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Three local success stories Recognition for our history man



Garth Collard, pictured in his crowded study

Picture by Julian's Photography

SO many people already know Garth Collard for his reputation at village history meetings – wit, raconteur and fount of local knowledge – that there can't be much else to say about him. Or can there? Yes definitely, for much to his surprise, Garth has been awarded the MBE for his services to the Linton and District Historical Society.

Garth had to keep the secret of his nomination by local admirers for some time, but the list was published in the new year and he could finally tell family and friends. Congratulations have poured in, to which we add those of the Linton News team, and Garth is happy that his efforts for the community have been acknowledged.

He always hoped that his work would stimulate an interest in

Linton's history, and that it would unite native villagers with newcomers, young and old, in looking at their inheritance. Feedback tells him that he has succeeded in this.

Garth was born in Tiverton, Devon where he attended the grammar school, then won a place at Queens' College Cambridge to graduate in history. In all his teaching posts, in Canterbury, Cheltenham and at a forces school in Germany, he conducted local historical research.

This continued when he became deputy head at LVC, and it was from an adult evening class there that the idea of an historical society was born about 25 years ago. Increased numbers forced a move to the village hall and there are now about 100 members.

Garth modestly attributes the popularity of these meetings to the fact that Cambridge offers a good source of subjects and lecturers, but most people would say that his unique personality is the greatest contribution. How I wish that he had taught me history at school.

His local archive collection, dating mainly from the Tudors, began in 1978 and took much longer to assemble than anticipated. He was helped by Linton's extensive existing resources and has been able to relate local events to national history. Of course, the work is ongoing conducting interviews with local residents, and he can frequently be seen around the village with his camera.

In the past all information had to be hand copied, but lately Garth has mastered the computer ("to a degree") while paying tribute to others for their technical assistance. He has accumulated an extensive library of photographs, and acknowledges a huge debt to residents who have allowed prints to be copied, an operation which was not so easy in the early years.

Shows of these photographs have generated large crowds and massive interest, following which previously unidentified faces were named, more photos were offered, and further information emerged. Garth's book *Linton in Pictures* was published in 2006 in conjunction with the Historical Society and Linton News and was given free to every Linton household. That project was a long time in the planning and pursuit of funding, but has become a very valuable and attractive local record. Garth is also known for his regular column *The Way We Were* for which he is always willing to explore suggested subjects.

An archive room for the collection has been offered in the former public library at LVC when building work is completed on site during the next two years. Garth is very grateful for the offer which will allow this great resource to remain in the village, with the possibility that it could become a proper museum. (Somewhere for Darryl's finds to be housed perhaps – see *Linton Country Diary* December 2007). This move will enable Garth to regain full use of his study – two former bedrooms made into one room to house the collection. Luckily, his wife Elaine has always supported his dedication.

The presentation of Garth's MBE will take place in the next four to five months, possibly, but not necessarily by the Queen. In the meantime Elaine will be busy looking for a hat.

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Ambition with a determined streak



Georgina, a champion in action

Picture supplied by Mrs Roughsedge

ONE of LVC's pupils is showing great promise in the swimming world, so we decided to make her acquaintance and follow her progress in this demanding sport.

A charmingly natural girl, 14-year-old Georgina Roughsedge talked about her love of swimming, which started with weekly lessons when she was seven years old. By the age of 10 she was showing promise and was invited to join the City of Cambridge club.

At first, butterfly stroke was her speciality and she won the 200m race in the county championships two years running. She moved on to freestyle in which she made regional times at every distance bar one, and added backstroke to her repertoire.

When she was 13 she competed in a national event for 14/15-year-olds coming 21st, and recently, at an open meeting in Hertfordshire, won gold in the 50m freestyle and silver in the 50m backstroke.

All of these achievements come at the cost of 12 hours training per week, when mum does the driving as well as providing the nutritional meals which Georgina needs. Plenty of carbohydrates and protein in an obligatory four adult

portions a day still prompt concerns that she might lose weight. An enviable problem one might think, but Georgina says her friends are just bemused by her efforts, as none of them is a swimmer.

Regrettably for Georgina the commitment to her sport curtails her social life, but she is ambitious and tries to follow her coach's advice to aim for a calm but competitive mindset. She admits that she still has a lot to learn, but she is already running out of space for the many cups and medals she has won.

"What about the future?" I asked her and she replied that she's aiming for at least three national qualifying times this year. The big goal of course is the 2012 Olympics, so the hard work must continue. Georgina currently helps teach swimming to disabled children and thinks that her passion could lead to future employment – maybe as a sports coach.

She is a relaxed and friendly girl who benefits from a supportive family, but she has a determined streak. When Georgina aims to do something she generally achieves it, so we wish her luck and look forward to sharing her news in the next few years.

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Local rock band, Party Visual, is busy making a name for itself

A LOCAL rock band which goes by the name of Party Visual has recently been hard at work recording four of their songs at Three Circles studio in Saffron Walden. The songs are now available for download on their MySpace website.

With the majority of members living in Linton, this example of musical talent can be seen as a local achievement as well as a personal accomplishment. The band spent two hard working days in the studio piecing together a group of songs which have the potential to open more doors for them regarding the size of their fan base and gaining more live gig opportunities.

The band has also produced a seven minute video highlighting some of their experiences in the studio which can also be accessed on their MySpace website.

Despite problematic youths being a common feature in the



Band members.
Top row from left: Robert Taylor and Sami Musallam.
Bottom row: Matt Morris, Oliver Darke and Sam Prior

Picture by Jude

Cambridge, Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall and Saffron Walden and we are currently organising gigs which will take place later this year.

Party Visual love to perform their music live and are willing to play in many different environments, whether it be birthday parties or music venues. If you are interested in hiring Party Visual then email us at partyvisual@hotmail.com Please check out the four new songs and if you want to find out more about them please access the following web addresses:

www.myspace.com/partyvisual
www.purevolume.com/partyvisual
www.partyvisual.moonfruit.com

Keep one eye on Party Visual because their future looks to be going in only one direction and that is up.

Robert Taylor
Band member

British press, Party Visual band members, have proved that not all young people use their time

in an ant-social and unproductive manner. The band has already played shows in

Too good for jumble ...

THIS month, as well as items for sale, we have a request. Does anyone have a card table they no longer need. If you do please contact Kate France, details below.

There were no sales last month so the Belswick hopper bike, baby buggy with shopping tray, new pump station iron, JVC TV with remote control and a Toshiba music centre with radio, cassettes and record player for 33 and 45 records in a dedicated cabinet with glass fronted storage space, are all still available.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact:

Kate France 891602 or email
katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk

Have your say

THE Linton News welcomes contributions from all our readers. The letters page has long been a popular feature, but did you know you can submit articles for other parts of the paper? If there is something you would like to sound off about, why not send it in for the Granta Ranta? Perhaps you have been somewhere exciting and would like to share it with us in A Grand Day Out?

If there's an item you would like to see in the Linton News, get in touch with the editor or put your ideas in the box at the post office.

Did you know Linton has a busy website? You can find out about everything from arts groups and local businesses to public transport and youth group information. Back issues of the Linton News can be viewed in colour. Also, you can find the busy Linton Forum, home to some lively debate. Recent topics discussed include the wacky races, traffic issues, ancestry, police matters and the wind farm.

Log in and have a say at linton.info

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

WE have long been known as a nation of animal lovers and it is to our credit that the United Kingdom has some of the best animal welfare measures in the world, particularly on our farms. Many of us are lucky enough to be in the position to give an animal a caring, safe home in which to live. However there are those, particularly dog owners, who give the rest of us a bad name. One man's best friend is another man's nightmare.

Walking towards Sweet Talk News recently, I noticed a medium-sized black fluffy dog tied to the lottery sign on the pavement. It was sitting patiently, waiting for its owner to emerge from the shop. Just as I passed by, I glanced down at it and suddenly had a snarling beast attached to my arm, intent on a free meal. I managed to free myself without the use of a boot and continued on my way. I realise now that I should have informed the owner at the very least, as they might be unaware of their pet's behaviour when their back is turned.

A more common problem with dogs is barking. Again, owners may be unaware that their dog barks, especially if it is left at home all day by itself. Some bark incessantly from the moment they are left. So, please, if your dog is one of those, do not let it into the garden while you are out, leaving the rest of us to suffer with the constant woofs, yaps and yelps. There were many times last summer when what should have been a time of peaceful relaxation in the garden was spoiled by someone's hound yapping all afternoon and/or evening.

More common still is the presence of canine faeces on our streets. I don't know if this is because the dog bins are still being vandalised, but there is no excuse for leaving your pooches doing where they can come into contact with shoes and the wheels of prams and wheelchairs. This is one of the worst forms of antisocial behaviour. Dog faeces can contain salmonella, E.coli and toxocara, a parasite which can cause toxocarasis in humans. If ingested, the eggs of the toxocara can hatch in the intestine and make their way to the lungs, liver, or even the eyes of a victim - causing retinal damage and decreased vision.

Small children are obviously at the greatest risk, as they are prone to putting things in their mouths and have an immature understanding of hygiene. A recent study showed that a quarter of public parks in this country are home to toxocara.

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, a person who is in charge of a dog must clean up after it when it fouls any footpath, highway, verge or other open space to which the public have access.

Thankfully, toxocarasis is fairly uncommon, but this should not deter anyone from cleaning up after their dog, be it a Great Dane or Shih-Tzu.

Football for the ladies



The Linton ladies football team line-up

Picture by coach, Dave Homer

If you can't beat 'em - join 'em; well... at least know what they are talking about. That's what I did. As the mother of three boys, I worked out I that could be standing on the sidelines at football matches for the next 10 years, not even knowing the rules of the game.

Ladies' Football train from 7-8pm on Tuesdays at LVC. The emphasis is on fun and fitness, and women of all ages and fitness levels are welcome.

If you've given up on your new year's resolution already why not keep fit and learn how to play football in 2008? Just come along on Tuesday at 7pm and, for only a small charge, give it a try.

Josephine Paterson 893582

PLODDING ALONG

an update on police matters

Police link a series of robberies in South Cambridgeshire

OFFICERS are linking 19 robberies and burglaries in South Cambridgeshire since 4th November 2007, where elderly victims have been targeted. Similar incidents have been happening across the region in Hertfordshire, Essex and Bedfordshire. Two recent incidents happened in Hildersham and Fulbourn.

In the first incident three men entered the house saying they were police officers. They then searched the property and left with an amount of money. In the second incident, which happened on the same evening, two men claiming to be police officers entered the house and stole an amount of money and three shotguns. The first man is described as around 38 years old, 5'6" tall with a stocky build and short dark brown hair. He had a round, reddish face with stubble and was wearing a dark blue baseball cap. The second man is described as around 45 years old, 5'6" tall with a stocky build and stubble on his face. He was wearing a duffel coat with dark trousers and a hat.

Detective Inspector Alan Page said: "These offenders are not dressed like plain clothes police officers; they are wearing baseball caps and duffel coats. On almost all occasions when house to house enquiries are being carried out following a burglary or robbery, the officers will be in uniform.

"These are despicable crimes and I would appeal to people to report anything suspicious they may see. I suspect that the offenders are driving around looking for addresses to target, so if you see a vehicle with several male occupants, which is not local to the area, travelling around an area where the elderly live, phone the police control room saying you have a suspicious incident that relates to Operation Promenade. An officer will be dispatched to check these people out."

People in the area are being advised to keep doors and windows locked and to call 999 if they discover someone in their home claiming to be a police officer.

Anyone with any information can contact DI Page at Parkside police station on 0845 456 456 4 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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A report on the latest Police Panel meeting...

THE second meeting of the Linton Neighbourhood Police Panel took place at the Fulbourn community centre on 18th December. Representatives from Linton and neighbouring villages attended in addition to representatives from Cambridgeshire Police, including Inspector Paul Ormerod, Sergeant Mark Kathro and John Fuller, Police Divisional Community Engagement Manager.

It was noted that instances of antisocial behaviour remained high during September and October but eased considerably in November and December, following a similar trend to 2006.

The police have dispersed large groups congregating on the recreation ground in the evening and carried out 'truancy sweeps' during the day. Advice has also been offered to some younger residents about attempts to purchase alcohol.

Issues relating to traffic were discussed, including inconsiderate and illegal parking, rat-running through the village and speeding on the A1307.

The biggest concern at the meeting, however, was the escalation of dwelling burglaries. Sgt Kathro reported that the people responsible for some of these crimes were showing some aggression, leaving the victims traumatised.

Detective Inspector Alan Page stated "I suspect that as the elderly have started to close the door on people claiming to be from the water board, the offenders have now switched to claiming to be police. They are using this ruse to trick people into showing them where their valuables are kept."

Operation Promenade has been established following 19 burglaries in South Cambridgeshire in just two months. PCSO Zally Huseyin has recently stated that they are concentrating their efforts on putting a stop to the dwelling burglary problem. Zally said "We are stepping up our high-visibility patrols in the area and appeal to everyone to keep their eyes open and report anything that looks at all suspicious or out of the ordinary."

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...and immobilise your property

PROTECT your property by registering it on www.immobilise.com.

Immobilise is a free way to identify property and catch thieves. This site is searched thousands of times every day by police officers, resulting in thieves being removed from the streets and property returned to its rightful owner.

It is very simple to register items on this site and there is no limit to the number of items you can register. Any item with a serial number, like sat navs, laptops and ipods can be registered free of charge. For items like jewellery, antiques or horses there is the facility to upload photographs.

Imagine that your house has been burgled and your computer, which contains the inventory of your belongings, has been stolen. If you had registered with Immobilise you could go to any computer, log on with your own ID and password and print out an inventory for the insurance company and the police.

If you have had a mobile phone stolen it is possible to register in retrospect on Immobilise simply by contacting your airtime provider and asking for the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number. Having registered the IMEI number of the phone it is possible to go straight into the account and register the phone as lost/stolen. Then if the phone turns up in the hands of the police anywhere in the country, when they run a check on the IMEI number it will not only show that you are the registered owner but also the crime details. This will give police a fighting chance of finding out who committed the theft. It can give good evidence to support a successful prosecution, and once blocked the handset will be 'Immobilised' and even replacing the Sim card will not make the handset work again.

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Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on Page 8. Please note: all letters for publication must be supplied with a full name and address to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited.

Crime and a lack of courtesy

Dear Editor
We had such a lovely Christmas present from the local teenagers on Christmas eve, when both our cars and our neighbour's car each had a wing mirror kicked off by giggling teenagers running along Back Road in the early hours. So we spent another happy morning telephoning the police and making repairs so we could use the cars safely to visit family over Christmas. This is my fourth wing mirror vandalised in eight years here.

Do these people not realise that it is not just my insurance premium that will increase because of claims due to mindless vandalism but also theirs when they first want to get out on the roads as new drivers?
Kate Homan, Back Road

Dear Editor

As one who regularly walks around our village and who was brought up in an era when courtesy was the norm, it is my usual practice to step aside (often into the road) to allow those less able than myself or with young children, to pass safely on our narrow pavements. I am glad to say that my gesture is usually greeted with thanks and a cheery smile.

However on several occasions recently I have encountered a group of three females – one big, one small, and one medium, complete with their buggies (one double and two singles), who seem unwilling to acknowledge my simple courtesy. Indeed they appear so engrossed with themselves that they are oblivious to others. I rather suspect this to be the same group that, earlier in the year, I observed leaving their rubbish for others to clear up after picnicking on the grass of the old Cathodeon site.

To these persons I say beware, because I for one will treat you in the same discourteous way that you treat me and next time we meet you may be forced off the pavement and into the road in order to pass me.

Name and address supplied

Parking opposite the post office

IN response to Mr Holden's letter in last month's Linton News I would like to update readers on the latest situation.

The idea of creating a lay-by for parking opposite the post office in Balsham Road, using part of the fire station land, was investigated as part of the one-way system project. This did not come about due to concerns on the part of the fire service but, more

importantly, funding difficulties on the county side. The one-way system project is considered to be complete and responsibility for maintenance, improvements etc., has been passed to the local highways department. I have raised the issue with them but have received the usual response that there is no budget so they cannot do it.

I will continue to press the issue. We are just going

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
May we through your paper say a big 'thank you' to all who supported our charity The Children's Society. We raised a goodly sum in excess of £3,000 throughout the year.

Without the support of our valued customers this would not have been achieved, once again thank you. Kevin Nicholls, Manager Co-operative Group, Linton

Further information available from Rose Newman on 890739.

Dear Editor

Re: Violet Bassett Doreen and family wish to thank all those who sent kind messages of sympathy, offers of help, attended the funeral service and sent kind donations to Orchard House.

It is so comforting to know that so many people are thinking of us during this very sad time.

Family of Vi Bassett, Back Road

through the budget setting process at the county for the next financial year. I will try to get this on the agenda as the first step towards finding some funding. Budgets are getting tighter every year and only the highest priority projects are going forward. Prospects are not bright.

John Batchelor
County and District Councillor

A fun start to the year

WELL, we certainly started the new year with a bang, or rather a bump – literally, as our President, Ann Simpkin, injured herself on the way to the meeting. We met at the Cathodeon centre, as we had to change the date due to the bank holiday – a warm and comfortable venue on a very cold night.

Reminders for the various coffee mornings were given out, and a fairly extensive list of the WI activities coming up in the next few months was read out. Thanks were extended to all who contributed to a very successful Christmas party. Subscriptions for the year are due – most have already paid. Congratulations were given to Rita Boniface who had won the 200 club in December, and to Wendy Foster and Jean Champion who had received Open College Network Accreditations when attending Denman College.

After refreshments and mince pies members gave humorous accounts of holiday howlers or peculiar situations that had occurred in their lives. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

Our next meeting, which will be at 7.30 pm on 5th February in the village hall, is an Open Evening. We invite everyone to come and join us; husbands, partners, friends or acquaintances. The talk is Light Among the Trees by Peter Beale.

Tricia Lewis, 893609
Ann Simpkin has recovered from her fall with just a small scar on her chin. Editor

Could you be our new sub editor?

THE Linton News team is desperate for a new sub-editor.

The work is not particularly onerous but it does require commitment, especially the week before the paper goes to the printers. You must have e-mail and web access and a working knowledge of computers.

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us to produce this paper on Adobe Pagemaker or InDesign we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the editor on the telephone number or e-mail address on page 8.

If we do not get a new sub-editor, you may not have your Linton News delivered every month.

Editor

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

- Junior badminton, 10am-12noon Sundays SC
- Adult tennis coaching, Sundays (call 07791 150141) SC
- Pilates, 10 and 11.15am Mondays VH
- Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays VH
- Men's all-age keep fit club, 8pm Mondays SC
- Ladies' netball, 7-9pm Mondays SC
- WEA, 10am Tuesdays VH
- Linton Granta toddlers, 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays term time LVC
- Hadstock toddler group, 2.30pm Tuesdays term time Hadstock VH
- Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays** LVC
- Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesday CC
- Tae Kwon Do, 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays SC
- Ladies' badminton, 8-10pm Tuesdays** SC
- IT club, 7pm Tuesdays CC
- Yoga, 7.30pm Tuesdays term time Hildersham VH
- Yoga, 1-2.45pm Wednesdays term time VH
- Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays VH
- Men's keep fit club, 8pm Wednesdays SC
- Linton theatre workshop, Wednesdays (call 892076)
- Tots-in-tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time VH
- Music Matters, 9.45am & 11am Thursdays** VH
- LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays SC
- Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays VH
- Rhyme'n'rhythm tots music group, Fridays 10.30 & 1.30 term time URC hall
- Junior basketball, 6-7pm Fridays SC
- Bridge club, 7pm Fridays CC
- Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm Fridays VH
- Granta badminton club, 8-10pm Fridays SC
- Adult social tennis, 2-3pm Saturdays SC
- Boxercise/TTB/spinning, 7-8pm various days, call 890248 SC

FEBRUARY

- 2 Farmers' market, 9.30am LVC
- 4 **Camera club meeting, 7.15pm** CC
- 5 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
- 6 Reading group, 8pm Dog & Duck
- 7 Luncheon club, 12.15pm The Crown
- 7 Parish Council meeting, 8pm CC
- 10 **Camera club meeting, 10am** VH
- 11 Linton Trefoil guild, 7.45pm 3 Cambridge Rd.
- 12 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands
- 12 **Gardening club 7.30pm** VH
- 16 **Lib Dem jumble sale, 2pm** VH
- 16 **Organ and flute recital, 3.30pm** St Mary's
- 17 **Green gymnastics, 10am** Leadwell Meadows
- 19 **Historical society, 7.30pm** VH
- 20 CAMTAD Hearing Help, 9am-12noon HC
- 20 **Storytime, 2.15pm** Library
- 21 **ACE Soup and roll lunch, 12noon** Chalklands
- 21 Rail enthusiasts meeting, 8pm Pear Tree, Hildersham
- 21 Parish Council meeting, 8pm CC
- 23 **Nearly new clothes sale, 1.30pm** Infant school
- 23 **Linton music society, 7.30pm** LVC
- 24 **Glass fair, 10.30am** Chilford Hall
- 24 **Dorothy L Sayers talk, 2.30pm** St Mary's

MARCH

- 1 Farmers' market, 9.30am LVC
- 1 Bluegrass band, 9pm King's Head, Hadstock
- 3 **Camera club meeting, 7.15pm** CC
- 4 **WI, 7.30pm** VH
- 5 **Poetry reading by Poet Laureate, 2pm** LVC

KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, HC Health Centre, LVC Linton Village College, SC Sports Centre, URC United Reform Church, VH Village Hall.

Refuse collection: 4th and 18th February, 3rd March.

Recycling collection: 11th and 25th February.

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.

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Emma Mason with a parent and some of the children who enjoy Music Matters!

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Contact Emma: 893140 or email music.matters@virgin.net
Emma Mason

New year, new you!

LINTON Community Sports Centre has put together a short questionnaire about participation and usage at the sports centre. Whether or not you use the sports centre we would like your input. It will only take five minutes of your time. Please go to www.Linton-Sport-Fitness.co.uk or drop in to the sports centre and pick one up.

We are also running promotions during February so if you need that extra incentive to get fit and keep active now's your chance.

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- Fitness classes – Get 10 sessions for the price of eight (price to be paid upfront)

We also have a range of fitness classes to for you to enjoy; Boxercise, Spinning and Salsa starting at the end of January.

A date for your diary, Saturday 15th March Sport Relief mile and fundraising. If you would like to take part go to www.sportrelief.com. We also need volunteers to help on the day and to help organise it. If you would like to help please get in contact with the sports centre at www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk or on 890248

Bring this article along with you and get half price badminton or tennis court (subject to availability).

Jenny Furlow

Abbey head gardener shares home secrets

RICHARD Ayres, former head gardener at Anglesey Abbey, tempted members out on a wet January evening to hear about his cottage garden. It was of a rather different scale from Anglesey Abbey being 60m by 30m, yet his approach when taking on the garden 18 years ago remained dramatic.

The garden had been used entirely for vegetables when he arrived, but thanks to a neighbour's earth moving equipment it was soon flattened and under grass. This gave Richard the blank canvas he needed to be able to carve out his design for the herbaceous flower beds and shrubs he loved.

A conifer bank was planted in the middle of the garden as a screen to ensure that the entire garden was not visible at once. Plants such as hollyhocks were used to protrude from lower shrubs to create visual statements.

To maintain interest, avenues were created that prevented visitors from seeing

beyond the next curve. Richard also wove several water features into the garden.

His most recent addition is a fascinating transparent orb with concealed lighting which illuminates the rivulets of water as they flow down from the top.

Next month the club welcomes Peter Jackson from Scotsdales garden centre who will enlighten us on the subject of climbing and wall plants at 7.30pm on 12th February in the village hall. Come and join us as this popular speaker returns for what promises to be an excellent new talk.

Photographers are reminded that the subjects for the annual show on 2nd August are:

- An animal or animals
- Texture or textures
- A garden
- Humour
- Summertime
- One A4 print, photographer's own choice.

Hopefully this will provide some inspiration during the winter months!

Kirsten Newble 892425, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

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Marathon man will run for AsthmaUK

THIS time last year I had thoughts of running the London Marathon but it was too late to enter. August arrived and, undeterred by my family's disappointment that I had not lost my enthusiasm, I completed an application form and waited with anticipation.

Time passed, no news, and by the middle of December I had just convinced myself that I had not been successful in obtaining a place, when someone called from AsthmaUK asking if I would still like to run the race; obviously I accepted!

Having eventually persuaded my family that I am fit enough to run the full 26.2 miles, (well, will be by 13th April) I now have the challenge of raising £1500 for my chosen charity, AsthmaUK.

Ever since I can remember, I have suffered with asthma and, although it's quite mild in comparison to some people, it has meant that I've always needed to carry an inhaler. I have



Glenn Coombe: we wish him well

Picture taken by Mary Robinson

received a lot of help and support over the years especially from the Linton health centre, and I now wish to give something back. Therefore, if anybody would like to sponsor me it would be greatly appreciated. I've found the easiest way is via the internet, so perhaps you would be kind enough to log onto www.justgiving.com/glenncoombe with your card details and give just a little! Thank you.

Glenn Coombe

Blue grass comes to Hadstock

A new series of monthly gigs is being planned for 2008 at the King's Head in Hadstock, following the success of last year's series.

The next event will be on Saturday 1st March when the New Essex Bluegrass Band will play from 9pm.

The New Essex Bluegrass Band may be local to the area (based in Finchingfield and Cambridge), but they are also well known amongst bluegrass fans in Britain, Europe and the USA for their respectful recreation of the classic "high, lonesome sound" of Bill Monroe, the Stanley Brothers and all the other big names of the 1940s and 50s.

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Join in the green gymnastics

FOR the past few years the Linton Woodland Water and Wildlife Group have met in February to have a spring clean in the green spaces of the village.

When there is heavy work to be done the Parish Council arranges contracts for the work, but lighter jobs are much better tackled by residents. Last year, for instance, a number of willows were cut down around the pond in Leadwell Meadows. This year the re-growth needs to be removed but this can be done with secateurs and patience! There are several other areas which would benefit from a bit of tidying.

Nowadays these sorts of tasks are known as a Green Gym as they provide an opportunity for some light exercise in the fresh air in a green environment. So why not have a go at some green gymnastics and join us at 10am on Sunday 17th February at the entrance to Leadwell Meadows (Pocket Park). Dress code as usual; warm clothes, wellies and with loppers or secateurs – see you then.

Judy Rossiter

Children's society benefits from Christingle service



Charlotte Petter holding her Christingle and Rebecca Cox with her new Children's Society collecting box.

Picture by Janet Conochie

THE Christingle service took place on Sunday 9th December in St Mary's parish church. Eighty-six Christingles were given out to the children attending, and when they were lit the congregation sang "Away in a Manger".

During the service many gifts wrapped in colourful paper were donated for the women's refuge in Cambridge, and the Children's Society collecting boxes were given in for counting.

The collection amounted to £64.32 and the box totals came to £1049.50. This amount has already been forwarded to the headquarters in London.

We would like to thank all those who donated to the fund and all people who gave money to the local Co-op store who made the Children's Society their charity of the year. We understand they have collected around £3,700.

Best wishes to you all.

Janet Conochie,
local secretary for the Children's Society

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St Mary's choir with a passion in mind.....

WORK began last year on the Bach *St John Passion*, a major piece in up to eight parts. St Mary's church choir, whose ages range from 13 to over 80, will be performing this fine work, in English, at 6pm on Passion Sunday, 9th March in the parish church.

The choir will be accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra, Concerto Granta (leader Stephen Bingham) and five solo voices, Kieran Cooper (Jesus), John Moorman (Evangelist), Tristan Stocks (Pilate), Sally Plummer (soprano) and Val Tarrant (mezzo). The last two named are from Linton. The work will be directed by David Parry-Smith.

The Bach *St John Passion* is one of a number of works composed for the Good Friday Liturgy. It tells the story of the passion from St John's gospel, beginning with the betrayal of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane with a kiss and ending with Jesus sleeping in the tomb. The resurrection must wait until Easter Day.

The work includes a number of chorales (hymns), many of which may be known to members of the congregation.

The choral tradition is very much alive and well at St Mary's with recent fine performances of Fauré's *Requiem* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

...supported by a concert of flute and organ music

THE unusual combination of flute and organ music can be heard at St Mary's parish church at 3.30pm on Saturday, 16th February. Rachel Pointer and David Parry-Smith are taking time out from their normal roles as dental hygienist and research scientist to entertain on a winter afternoon.

Rachel has selected a fascinating programme of light, relaxing music for her flute recital, which will be accompanied by David on organ and piano (but not simultaneously!).

The recital will be approximately 45 minutes long. Admission by programme on the door for a minimum donation of £3.50. This includes tea and cake after the recital. Funds raised will go to support the expenses of the Bach *St John Passion* performance at 6pm on Sunday 9th March, again at St Mary's. All welcome.

For further information on both of the above please contact me:
David Parry-Smith 894715

Who needs men, come and join our all girls club

THE Linton Ladies Badminton club is looking for new members. We play between 8pm and 10pm on Tuesday evenings at the sports centre at Linton village college.

We celebrate our 25th anniversary this year. The club's beginning was very informal. It grew out of a women's health programme run by founder member Jo Leggo at the village college in 1983. Jo's evening course lasted for only two terms and when it ended everyone was reluctant to disband and go their separate ways. They also wanted an opportunity to do more exercise. Jo suggested that they should continue to meet once a week to play badminton in the school hall – and that is how the club began.

After playing during the summer term, the ladies arranged to have some coaching and the club graduated from the hall to the old gym and finally to the sports hall, where there are three courts available. Membership grew steadily. "We like being an 'all girls' club," says Jo, "as we can play anywhere in the court and not just have to play at the net, which is often the case in mixed groups."

Some members have been playing since the club began and we are keen to attract some new and perhaps younger players to join us. We are a friendly and welcoming group. If you are 16 (or 60) and over, why not come along for a session to meet other members and play a few games? Players of all standards are welcome. Membership fees depend on the number of players signing up each term. Please contact Julia Bradford (890541) or Jo Leggo (892489) for more information.

Sally Simmons

POT POURRI (37)

The highest car?

THE 240 space supermarket car park was full. The car park consisted of 12 rows and 20 columns of parked cars. I chose the least tall car in each column and labelled the tallest of these 20 cars as S(t). Next I chose the tallest car in each row and selected the least tall of these 12 cars labelling it T(s).

Which car is the tallest? S(t) or T(s)?

Solution to No.36 – What is the greater number?

The answer is (i). This is found by simple algebra, by substituting n for 1000000 and n-1 for 999999, and deriving the sum ratio, i.e. (i)/(ii) = (n+1)/n.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Co-workers of Mother Teresa

DURING 2007 our knitting group sent 23 sacks of blankets, children's jumpers, cardigans and hats to African Abandoned Baby Homes via the charity Feed the Children which is based in Ruscombe, Berkshire. We have had quantities of wool donated, and are grateful to all our supporters who knit and crochet at home for us.

We continue to meet once a month in the Linton/Abington area to knit, chat and pack, and are always happy to receive good quality children's clothes for up to age eight. Blanket squares or strips are also welcome. Bright colours are preferred, as white is a mourning colour in some African countries.

More information from me.

Maureen Harper 891696

Detective, tea and cake

THE life of Dorothy L Sayers – author of the Lord Peter Wimsey detective novels and, in her later life, a series of religious plays is the subject of a talk by Margaret Clark in the church pavilion at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 24th February. Admission is £4 and will include tea and cake after the talk. All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's for the maintenance of the church building.

For more information please contact me.

Margaret Clark 892093

Lib Dem jumble sale

THIS year's Lib Dem jumble sale will be held at 2pm on Saturday 16th February. As usual it will be in the village hall and refreshments will be available. If you want to donate jumble, the hall will be open from shortly after 9am on the day to receive it. If you have some jumble, but don't have transport or are out on Saturday, arrangements can be made to collect it from your door. For further details phone 892656.

Trisha Bear

Cambridge glass fair

THE Cambridge Glass Fair at Chilford Hall, to be held from 10.30am until 4pm on 24th February and now in its sixth year, has established a reputation as the leading specialist glass fair in the country.

Further details can be found at www.cambridgeglassfair.com
Contact: oxbridgefairs@aol.com or 07887 762872.

Haverhill Choral Society

AFTER a successful performance of *Messiah* we are now tackling new works for our next concert. This is being described as an 'All English Concert' and the programme includes work by Vaughan Williams to mark the 50th anniversary of his death. The programme also features pieces by Elgar and Parry. This concert will take place at 7.30pm on Saturday, 15th March in the Old Independent Church, Hamlet Road, Haverhill.

For further information please contact me.

Roma Holmes 01440 705692

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Weather was poor but the swans were a delight

LAST month, six hardy Camera Club members travelled to Welney Wetland Centre, which has an amazing new eco-friendly visitor centre and plays host to thousands of migratory water birds. Apparently there are normally around 5,400 swans at the sanctuary this time of year, but this year there are only approximately 3,000. We did drive past quite a flock on our way to the centre as they were dining out in a farmer's field; it seems that this is good for the crops as they take out the newly grown tips and increase the yield.

The swans we photographed were from three different breeds; the mute swans, which are the normal swans seen in this country, are too heavy to migrate, Bewick's swans which migrate from Russia via Holland (although most did not come last year due to our weather being too warm) and whooper swans which migrate from Iceland.

Swans stay as a family group and mate for life. When they migrate to Britain for the winter, the young are only about three months old so they have to stick together to make sure they all know the route. Some of the birds have rings attached to their legs to aid identification, although they all have distinctive markings on their beaks (rather like our fingerprints) and one of the regular visitors has been coming to the centre for 27 years.

Apart from swans there were many pochard but they were all male. This is because the male pochard is prettier and attracts more predators so they migrate early leaving the female to hatch the eggs and raise the young, joining the males later in England. The males then go back to their mating grounds early to prepare the nests.

Feeding time was at noon, when the keeper floated his wheelbarrow of feed and was followed like the pied piper.



Stockman Graham Webb serves up lunch

Picture by Jim Cracknell

Although the weather and the light were poor, it gave some of us a good chance to try out the new digital cameras that we had for Christmas.

Next month's club night is from 7.15-9.15pm on 4th February in the new Cathodeon Centre venue and the next photographic session will be held in the village hall at 10am on 10th February when Julian Edwards will help us with another portrait session.

For further information, please visit our website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk, or telephone Roger Lapwood on 891104 or me.

Tracey Wilson 891988



Authors lined up to attend book festival

THE Linton Children's Book Festival committee have been busy persuading famous authors and illustrators to appear at our festival on 10th and 11th May.

So far we are delighted to confirm appearances by Joe Craig (award-winning writer of the Jimmy Coates action thriller series), Julia Jarman (popular author of the Time Travelling Cat stories) and Tony Mitton (energetic performance poet).

We have also lined up some exciting workshops and activities for children of all ages, some of which involve spies and fairies! Intrigued? You can find out more by logging onto the festival website at www.lintonbookfest.org – or why not go straight to our blog at www.lintonbookfest.blogspot.com for all the latest news? We hope to have even more exciting developments to report soon.

Josephine Paterson 893582

Beavers help children in care

FOLLOWING the article in last month's news, Linton Beavers decided that actions spoke louder than words when it came to helping children in care. So they started doing odd jobs around the house and saving the money in film canisters to help the new charity, A Book of My Own. They worked so hard, and their parents were so generous, that Beaver leader Barry Holman was able to write a cheque for £70 for the charity. This will provide two children with grants of £30 each, and go some way towards a third.

This is a great effort by a thoughtful and energetic group of young people. The children enjoy their own books, and understand what it must be like not to have any. A Book of My Own is very grateful to them.

John Bald

Nearly new sale for Granta playgroup

THE Linton Granta Playgroup are holding a Giant Nearly New Sale from 1.30-3.30pm on Saturday, 23rd February in Linton infant school hall. We will be selling maternity wear plus all kinds of nearly new children's clothes, accessories, footwear, sportswear and uniforms from baby clothes up to age 11.

75% of the price of all clothes sold will go to the seller, with 25% going to the Linton Granta Playgroup. A small fee will be charged on entrance.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out on the day will have the opportunity to snap up the best bargains in our helpers' pre-sale.

If anyone has any clothes rails they would be willing to donate for the day please contact us (we will pick up and drop off).

There will also be a cake stall to tempt you on your way out. So, sellers get those clothes ready and buyers get those coins out. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information about selling your clothes at the sale please refer to our new website www.lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk or contact Frances on 892676.

Ruth Tysoe

Keep those resolutions with the infant school Fun Run

THERE is no excuse for not honouring those new year resolutions to get fit this year, as Linton infant school Parent Staff Association (PSA) are in the process of planning a Fun Run to take place on the morning of Sunday 30th March.

There will be a children's route around the meadow behind the school and a 5km route for the adults around the village taking in Chilford Hall. There will be an entry fee of £6 for adults and £2 for children (or sponsorship monies of a minimum equivalent amount). Refreshments will be available, including a barbecue and home-made cakes.

Application forms will soon be available on the school website or from either of the two newsagents in the village. Alternatively, if you want further information, please contact Jane Routes on 07803 602823.

So go on, start training and help raise money for your village school in the process!

Esther Cox



Chef's corner

with Joel

An opulent meal for winter cheer

ALL the doom and gloom and the weather being so depressing is compounded by the fact that it is February again already. The global credit crunch, and all the bad news from the high street sale.... whatever next?

So a meal that will not cost a fortune but with echoes of opulence would seem to be in order; one that can be done quickly and effortlessly with the wow factor thrown in.

To start: Smoked salmon and sea kale

Smoked salmon is widely available these days and very affordable, and sea kale can be ordered from a good greengrocer; it is similar to asparagus, just trim the ends off and blanch. It is in season between January and March.

Once you have blanched the sea kale just toss in a little lemony olive oil, lay 3 or 4 pieces on a plate then drape as little or as much smoked salmon as you like over it. Sprinkle with a little cracked pepper and some rocket leaves. Easy!

To follow: Lamb rack with roasted vegetables

Lamb seems, so far, to have escaped the recent price increases while the price of beef has rocketed due to the Brazilian endemic foot and mouth situation.

Ask your butcher to "French trim" the lamb racks and to separate them into three bones per portion.

Select whatever vegetables you prefer including potatoes. My suggestion would be carrots, courgettes, tomatoes, red onion, garlic and sweet peppers.

Parboil about four new potatoes per portion. Roughly dice all of the vegetables and the potatoes then roll them in a little olive oil with a sprig of rosemary and thyme.

Place the vegetables in a roasting tray. Lay the lamb racks on top of the vegetables which have been lightly seasoned.

All of this preparation can be done in advance. Just before you prepare the salmon starter for your guests you can, to coin a phrase, "Slam in the lamb" with the vegetables obviously, and cook in the middle of your oven at about 180° – 200°C, gas mark 6 or 350°-400°F. This will only take about 25 – 35 minutes.

You could have a sauce or gravy with this dish but why complicate things? Maybe a little homemade mint sauce.

If I was going to take wine with this dish I would suggest a very cold Riesling to cut through and yet complement the salmon. Then a Pinot Noir from any region, but, Tasmanian is my current favourite. This isn't as overpowering as some and will work well with the fattiness of the lovely lamb cutlets.

Cheers and *bon appetit*.

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Christmas light in Chalklands and Paynes Meadow

IF you noticed two people skulking and lurking around Chalklands just before Christmas, don't worry – it was only Darryl Nantais and me, judging the festive lights and decorations. To make it appear less suspicious, we were led by Jasper the Dalmatian, who regularly mumbled his opinion (or, perhaps he just wanted to catch up on his 23 hours sleep a day). He thought everyone deserved a prize. The event was arranged by Ann Simpkin and the Chalklands Residents' Committee; another of the many activities organized by this active group.

There were rather fewer displays than previously, most being of "an elegant sufficiency", in the Cranford manner. As we become more aware of environmental concerns, most displays were low energy – being green and celebrating Christmas need not be in conflict. The range of styles and ingenuity were nevertheless remarkable. We had trees delicately traced with lights, twinkling stars, Santa Clauses of all shapes and sizes (some doing the oddest things!), deer, snowmen and

angels. Trees were highlighted by a mesh of light, shrubs were full of stars and glowing berries. Minimalist or generously over-the-top, bought or home-made; all were heart warming at what is still a fairly bleak time of year.

Choosing the winner was hard – so many deserved recognition for their work. We eventually awarded the prize to Karen and John Negus of 52 Chalklands, who lit each plant in the garden in its own, well chosen colour. I suspect that they have won before, but this display was of a different fashion; stylish and quite beautiful. Honourably mentioned were Karen and Kevin Jarvis of 114 Chalklands, with elegant lighting of a smaller front garden, and Sue and Glenn Betchley of 65 Chalklands, with an exuberant Santa show. All were rewarded for their efforts in a suitably festive way.

Congratulations to all who shared their Christmas light with their neighbours.
Enid Bald

Sherry in January, soup and rolls in February

AFTER so much dull and damp weather, it was a relief to have a dry, bright day for the ACEs fundraising event. It was almost like spring... though we appreciated our nibbles, hot drinks and/or sherry – it wasn't that warm!

This event was to support the Mobile Warden, who helps keep a section of our community living independently in their own homes. The Warden scheme is mainly funded by the local councils and small fees from the clients, but travel and other expenses are covered by this event and donations. So, all assistance was very much appreciated. Our modest contributions are maximised by careful

housekeeping – the chancellor has much to learn from Age Concern Cambs and our committee!

Thanks too, to those who ran stalls – Friends of St Mary's with their ever extending range of goodies, gallantly manned by the Clarksons, as well as bric-a-brac and book stalls. Fair Trade had a fine display of food and gifts. There was the raffle with prizes from vintage port to a splendid flower arrangement. The bring and buy stall was a good way to recycle presents and high quality goods; you were so kind in your contributions.

Those marvellous ladies, Audrey and Jean, ran the tombola; also generously

providing the prizes. Thank you to the ACE ladies and to all who helped and contributed to such a sociable gathering. Same place, same time next year?

The next event is a Soup and Rolls lunch, 12noon for a 12.30pm start on Thursday, 21st February, at the Chalklands' room. The speaker will be Margaret Clark with tales of "The secret life of my Aunt". Knowing the wit and verve of Margaret, I reckon that we are in for a real treat!

We look forward to seeing you. Remember, everyone over 60 is welcome!

Call me or Sue/Tina on 891001 if you need transport.
Enid Bald 891069

Under 12s cricket team is learning fast

ALTHOUGH last season proved to be a challenging one, with poor weather hampering a lot of the matches, it was also very encouraging to see the boys and girls improving in their technique from the previous year.

The transition from pairs cricket to proper cricket involved a huge learning curve for the team, understanding the lbw rule and the harsh reality that there are no second chances in losing your wicket, unlike pairs cricket.

The U12 League consisted of teams from Babraham, Fulbourn, Saffron Walden, Sawston and Thriplow/Whittlesford, all of which contained some very accomplished young cricketers who

were generally more experienced in match play. Despite the tough competition though, we had some very close and enjoyable matches and won one match.

The highlights of the season were watching one of our bowlers take four wickets in five balls and witnessing some of the techniques we teach in training actually finding their way onto the pitch!

As a team we improved with each game and I was proud of the children's commitment and sportsmanship.

We are starting close season training in the nets on a Saturday morning and the players should all have received notification of the dates and times of those training

sessions.

I am grateful to the team and their parents, especially Tony Kelly, for their support. I know there was frustration at times at the lack of opportunity to play in matches, largely occasioned by the high number of rained-off games and also the number of children wishing to play.

It would be wonderful to be able to run two teams next season when we become the U13s, but for that to happen we need more willing parents prepared to come along and help with coaching. No previous experience is necessary as full training is available.

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LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

Molehills and mothballs

IT has almost double the quantity of blood than most creatures of its size. The extra red haemoglobin enables it to live and breathe underground in a low oxygen and high carbon dioxide environment! With a lateral digging force of over 30 times its own weight, we are talking mole power!

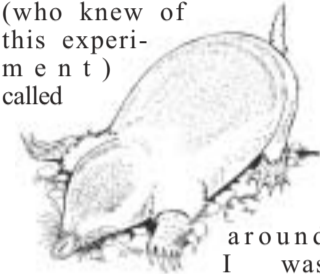
But, what does it mean, not to see? As a young man I experimented by wearing a patch over one eye for an hour or so in an effort to gain a coherent understanding of my bifocal abilities. I consistently saw in portraiture, one eye placed on the vertical or horizontal centre of the canvas, and soon realised the best I could do was to paint as a one-eyed man upon the two dimensional surface.

Monocular vision made it difficult to judge distance, with density of colours and their juxtaposition deceiving me further. For example; objects in blue almost always appeared further away than I had anticipated and conversely, red appeared closer. Evidently, a more drastic approach was required; spending the following day in my bedsit, blindfolded! Fascinating – I wallowed in a heightened awareness of sound and my sense of smell soared.

Building a picture of my room, defined by the walls and furnishings I re-mapped and tried to grid my environment within my mind's eye. Moving from one area to another without making a mental note of my orientation was time consuming. I was constantly taking new bearings, such as feeling for door frames and checking paces to the chair.

Touching became a whole new experience as I became aware of the different textures and temperatures of objects, making sure I knew exactly where I had placed my hot coffee. The initial intrigue began to fade within an hour as I grew hungry for light, yet as the hours passed 'my day as a mole' became ever more interesting!

For a short while I ventured out to the lawn. The heat on my back indicated midday sunshine but I relied on the radio for an accurate time check. When my friend (who knew of this experiment) called



around I was struck by face blindness. I only knew it was him because of the familiarity of voice, but suddenly I needed to pay much greater attention to his speech inflection as I could not see any facial expressions. If this little story makes you more sympathetic to an artist's plight or of those with visual impediments that's wonderful, but spare a thought for the mole!

Whilst on my walks this year I've more than once tripped upon a molehill ending up flat on my face, which coincidentally led me to writing this article in the first place! They seem to be everywhere! Not confined to fields and lawns, they are inconsiderately popping up and leaving their hills in the middle

of footpaths; are they blind? Indeed they are not!

Clever mole! Cunning mole! Excruciating mole! Well, we think of them as black and blind and use expletives to express disdain when we see evidence of their presence on our prim and proper lawns. Yet, however much you regard *Talpa Europea* as a common garden criminal they are, without doubt, wonderful creatures. The decline of mole catching may well bear a direct correlation to the popularity of The Wind in the Willows. Remember when Ratty and Moley went to visit Mr Toad of Toad Hall for the first time? Enough of these sentimental thoughts. Why, when I was a lad we could earn a penny a pelt, if you had the guts for it!

Their little dark eyes are covered almost entirely by fur and their lugless hidden ears are well adapted to a life underground. They can see, but not very well, although their sense of smell is second to none. The mole is regarded as a solitary chap, marking his territory by way of secretion from glands.

However, they will part-share areas, especially in springtime, and when it comes to the shopping, mole often bites the heads off worms, crickets and grasshoppers, storing the rest in a pantry chamber.

If you have mole trouble, a few ferret faeces or mothballs down their holes will move them on to your neighbour's land! Use a dibber to find their runs from one molehill to another, usually in a straight line! Their eyesight may be poor, but oh dear Moley, what a nose!

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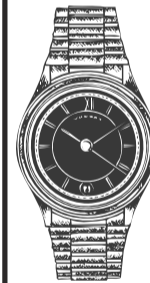
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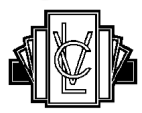
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WE face this year at the college with some excitement; excitement about further changes to the fabric of the school and excitement about events taking place this spring.

Our £8.5million building project has yet to see a brick laid. The HORSIA building is now a memory, leaving us with a gloomy fenced off no-go area behind the music block. Our information and communication technology (ICT) suite has been moved into the 1937 building and some essential enabling work has been carried out. And yet, no actual building as such has happened. We are still waiting for the planning permission required for it to go ahead.

Recently I went to a committee to argue that further delays to the project are not in the interests of our community; for a school which is outstanding in so many other ways, to have to maintain such a dilapidated hotchpotch of temporary accommodation for so long is just not acceptable. I am in danger of turning into the Granta Ranta for a moment here, but indulge me ... the objections to the new building, such as they are, come out of aesthetic considerations. The new building, with its state-of-the-art facilities, we are told, may overshadow the lines of the 1937 original! Can you believe that?

Have they seen the college in 2008? Currently the Art Deco lines are submerged in mobiles and 1960s add-ons which are crumbling around us ... the new design is the first attempt to create a fully coherent look for the whole site which builds on the curvature and pavilions of the original. So let's get on with it!

My excitement comes with the knowledge that 2008 will see new bricks laid here, as I was successful at the meeting mentioned above, and phase 1 will begin on 31st March.

My other source of excitement is a literary one. At heart I am a teacher of English with a passion for novels and poetry. This year brings to the college some fantastic literary events. On Wednesday 5th March Andrew Motion, Poet Laureate, is visiting the college to work with students. He will also do a poetry reading that afternoon at 2pm for the community, here at the college. It is fantastic that he is coming to Linton to inspire us. Phone the college reception on 891233 for details of this session.

Following on from this, in May we have the return of the Children's Book Festival; an event we look forward to hosting at the college. If it is half as good as the last one it will be a triumph, and it ties in to The National Year of Reading.

So bricks and books in 2008, then.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Christian/Forenames in Linton's past

A FEW weeks ago I came across a list of the most popular first names chosen by parents for babies born in Cambridgeshire in 2007. The top five boys' names were Thomas, Jack, Oliver, Harry and James. For girls the choice was Emily, Olivia, Grace, Chloe and Sophie.

I thought readers would be interested to find out the sort of names Linton parents chose in former times. I have analysed the baptism registers from 1574 to 1934 which contain over 10,000 names, and sorted them into the top ten names by gender within that 360 year period.

Linton parents were very conservative in their choice of names until mid-Victorian times. Until the 1830s some 50% of all children baptised had one of three names, and 65% had one of five names. From Tudor times to the late Georgian period half of all boys in Linton were baptised John, William or Thomas. The top

ten boys' names also included Robert, Phillip, Richard, James, George, Henry and Joseph. Half of the girls were named Mary, Anne or Elizabeth. Also in the top ten female name choices were Alice, Joanne, Susan, Margaret, Sarah, Susannah and Katherine.

You can see from this data why people used surnames rather than Christian names when addressing individuals. For family history researchers the use of so few first names is a nightmare.

Some names continued in use over the Victorian period and on into the 20th century. Elizabeth, Ann and Mary were all in the Linton top ten first names and for boys John, William and George remained popular. Victorian times witnessed the demise of certain names. Thomas, Robert and Richard disappeared after the 1870s as did Jane, Susannah and Margaret.

New names emerged in mid-Victorian times and the range of names also expanded. Up until the 1830s some fifteen names covered about 90% of all the boys and girls baptised in Linton. By 1900 over forty names for each gender only covered 75% of the total number of children baptised in the village. New names for girls were Florence, Ethel, Ada, Emma, Louisa, Winifred, Daisy, Olive, Violet, and Henrietta. For boys new names were Frederick, Herbert, Arthur, Albert, Ernest, Walter, Harold and Charles.

In 1900 the top five Linton names for boys were John, George, William, Frederick and Harold but these now covered a mere 30% of male births. The top five girls' names in 1900 were Violet, Dorothy, Kathleen, Louisa and Margaret and these only covered 20% of female births.

The Bible seems to have been more influential than the

monarchy in the choice of names. There is very little linkage to reigning monarchs. I have found very few Victorias or Alberts.

The registers do reveal some peculiar names and I will end this article with a few examples. For the girls – Amphilis, Etheldred, Barbary, Easter, Peace, Zipora, Consuelo, Arethusia, Thirza and Kerenhappuch. For the boys – Cassivelaunus (a British chief), Horatio Nelson, Hummerstone, Ferdinando, Theophilus, Barrington, Obadiah, Millicent, Mahala and Septimus. The names of footballers, pop and media stars chosen by the present generation of parents will provide the peculiar names' list of the future.

The Historical Society meeting on Tuesday 19th February at the village hall covers the recent archaeology finds at Linton village college. The talk starts at 7.30pm.

Bobby Chen visits Linton



FRESH from giving the world premiere of a new piano concerto with London Sinfonietta at Cadogan Hall, and making his US debut with a concerto and radio broadcast in Chicago, Bobby Chen has also recently appeared in festivals in Sweden and Malaysia.

Winner of the Overseas Prize at the Royal Overseas League Competition, he will present a programme on the piano, featuring little known Bach and Prokofiev pieces as well as music by Debussy, Schubert and Chopin.

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CCTV - The future is now

HOW serious is the crime in Linton? Well, the truth is that it is not nearly as bad as other places. In fact, Linton and South Cambs as a whole is considered a low risk area compared to Cambridge, Haverhill and any other area of denser population. But our good fortune is also our problem. We are considered a low risk area and therefore we are very low down on the police list of priorities for resources.

In 2004 Linton and the surrounding villages were left with no police constable and there were no plans in the police pipeline to find a replacement. I led a tv and radio campaign to get such a replacement. Some of you may remember "Arnie" our very own cardboard cut-out policeman being paraded in front of the Co-op, and the enormously successful petition of over 1,000 signatures. This prompted the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire to ring Radio Cambridge and promise us our own police constable. PC Martin Addison-Atkinson was then transferred to our area.

This shows that even three years ago we were fighting hard to retain something most of us take for granted - the knowledge that we are continuously protected by the police and that they will be there for us whenever we need them.

Three years on and things have changed again. PC A-A is no longer with us as he has taken retirement. The good news is that we have been informed that PC Mike Dyke is replacing him. We hope he will have taken up his new post by the time this article is published, but I am concerned he did not take up his new position straight away.

Due to persistent underfunding from central government, the police in this area are worse off now for resources than they have ever been. The money we all pay for policing through taxes still goes to the police, but it must stretch a lot further. Last year many of you would have seen and heard our current Chief Constable, Julie Spence, appealing to the government for more much needed funding. So until there is a significant change in government policy, I feel we have to look at policing our village in a totally different way. We must start taking more responsibility for our own safety and security, both on a personal level and as a community.

Please be assured that if Linton had a major incident such as armed robbery, arson or a lost child, the village would be swamped with police who will be deployed from elsewhere. But for less major incidents it will fall on PC Dyke and the PCSOs to respond, and even though they do a great job they cannot be in all places at all times.

And this is well known amongst those who do our community harm and damage. More and more rural communities and villages are being "targeted" as they are perceived as being areas of little or no policing. It appears the larger villages, where there are some amenities, are the most popular for this. Some travel to villages such as ours quite simply because there is a much greater police presence where they live. Our PCSOs Zally Huseyin, Chris Pulley and Leanne Allan are dedicated to the Linton cause but will always need the help and support of all of us.

The parish council is now working closer with the police than ever before. The police asked us if we could investigate the possibility of CCTV in certain areas, together with the installation of extra lighting where needed. The police

identified two main areas. One area was the pavilion and the recreation ground. The other area is Camping Close, and this is proving to be quite a challenge. Some people like this area just as it is, and I fully respect their view. The problem the police encounter is that the area is so dark and unlit it is very hard to see anything and to police it efficiently after dark. The problem I have come across is the expense of running power to the site for lighting and/or CCTV. Also, should the parish council decide to provide lighting where there was none before, then European law states that we must provide lighting for at least the whole footpath crossing Camping Close to a minimum standard. If we do not, then we become liable for any accident or incident that occurs that may be considered the fault of having insufficient lighting. Such is the libellous society we now live in! Therefore, this area is still under investigation and we are still talking to the church, county council and district council about the possible options to address this problem.

The pavilion/recreation ground was a much easier task. The main priority was to protect the pavilion, which as most of you will know, suffered over half a dozen break-ins last year. (In one attack the main door was set alight to weaken it so it could be kicked in and entry could be gained.) The more I investigated the situation and the options available, the more it became obvious that Linton was not alone in seeking CCTV. Other villages have already installed CCTV, and in many cases it has been the village pavilion that has needed it. (I took my eldest to Hardwick for football the other week, and their pavilion has it.) In fact, CCTV was a main consideration of the residents of Linton a few years ago when the village plan was first introduced.

The parish council decided that CCTV should be in-



Roger Hickford with Jim Paice MP outside the pavilion discussing the break-ins and anti-social behaviour

Pictures supplied by Roger Hickford

stalled on the pavilion to protect the building and also to monitor the recreation ground. Discussion took place as to the type of cameras required, and it was decided to opt for fixed (stationary) cameras due to lower initial capital expense and the low maintenance costs.

Is it a sad and sorry situation we find ourselves in? Is it

the end of village life as we know it? I personally do not think so. I feel it is a necessary tool to try to preserve the village life we all know and cherish. I do not feel it is an invasion of privacy but more a reality of life. We, none of us, can get in a car and go somewhere, or go walking in a town or city centre, without being captured on camera many, many times. The images captured by the cameras are only ever looked at when necessary. I can see a time in the near future when most villages have some sort of CCTV, even if it is only to monitor the traffic in and out of the village, so that specific vehicles can be identified when necessary.



As I have previously stated, I feel we must take more responsibility for the policing of our village. We must work closer than ever before with the available police resources at our disposal. We must help the police to help ourselves more.

With this in mind I would like to remind everyone of the Linton neighbourhood panel meeting on Tuesday, 18th March at Linton Heights Junior School starting 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm). This is such an important meeting where everyone can have their say and be heard by the police.

There have been two previous meetings, and the residents of Linton have managed to have a big enough voice to keep Linton as a priority for policing anti-social behaviour. Please come along and have your say about any police issues. If we do not continue to keep getting the support, then other villages will become priorities instead.

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MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on 15th November 2007. **Present: Councillors A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell - Vice Chair, Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, S Daly, B Hammett, R Hickford, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr D White; Mrs S Parry (Clerk). County and District Councillor J Batchelor, District Councillor Mrs T Bear, Mrs K France (Press) together with one member of the public were in attendance.**

Public forum

Mr A Baker asked if the parish council would be willing to appeal against the decision of the district council to grant planning permission for the proposed Flaxfields redevelopment. The chair replied that an application to the High court for permission to seek a judicial review of the decision would be required. If the court gave the parish council permission to seek a judicial review, a full oral hearing would then take place. If the council were to lose that, it would be liable for all parties' costs. He had expressed the view to the council that the prospect of success in such an application was poor. It had been agreed, however, to write to the district council regarding the council's concerns as to how the meeting had been conducted.

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Gee, Krarup and Urwin.

Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues

PCSO Zally Huseyin reported on various problems relating to young people. One issue was the lack of lighting on Camping Close. It was proving very difficult to observe all the activities of the youths there and in the churchyard and it was likely that

alcohol and drugs were being secreted there. She thought that youths from the surrounding area were coming to the village to deal in drugs. Drug and alcohol problems were increasing and the groups of youths were getting larger in number. She had concerns that the older elements were buying alcohol for the younger ones, but unless caught in the act, no prosecution could be brought. It was agreed to ask trading standards to do test purchases at local shops.

When moved on by her, the groups' response was that there was nowhere to go and nothing to do. There needed to be some engagement with them to try to resolve the problem and isolate the younger ones from the older element. In her view the Linton Forum blog was creating a greater division between the young people and other residents. The police supported the proposal for CCTV, the value of which had been highlighted by the fact that all four youths who broke into the pavilion had been identified. The chair thanked PCSO Huseyin for her attendance at the meeting.

A report from Cllr Hickford had been circulated on the feasibility of installing lighting and CCTV cameras at various locations. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to progress the issue of lighting on Camping Close and of placing CCTV cameras in the area of the recreation ground pavilion. It was agreed that Cllr Hickford should further investigate the various options and obtain further quotations to be brought before precept.

Reports from the district councillors

Cllr Bear reported that the transfer of the five existing sheltered units at Flaxfields to Sanctuary Housing was due to be discussed soon. She suggested that following the discussion at

the public forum a letter of complaint should be sent to the district council.

Members expressed concern that the district council planned to make a payment of £554,000 towards the redevelopment of Flaxfields, when it had always claimed that the development would comprise of affordable housing and be totally self financing. It was agreed to write a letter of complaint to the district council portfolio holder.

Written reports from council representatives

A report from Cllr Cornell regarding the results of county council speed limit review on the A1307 had been circulated. Cllr Cornell summarised the main conclusions of the review to the meeting:-

A 50mph limit between Linton and the Dene dual carriageway would not require engineering measures and could therefore be implemented quickly without incurring any significant expenditure.

A 50mph limit between Abington and the Dalehead dual carriageway would require associated engineering measures to be carried out, the budget for which had been included as part of a bid to the Local strategic partnership.

A reduction of 40mph limits in Linton and Abington to 30mph required further investigation.

Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 23: Cambridgeshire county council, response regarding rerouting of HGVs. Cllr Cornell said that she would liaise with Les Redhead regarding alternative routes. The chairman observed that there was no signage informing heavy vehicles diverted through Hildersham to use the ford rather than the village bridge.

MINUTES of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on 6th December commencing at 8 pm. **Present: Councillors A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Dr D White; Mrs S Parry (Clerk). Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bald, Cox, Hickford and Krarup.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November not already listed

Cllr Hammett asked for clarification as to who Sanctuary Housing were. The chair confirmed that Sanctuary were part of the Hereward Housing Group which had been renamed as Sanctuary Hereward. Cllrs Hammett and Rossiter requested an assurance that all their concerns would be included in the letter of complaint to SCDC.

Reports from co-ordinators

Open spaces - No report had been received. Cllr Hammett requested a sign stating 'Rivey Way leading to Rivey Close' be erected on Back Road.

Recreation ground - No report had been received. Cllr Potter reaffirmed that a request for a quotation to address the problem of flooding at the Meadow Lane entrance was being sought. The chair confirmed that a meeting of the users of the pavilion has been arranged for 23rd January 2008.

Cllr Potter reported that there was still a problem with moles. The clerk confirmed that Five Star Pest Control had been asked to investigate.

Cemetery - Cllr Gee reported that a meeting had taken place regarding ways of making the cemetery more accessible for amenity use.

Rights of way - Cllr Rossiter reported that 2008 should be an eventful year for redefining some footpaths.

Venture playground - Cllr Hammett reported that a defects report had been received from Zurich Insurance. He would check the equipment and report back.

Leadwell Meadows - Cllr White reported that Mr Edgar had

kindly cut down a dead tree which was blocking a pathway. It was agreed to write to thank him.

A1307 - Cllr Cornell reported that sadly there had been another fatality over the weekend in the vicinity of the previous fatality in Horseheath. The county council were now considering reducing the speed limit in that area to 50mph.

Cllr Cornell reported that she was intending to get photographic evidence that Back Road is unsuitable for HGVs diverted off the A1307, to be sent to the county council to support our request for a designated diversionary route for HGVs.

Correspondence list for discussion

Item 50 - CCC street lighting maintenance and energy charges 2007/8 - The letter was noted and it was confirmed that it would be considered at the precept meeting.

Item 51 - Chalklands & Paynes Meadow Residents Association - request for replacement tree at entrance to Chalklands. It was agreed that as the land was owned by South Cambridgeshire district council, the association should be advised to contact the district council.

Item 52 - Chalklands & Paynes Meadow Residents Assoc - request that shingle area is replaced by paving or concrete. It was agreed that as this provision was covered by the planning permission for the Paynes Meadow development, the council would contact the district council to ascertain whether there is an planning obligations on the developer to place a piece of artwork there, the letter to be copied to the residents association.

Item 53 - Chalklands & Paynes Meadow Residents Assoc - further request for a dog bin at Paynes Meadow. It was noted that this matter was in hand.

Item 64 - Linton Visually Impaired People request for a donation of £100 - It was agreed that a donation of £100 be paid from the s137 budget.

Item 68 - Quotation from D Nantais for repair of village sign - It was agreed to accept the quotation other than the repair of the post.

Item 73 - S Toussnel - request for reinstatement of fun run and offer of help for a village spring clean. It was agreed to

contact the Environmental health officer for advice on any legal implications regarding litter picking, that the clerk would contact other parish councils for their experiences of village cleaning exercises, and to advise Mr Toussnel that the council's policy is not to place litter bins outside built up areas of the village.

Public consultation about, and council consideration of, major planning applications, including possible wind farm application

Cllr Gore had distributed a draft policy on 'statutory consultation on major planning applications' and a report on 'steps to be taken in relation to the possible application for the proposed wind farm'. The need for a survey or meeting in relation to the possible wind farm application was discussed. After discussion a vote was taken on the proposal: 'do we circulate a questionnaire subject to all questions being agreed by council?' A vote then took place regarding the holding of a public meeting if the wind farm application is submitted.

The draft policy was agreed and adopted subject to the amendment of paragraph 5v as follows: "holding exhibitions and/or public meetings at which the issues raised by the planning application can be considered and debated, with the closing date for the return of any questionnaires to the clerk to be later than the date of the meeting."

Reports from councillors

Cllr Linsdell asked for an update regarding allotments. The clerk confirmed that she had recently written to Mr Balaam but had not received a reply. Cllr Rossiter reported that she had discussed the subject of allotments with Melanie Baker who would advise the council whom to contact in order to progress the issue.

The chair reported that Bob Howard had resigned his post at the county council highways department, his temporary replacement being Keith Fauch. His departure might result in further delay in the installation of the bus stop at Back Road/Rivey Lane.

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