosaics in Gertrude's Garden children's hospital, Nairobi, Kenya



Mosaic mural at the hospital in Nairobi.

Pictures by Jim Anderson

FROM 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August, Linton will be playing host to a group of eight young artists from Kenya. The youngsters, aged from eight – 13, will be staying with D<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson in Mill Lane, and the purpose of their visit is to assist with the completion of a pair of mosaic murals in Addenbrooke's Hospital.

This will be the fourth in a series of anglo-african art projects promoted by Linton-born artist Jim Anderson. Jim – who now lives in London and specialises in the construction of large-scale mosaics – first established his links with Kenya in 2001 when he was introduced to youth club leader M<sup>r</sup> David Kimani. In 2002, with the assistance of various children and teenagers, they

created a series of mosaics for Nairobi's Gertrude's Garden Children's Hospital. This was such a success, gaining a great deal of positive local TV and newspaper coverage, that every year since then the team has spent each summer creating large mosaic artworks for hospitals in this country or in Kenya.

In 2003 a group of African youngsters came to London where they produced a mural on the walls of the children's ward in The Royal London Hospital and last year Jim was back in East Africa supervising over 200 primary school children in the creation of 13 murals for Mathare Psychiatric Hospital in Nairobi. This year it is to be the turn of Addenbrooke's.

The purposes of this ongoing project are many and varied.

Jim and M<sup>r</sup> Kimani wish to create an atmosphere of inspiring cross cultural activity, and to highlight the up-and-coming creativity that is emerging in many African countries (and to prove, moreover, that not all news coming out of Africa is to do with corruption, war, and famine). They are also showing how to take art out of the galleries and get it to places where it will really be seen and appreciated by all kinds of people.

Many thanks to D<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson for agreeing to accommodate the guests during their stay in Linton. For more information on this project please contact:

Jim Anderson  
jimpanzee2001@yahoo.co.uk

## Why not visit the zoo in August - there are lots of things to see



Visitors to Linton zoo meet a millipede

Picture by Kim Simmons

THE summer holidays are now upon us and there is plenty to see and do at Linton Zoo throughout August.

As part of our commitment to environmental education we have organised an exciting and interactive programme of events and activities aimed at both adults and children to enhance visits.

Three new activities have been added this year. An exciting bird flying display featuring many birds hatched here at Linton, "Shellshock" highlighting the plight of the tortoises, terrapins and turtles of the world and "Fur, feathers, scales and dinosaurs".

We have a Tapir feed and talk, a chance to find out more about these strange, prehistoric looking rainforest crea-

tures and a meeting with Tela the new calf.

At the bird flying display, fast flying falcons, comical caracara and graceful great grey owls are some of the birds you will see and meet. You may also have an owl encounter.

In "fur, feathers, scales and dinosaurs", geared towards the younger visitors, we take a look at the differences between mammals, birds and reptiles. Visitors get a chance to meet and touch guinea-pigs, small reptiles and birds. We also look at the links between animals that are alive today and those which have become extinct. Visitors will have the opportunity to have a look at some of our fossil collection including dinosaur eggs, teeth, bones and

footprints.

At the giant tortoise paddock will be a tortoise conservation talk, the Shellshock campaign - helping to save wild tortoises - and a chance to find out more about our giant tortoises.

At the Amur tiger enclosure will be a tiger talk. Find out more about these magnificent cats and what we are doing to help save them.

"Snakes bugs and little beasts" - an exciting and interactive talk, allows you to meet and touch some of the little zoo creatures which are usually misunderstood.

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## Back from the heat ... and curry!

I WAS back in the UK for several weeks enjoying a break from the intense Indian heat to celebrate my brother's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday and to accumulate more funds for the second leg of my work in Chennai.

It was great to see my family and friends again, and to have some non-curry food.

I returned to India on the 16<sup>th</sup> July and shall be staying until Christmas. There is a lot of work planned for the coming months which includes extensive renovation work to the orphanage and the construction of a bamboo stage structure, which we would like to have completed in time for the children to perform their Christmas play.

The weather should be a little less harsh now although the monsoon season is not far off.  
Gary Dixon

## ACE fun

FISH and chips were on the menu at July's Linton ACE event when nearly 60 older residents enjoyed a splendid fish and chip lunch. Some of the finance for this event came from the Co-op Community Fund.

After lunch, Colin Limming gave an entertaining illustrated account of the history of Wimpole Hall and his experiences working there for the National Trust as a room steward.

The next ACE event will be a trip to Ely on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Bookings can be made by phoning Sue or Dawn on 891001.

Janet Crofts 893619

## Glass fair

A STRIKING collection of drinking glasses by Alexander Hardie Williamson will feature in the Foyer Exhibition at the sixth Cambridge Glass Fair on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at Chilford Hall Vineyard.

Williamson (1907- 94) was responsible for more than 1,700 inspired glass designs between 1947 and 1974. The fair will have more than 75 exhibitors selling glass of all periods and styles.. For details please call:  
Paul Bishop 07887 762872



# Hard work as mothers enter the worldwide business web

**TWO Linton mothers, Michelle Ecclstone and Jane Laverock, have set up their own internet business, Flapjack Holidays.**

The pair went on a 10-week part-time web design course at Hills Road Sixth Form College and with the help of Force36 Ltd. web designers of Saffron Walden, created [www.flapjackholidays.co.uk](http://www.flapjackholidays.co.uk).

Speaking about their business idea, Michelle said that "today, more and more people book their holidays independently. We provide a conven-

ient service to enable people to book their accommodation. Links to flights, insurance and car hire will follow soon, all online on one site."

The website contains high quality apartments, gîtes, villas, and cottages in many destinations including Spain, Italy, France, UK, Portugal, Tenerife, Greece and other worldwide destinations including South Africa, New Zealand, Florida, Australia, and many more.

Jane also has a message for other aspiring entrepreneurs - "yes it is

hard work, especially with us both having young families, but it has all been worth it and we are very proud of what we have done.

"Business Link provided excellent advice and we cannot fault the training we received at Hills Road or the support from the guys at Force36 Ltd."

As for the name, Jane explains that "Flapjack spells out the initials of our children's names".

Jane Laverock  
0781 5541233

## Spotted ... yet another Linton

LINTON News reader David Champion has spotted another Linton in his travels ... this time in Derbyshire.

After our report about Linton in Indiana in the US, David found this Linton in the National Forest. The parish of Linton actually consists of two villages, Linton and Castle Gresley. The parish church, Christ Church, stands midway between the two villages.

The 1991 census gives the parish a population of about 4,000 people. However, it has grown rapidly since then and continues to grow with further houses planned in Castle Gresley.

Linton's village hall caters for many of the needs of the community and there is a particularly strong over-50s club. Both villages have Women's Institutes.

Derbyshire's Linton, within the beautiful National Forest area, is close to National Forest centres, comprising a cafe, shops and various interests for all ages groups. Both villages have local shops and post offices.

Have you seen any other Lintons? Please let us know.  
LNT



Christ Church: a picture commissioned for a former vicar  
Picture taken from a postcard

## Fishy results

THE Annual Fishing Match for the Dog and Duck Trophy took place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July with 17 entrants. The winner was Trevor Shaw, second was Andy Fosbery and third Paul Whiffen. A most enjoyable day was had by all and the total weight of fish caught was over 401 pounds.

The trophy and prizes were awarded to the winners by Bob Hackett at the Dog and Duck on the following Saturday. Next year the match will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July

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ANOTHER College year comes to an end among the heat and dust of July and it is an occasion to look back at the hectic but productive months that have led up to this point. Such a retrospective is all the more poignant for me this year since it is the end of my last full school year at LVC. As many of you will know, after twelve years in this rôle I have decided to move on and will be taking up the headship of a large 11 – 18 school in Cumbria in January. This has been far from an easy decision because I have enjoyed my time at LVC immensely and have many friends and colleagues whom I will miss greatly. There is some consolation however in the fact that we have been able to spend almost a million pounds on the sport and leisure facilities this year and there is another nine million sitting in the building account for the further redevelopment of the main College buildings.

So what kind of year have we had? Some of you may be tired of my singing the praises of our students but I must unashamedly do so again because our key stage three SAT results this year have been stunningly good. Our students are achieving way above the national and county expectation and with the high levels of added value we have achieved, the College is among the very top performing schools in the country. As I write there is still a month to go before the GCSE results are issued but our (usually highly reliable) predictions are for the best results ever. If you add to that the sporting success, the wonderful art and music and the mature and responsible way our students have undertaken so many challenges outside the classroom, the achievements are impressive indeed.

This has been a year of looking beyond ourselves and we have welcomed visitors from Taiwan, Sweden, Norway, France, Germany, Canada, South Africa and the United States and all of them have taken the time to say how impressed they were with our young people. We even took part in the BBC's *Africa Live* series with our students travelling to London to link up with learners from Boepathutse School in South Africa. We were the only UK school to have done so. And four of our teachers spent the last ten days in July living in Soshanguve township and working in Boepathutse School. We welcomed children from the closing Cambridgeshire special schools who may be pupils at the new Granta School from September 2006. They and their teachers arrived with some concerns and anxieties and left greatly reassured and enthusiastic about how two different schools can exist side by side and benefit from that proximity.

Our tradition of fund raising and care for others continued unabated throughout the year as we raised money for our usual charities and then rose to the challenge of the Tsunami appeal. Here some individuals really showed their metal as was demonstrated in a fantastic musical evening in Kedington church, the brainchild of one year 8 girl who, through her efforts, was able to send a cheque for over a thousand pounds to help re-build the shattered communities of Banda Aceh.

It is all a far cry from the distorted and inhumane view of the world shared by those four suicide bombers and their masters but through the efforts of young people like ours rather than them, the future of our world will be shaped. Clive Bush

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# The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

## Linton celebrates the end of World War Two



The street party in Green Lane

Picture donated by a local resident

A FEW weeks before the end of the War in Europe over one hundred prisoners of war from camps in Germany were ferried by air ambulances to Cambridge. Amongst them were two Linton servicemen, the first to return home. There was great rejoicing in the village and flags and bunting were displayed from every house.

Private Jack Challis was the first to return and arrived on Saturday evening, 28<sup>th</sup> April. He had served with the Suffolk Regiment and been captured at Caen during the D Day invasion of Normandy. He was freed near Hanover by the Russian army and returned to his home at Phoenix House. At noon on the Sunday, Corporal Claude Stimpson of the Dog and Duck was given a warm welcome after three years of captivity, one year as a prisoner of war in Italy and two in Germany. He had served with the Durham Light Infantry.

No one could be sure when the war in Europe would end and the VE Day celebrations were fairly low key in most of our local villages. In Linton there was a combined service at the parish church followed by a tea for village children in Green Lane. The photo gives us some idea of the nature of the street party. A bonfire was lit at the Greenhill to end the day's proceedings.

The war in the Far East was still raging and people were reluctant to celebrate victory until the Japanese campaign was over. Many soldiers from our area were prisoners of war in the Far East, and most families had received no information about their whereabouts since the fall of Singapore in December 1942. Whether they were dead, ill or alive was constantly in the minds of their loved ones for over two and a half years. The recent tragedies in London and the lack of news about the fate of individuals brings home to us the stress and anguish these local families had to endure.

VJ Day in early August came as a complete surprise to most people in the region and Cambridge only heard about the Japanese surrender at midnight on the Tuesday. The next morning a group of Lintonians assembled to plan a two day programme of celebrations for the Thursday and Friday of that week. On Wednesday evening around 11.30 pm a bonfire at the Greenhill raged out of control and destroyed a barn at the Greenhill farm, next to the present day Clock house. It was extinguished

thanks to the brave efforts of the Whittlesford fire brigade and members of the American forces stationed at Hadstock aerodrome.

On the Thursday a tea was provided for all the village children at Linton Village College, followed by a sports day. The children then went to Linton Hospital to see a Jackie Coogan film. A massive VJ dance was arranged in the evening at the Village College, and parents brought

their babies along to sleep in the "crush hall."

The celebrations on Friday included a huge party held in the Grip Meadows for the children of the Grip and the Rookery. Over one hundred and twenty children had tea in the nearby Nissen hut, and this was followed by a sports day. At the end of the proceedings George Turner gave each child a 3d piece as a souvenir of the occasion.

The delays in demobilisation meant that many members of the armed forces did not arrive home until well into 1946, so the official government Victory Day celebration did not take place until June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1946. There was a united service in the Village College hall in the afternoon, a children's tea and sports followed by a whist drive and dance in the evening. The band was the Regal Dance Band. The following day 120 scholars at the junior and infant schools were presented with a Victory memento card from the king. I still have mine. A Victory celebration took place at the Village College and the tributes were paid to the 200 Linton men and women who had served in the armed forces during the war. All were to receive a special printed card and a small postal order gift. Most were yet to be demobilised so relatives took their place. The former Linton PoW's received a special cheer. Silence descended when those who gave their lives for their country were remembered.

I need help from residents of the time to provide me with additional information about any of the events I have outlined in this account. Where there are errors I would be delighted to make corrections. Good historical research is all about gathering information and adjusting data and views in the light of new evidence. Wartime photos would be especially welcome. Copying them is an easy process. If you can help please contact me:

Garth Collard  
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# Parish Council Matters

## One-Way System Update

THE ONE-WAY trial has been in operation since 21<sup>st</sup> April and will continue until 12<sup>th</sup> August. Initially the High Street between Balsham Road and Coles Lane was one-way, in the east to west direction, and then for the second half of the trial Back Road also went one-way in the west to east direction. Whether you are a pedestrian, cyclist or car/van driver you will by now have been affected by the change to the direction of flow of traffic.

There have been many comments made by residents since the commencement of the trial.

Those against the system include increased speed, congestion in Back Road when two-way, increased traffic volume in Coles Lane, speeding round the corners at Balsham Road and Coles Lane, discrimination towards cyclists, increased pedestrian vulnerability in several areas, inadequate signage resulting in new vehicles to the village either entering the one-way system incorrectly or getting 'lost'. Those in favour with the system include traffic flowing more easily, reduced traffic in the High Street, safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

Prior to and during the trial the County Council arranged for speed checks to be made on the High Street and Back Road. At the exhibition on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July the CC demonstrated that the data they had available at that time showed that the speed on the High

Street had not dramatically increased after the one-way system was introduced. In fact their data showed that the speed had decreased. Likewise following the introduction of one-way in Back Road, together with the installation of speed cushions, the preliminary data showed that vehicle speed had decreased not increased.

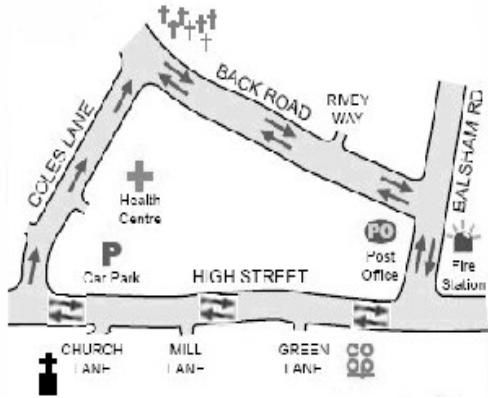
**What do you think?** What should the main criteria be when assessing the trial? To improve traffic in one area of Linton should we detrimentally effect another? If a one-way system was introduced should it be just the High Street or include Back Road? Would you prefer the old system, two-way everywhere? Do you find it easier or more difficult going to the village shops? Do you still use the village shops in the same way as before the trial? Perhaps you basically like the one-way system but still have particular concerns that you would like to be addressed prior to a permanent one-way system being introduced. What are they? **Let us know what you think.**

You should all have received by now a copy of a questionnaire from County Council requesting your views on the trial. This questionnaire needs to be returned **before 12<sup>th</sup> August** for your comments to be taken in to account when CC write their report. If you need further copies of this questionnaire please contact the Parish Clerk. The Parish Council has to vote on whether to support a one-way system in Linton. We need to know what you think so that we can make an informed decision.

If you have not already done so please complete your questionnaires and let us know now how you would like the road system to operate in Linton in the future. We need to know your views before **4<sup>th</sup> August**. This is your last chance to have a say in the future of Linton.

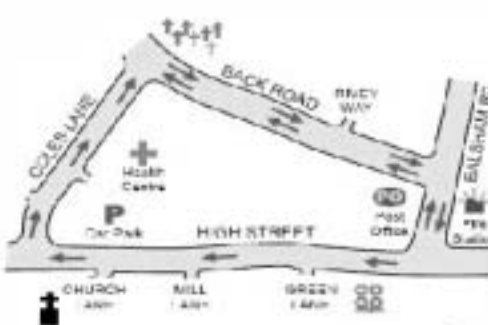
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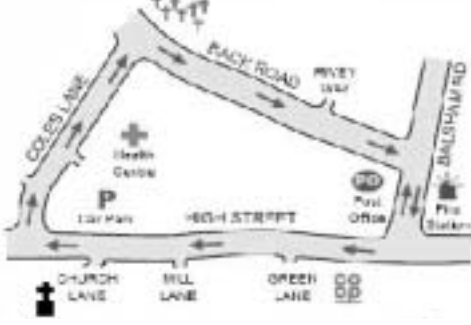


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Which do you want?



Phase 1



Phase 2

ANYONE going for a walk around Linton this summer might like to be reminded of the historical significance of some of our footpaths.

Two very ancient tracks pass through the parish and if you find yourself on either of them you could muse about the millions of feet that have trodden the path before you. The Icknield Way is considered to be 'the oldest road in Britain'. The walkers guide rather charmingly describes it as a 'skein of parallel trackways'. In other words before our complicated legal system of Rights of Way was introduced prehistoric man would have followed the most convenient route on the day.

There are three known routes in our area, one through Fulbourn, one through Babraham and another through Linton - all genuine and dotted with archaeological remains. Our prehistoric ancestors established this cross-country route picking out the easiest line of communication, avoiding difficult river crossings. It would have gradually become a single system as local links between neighbouring prehistoric communities coalesced into a long chain from Dorset to the Wash.

The Long Distant Route negotiated by the Countryside Agency follows the route through Linton, which lies roughly in the middle of this section. It links with The Ridgeway which reaches the Dorset coast and with the Peddars Way, which continues through Norfolk to the North Sea.

Whilst the Icknield Way can claim to be the oldest route, the Roman Roads can claim to be the better built. Unlike the skein of the Icknield Way routes the Roman Roads follow a designated route and were properly constructed with hardcore, camber, ditches and surface gravel etc. and just like today's roads the standard varied according to the importance of the road. Within our Parish a Roman Road crosses the Icknield Way at right angles and lies along the north side of the river valley. It is an extension of a more important, or at any rate better built, route from Cambridge to the south and would presumably

have linked Cambridge and Colchester.

The Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke have organised work parties to clear the scrub from much of the route in order to encourage wildlife typical of chalk downland, which is becoming increasingly rare. They have raised and applied for funds and grants to support their work. They have produced an excellent brochure funded by the Local Heritage Initiative, which should be available from the Library. The leaflet shows car parking close to the route and advice regarding which sections are suitable for those with mobility problems.

The Icknield Way Association was a 'Walkers Guide' to the route but the section in Linton is in fact extremely well known and well used. From the Chesterford direction; the route goes through Burtonwood Farm and then follows Linton footpath No: 31, which runs into the B1052 close to Linton Zoo. The designated route out of (or into) the village on the other side is our footpath No: 21, which has long been a favourite with local residents and hence the bench place halfway up the hill courtesy of the WI.

Given that this route has originally 'a skein of ways' it is highly likely that one of these would have been through what became a Drove Road, our much used Rivey Lane. The County Council have recently spent a great deal of money on improving its surface since these Drovers are a highly valued resource and are unique to this area. If you read the minutes

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of council meetings you will remember that a team of Girl Guides spent Spring Bank Holiday Monday clearing garden rubbish from either side of the lane. This was presumably dumped over many years prior to the garden waste collection.

Some illegal dumping was too onerous for volunteers to cope with, as are the intrusions into the lane of garden sheds and other obstructions. These will have to be removed but it will be a costly and time consuming business for all concerned. Dealing with problems such as these monopolises officers time at Parish, District and County Council level and means that projects we would dearly like to tackle, such as improving the rights of way around the village, get constantly postponed.

Some of you will remember the consultation carried out last December with this in mind. All comments received by the Council have been passed to the relevant officers at the County Council and we continue to wait for the time when they will have the resources to address the issue. In the meantime, dealing with the selfishness and thoughtlessness of the few holds up action that could benefit the many.

But try not to let the problems of Rivey Lane stop you from enjoying some of the wonderful walks around Linton this summer and don't forget to think about those feet in ancient times!!

Judy Rossiter  
Rights of Way Co-ordinator



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**MINUTES** of Linton Parish Council Meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

During Public Participation C<sup>llr</sup> Smith had recently attended a meeting of Chalklands' Residents Association. Concerns were raised regarding the height of trees in the Cemetery. The residents have asked if the trees near the boundary with Chalklands houses and bungalows could be lopped. Clerk to check the recent report from Garden Works and John Hellingworth, SCDC, liaise with C<sup>llr</sup> Gee and report back.

District C<sup>llr</sup> Smith also raised concerns regarding a man hole cover which is proud of the ground in the pull in/parking area by the Cemetery gates. Clerk to ask CCC to inspect and repair.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2005 were duly approved and signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> June:-

Under Item 26, Open Spaces, C<sup>llr</sup> Rossiter commented that two men had spent one whole day filling in potholes in Horn Lane. This did not seem to be a valuable use of time and resources. C<sup>llr</sup> Batchelor added that a request for a disabled parking space had been received and this may have prompted the repair. Councillor's requested that a letter be sent to Highways Dept asking them for future liaison.

C<sup>llr</sup> Urwin reported that on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the day after the previous meeting, the letter from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the Flood meeting had been received. C<sup>llr</sup> Urwin had contacted EA and they were apologetic regarding the short notice of the meet-

ing. C<sup>llr</sup> Bald thanked C<sup>llrs</sup> Urwin and Rossiter and the Clerk for helping to produce letters and literature to distribute to over 100 residents who had been affected by the flooding, in the event that their letter from EA had not arrived. C<sup>llr</sup> Urwin reported that Halcrow have concluded that the risk of flooding in Linton is much lower than previously estimated and a flood defence scheme to protect Linton cannot now be economically justified. There will be a flood warning system in Linton which will utilise both a river level gauge and a rain fall gauge and this can be linked to any resident. Any resident can request to be contacted with a flood warning. At the moment contact will be either via a landline or mobile. It is hoped in the future that this warning could also be sent by email or text. EA have said that there should not be any problem insuring any property in Linton and Insurance Companies should be asked to view the Flood Map. It should be noted



Linton Flood Map

that this map could be updated quarterly as necessary. C<sup>llr</sup> Cornell asked that the Flood

map be displayed in the PC office. C<sup>llr</sup> Urwin commented that when the university research report is received a full presentation will be given and the EA will be invited to comment on the model. C<sup>llr</sup> Hickford asked why if according to EA only 15 houses have a 1:100 risk of being flooded were so many homes affected? Was this a freak of nature? C<sup>llr</sup> Batchelor commented that the reason there will be no alleviation is due to lack of funding. All monies used to be devolved regionally now all money is held nationally and every region has to bid for funding. Linton will have no chance of receiving any funding as it is such a small community. C<sup>llrs</sup> Bald and Urwin and the Clerk had attended the EA meeting. District C<sup>llr</sup> Smith had also attended and had asked the EA representatives what data they had used to reach their conclusions. Had they used historical or meteorological data - no reply had been given.

Under Item 29 Any Other Business C<sup>llr</sup> Hickford reported

County C<sup>llr</sup> Batchelor reported that he and a resident of Emson's C<sup>l</sup> had met with an engineer regarding the road surface. There appeared to be signs of progress. Joint funding could be applied for or a new system of hole filling could be used. An experimental piece of road at the top end of Emson's C<sup>l</sup> had been filled. This method could be taken from a Discretionary Officers Fund and 'something would be done this year'.

Regarding the A1307 County C<sup>llr</sup> Batchelor reported that he had received an undertaking that we will get a pedestrian crossing in addition to traffic lights at the LVC junction.

District C<sup>llr</sup> Smith reported that there had been little progress regarding disparity over grounds maintenance. Council were looking at specifications. When contracts have been agreed every parish will receive a map and a programme of work. PC's can choose to take on a monitoring and compliance role. There will be a variance clause that will allow us, at the next stage, to co-ordinate with street cleansing. This consists of three elements, Grounds Maintenance, Highways and Street Cleansing and Litter. Street Cleaning is the next contract to be reviewed. District C<sup>llr</sup> Smith also delivered two Local Development Framework packs. One to be kept in PC office and one to be kept in the Library. Additionally District C<sup>llr</sup> Smith reported that work is due to start on Phase 2, Paynes Meadow on 18<sup>th</sup> July. The Section 106 agreement needs to be decided and submitted as soon as possible.

A report on Leadwell Meadows from C<sup>llr</sup> Cox had previously been circulated. C<sup>llr</sup> Cox was disappointed with the condition of Leadwell Meadows. The Clerk to contact Herald and enquire when Leadwell Meadows was last cut and to ask for more communication/ liaison regarding contracts and timings of cuts etc. so that all work could be checked. The cheque to Herald for payment was to be held until the matter was resolved.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup>

June 2005 were considered and agreed and signed with no queries.

The payments list was agreed except for the cheque to Herald. C<sup>llr</sup> Alper warned that there was no further Section 137 Youth Funding available this year.

Correspondence Sheet No.23 (June) 2005 had been circulated and all items noted.

Of particular note:

Item 9 - Invitation to participate in Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (regarding dogs) Councillor's will await further information.

Under Any Other Business C<sup>llr</sup> Hammitt had been in conversation with residents of Coles L<sup>a</sup>. Concerns had been expressed regarding the speed of vehicles. Residents had asked if speed bumps, similar to those in Back R<sup>d</sup>, could be installed both before and after the Health Centre junction. C<sup>llr</sup>



Direction arrow from Church Lane

Kenyon reported that the direction arrow in Church L<sup>a</sup> was badly sited. The direction arrow at the junction of Back R<sup>d</sup> and Balsham R<sup>d</sup> only points to Balsham; the right arrow is obscured.

Complaints from residents had been received regarding rubbish and overflowing bins on Camping C<sup>l</sup>. Several resi-

dents had kindly emptied the bins prior to the Flower Festival last weekend. The Clerk will ask the Village Custodian to empty the bins twice weekly and to leave extra black bags for dog waste and litter. On



Camping Close

behalf of the Council C<sup>llr</sup> Bald thanked the resident who has been collecting litter from this area. His good work is much appreciated.

C<sup>llr</sup> Cornell reported that there was evidence of fire lighting on Camping C<sup>l</sup>. Several groups of youths were using the C<sup>l</sup> but generally they were very well behaved. The fires appeared to be lit very late at night and were sometimes still smouldering in the morning. The local CBO will be contacted and asked to monitor the situation.

C<sup>llr</sup> Urwin reported damage to two willows. The Tree Warden will be contacted.

C<sup>llr</sup> Alper reported that a 'men at work' sign had been left in Horseheath R<sup>d</sup> by BT when removing the telephone kiosk. C<sup>llr</sup> Rossiter reported that although the kiosk had been removed the concrete plinth/mounting had been left. This would cause problems with grass maintenance. The Clerk to contact BT

The meeting closed at 21.20.

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that Aztecs were currently in negotiation with LVC recharges for pitches. The Clerk confirmed that the PC was also in negotiation with LVC.

There was no report from the Police. The Clerk reported that Crime data via the police website was not available as it 'will not be updated until further notice. They are sorry for the inconvenience'.

County C<sup>llr</sup> Batchelor reported that Great Abington had failed in their attempt to gain a Section 30 order, as there was no discreet area. No reports of anti social behaviour had been received regarding the former Section 30 order relating to Linton

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