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Grace Moore celebrates 100 years

THE congregation of St Mary's church celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs Grace Moore after morning service on 3rd October with a beautiful cake and sparkling wine. Grace moved to Linton in 1988 and has attended the Sunday morning service regularly ever since.

Grace was born in Middlesbrough on Thursday 30th September 1910. Her 100th birthday celebrations started with a party at the day centre in Symonds House followed by another party with 26 family members on Saturday 2nd October.

Grace learnt responsibility early in life. When her father died Grace was 17 years old and she took on his pharmacy business and, with the help of a qualified assistant, ran it for several years.

Later, on her wedding day, 4th September 1939, Grace's bridegroom told her that as a Territorial he had received his call up papers and would be leaving her in four days time. Along with millions of other women Grace saw little of her husband for the next six years and had to cope with running a home and bringing up a baby daughter on her own. Her husband was a bomb disposal officer during the second world



Grace celebrates the most important birthday of her life with a beautiful cake

Picture by Alan Clarkson

war. After the war they lived in Dartford in Kent. Grace was chairman of the Townswomen's Guild for a while and an active member until her move to Linton. She helped with the flower arranging at her local church and still loves to have fresh flowers in her home.

Fortunately, Grace's husband returned from war service, and as an architect spent the rest of his working life assisting in

the rebuilding of London. Grace has lived independently until her recent move into a self-contained flat designed for independent living at the newly opened Nichols Court. She has lived in Linton since her husband, an architect, died 22 years ago.

Grace is gradually settling in and says everyone is "very kind". She has made many friends in Linton and is a member of St Mary's church and the Mother's

union. She enjoys her twice weekly visits to Symonds House. Grace has a daughter, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Sadly her only son died four years ago at the age of 60. Grace's daughter Margaret Jocelyn says "my mother has always put others before herself and has shown tremendous courage and fortitude throughout her life".

Margaret Clark and
Kate France

The village college welcomes international visitors

At the end of September, I spent a week visiting Linton village college with my daughter and a member of my school staff. We received a warm welcome from all of the teachers and students, and from members

of the community who invited us into their homes.

The theme of our visit was 'ICT in teaching and learning' and we spent much of our time observing lessons where teachers use information

technology in the classroom. Coming from a developing country where computers are still rare in schools, it was fascinating to observe how ICT is used in nearly all lessons and not just taught as a

separate subject.

I also noticed how much more learner-centred education has become since my last visit to LVC ten years ago. The pupils are actively engaged in their learning instead of just listening to the teacher and this helps them to learn.

During our stay we were also invited to visit some of the other schools in Linton. The head teacher of the infant school took us into her classrooms to see the different groups of small children in their beautiful uniform. It was amazing to see the work done by these very young children. They had such a sense of responsibility at a young age.

We would like to thank the people of Linton for their generosity and kindness. We wish the schools even greater success in the future and we look forward to welcoming some of LVC's year 11 students and teachers to Boepathutse next year to take part in sports leadership activities with our students.

Sarah Seroka, Principal,
Boepathutse Junior
Secondary School, South
Africa



Picture by Tony Kelly

From left to right: Abigail Munday, Caroline Derbyshire, Sarah Seroka, principal of Boepathutse, Dorothy Mkhabele, teaching assistant at Boepathutse and Phetile Seroka.

In your own time ...

FORTUNATELY, retirement came relatively early for Alan Judge and he was able to shake off the shackles of full-time employment six years ago when he was aged 59. That escape opened up numerous avenues for him and one of them, music, is the main enthusiasm he has been able to indulge since moving to Linton in 2004. He says: "When I was working as a journalist on the Evening Standard I used to live in a flat and consequently had to keep the volume down. Now I'm in a large house in a secluded part of the village and I can make as much noise as I like."

"Thinking back on all the music I have enjoyed, it seems to me that it breaks down into the various stages of my life – as a teenager it was all 'heart on the sleeve' romantics such as Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov et al."

"Adulthood was spent pursuing a love of opera through

many of the major cities of Europe and now reflective older age is being passed with the quieter pleasures of chamber music, string quartets and solo piano music."

Alan enjoys reading, particularly all aspects of history, local as well as global. He also takes a keen interest in what goes on in his garden, especially in the spring, where an absence of cats means he can enjoy watching the bird life.

His time in journalism has also given him a love of the English language and he says: "I find myself shouting at the radio and television a lot as interviewers and interviewees mangle our fine language, using all the jargon which is much in fashion at the moment."

Once a month, as sub-editor Alan helps with the Linton News, where his time spent in Fleet Street has contributed to making the newspaper a quality publication. LNT



Alan relaxing in a friend's garden

Picture by Georgina Page

What would you like to see in the Linton News?

WE would like to know if there are any new columns or regular articles you would like to see in the Linton News. Maybe you would like us to include a crossword every month, a feature on local walks, book reviews, or your local heroes. We want to hear from you, so any comments you have, don't be shy.

This month we are experimenting with a new feature called Lintonians out and about, where you can tell us all about trips or outings you have enjoyed. We hope you enjoy them, let us know what you think, either write to me or email me.

Editor, lneditor@linton.info

Too good for jumble

THERE is a hallmarked 9½in silver fish knife with bone handle on offer this month; a breakfast bar stool, chrome/white, perfect condition; a dark rosewood computer work station on wheels, 30 in high, 23 in wide with top for monitor, retractable drawer for keyboard + 2 shelves and a Mamas & Papas high chair in excellent condition.

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The laser printer raised £25 for Macmillan cancer care; the double buggy made £40 for the British Legion poppy appeal; the sewing machine went for £25 for Breast Cancer UK and the Panasonic telephone/fax machine raised £25 for Help for Heroes.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

The opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the LN team.

Despite popular opinion, the ranta is NOT written by the same person each month. If you would like to rant in this paper please contact me at the address on page 3.

LOOKING at an aerial view of the Linton area will immediately give away the location of our river, the Granta. As it gently meanders along its path through the village, the lush vegetation either side marks the course.

We are lucky that the Granta is rich in wildlife. If you take the time to sit by the river and relax, a small amount of patience will be rewarded. Many fish can be seen in the shady pools, waiting for a tasty morsel to come their way. Of course, there are plenty of ducks hanging around for the chance of a piece of bread but away from the hustle and bustle of the centre of the village, less domesticated pairs can be seen going about their business.

During quieter times it is possible to spot the brilliant blue flash of a kingfisher as it flits along, looking for a small fish or a mouthful of some of the aquatic insects. In the warmer months particularly, their air space is joined by bats, curling through the air at speed feeding on the tiny flying creatures that are drawn to the river.

What a shame then, that so much rubbish finds its way into the river. Some of it ends up there inadvertently, perhaps blown by the wind from an overflowing litter bin. Sadly, this is added to quite deliberately by a few people who think it amusing to drop temporary road signs, traffic cones, bicycles and beer cans and bottles from the bridges. This kind of vandalism needs to be stopped.

Pollution of any kind is bad for the river and the creatures that live in or near it. Birds like the kingfisher are very sensitive to environmental destruction. It would be very sad if we were no longer able to see them because of the actions of a few inebriated fun-seekers.

Our river is also being blighted by one or two homes that back onto the river. It seems that their compost heaps are right on the very edge of the bank, so that each time something is placed on top, an amount falls into the water. Rotting vegetation, especially grass cuttings, can be devastating to many river-dwelling creatures. The cuttings give off a strong effluent, made worse during rain, which runs into the river. The bacterial activity in the effluent will remove oxygen from the water. This could kill fish and insects.

The Granta and its flora and fauna were here long before we arrived, so this Granta Ranta is asking: Please can we take much better care of it?

Lintonians out and about

WE at Linton News have decided it would be lovely to hear more from individuals and what they have been up to. You can tell us about a special weekend away, or a unique activity you have taken part in recently. Perhaps you will inspire others to walk in your footsteps. To start us off I'd like to tell you about my honeymoon in Egypt.



David and Jen enjoying a short "taxi" ride!

Picture by Egyptian Guide

WHEN talking about honeymoon destinations we instantly thought of Egypt. We

have both wanted to visit the country since we were young and it seemed like a perfect

time to take the trip.

We booked a cruise along the Nile, travelling from Luxor to Aswan and back. We saw beautiful temples and visited the Valley of the Kings and Queens, visiting the tombs of ancient royalty, including that of Tutankhamun. Our tour guide was highly knowledgeable, teaching us about the sites we visited and the surrounding areas.

The most interesting trip for me was to the temple of Philae. After the construction of the Aswan Dam the water level rose in the enclosed lake, immersing some of the temple under water. The Egyptian government decided to move the temple, stone by stone, onto a higher neighbouring island, Angelica Island. This process was carried out on many early sites, such as Abu Simbel.

As well as the ancient sites, we saw modern Egypt. We visited a Nubian village, also moved after the Aswan Dam was built, as well as an alabaster factory and perfumery.

Highlights of the trip for me were the camel rides.

My camel, Cassanova, decided he was going to take me for a run and my terror provided much enjoyment for the Egyptian trainers. Whilst visiting the Nubians we were also given the opportunity to hold a crocodile, as they keep them in their houses as pets.

Very early on the last day we were driven to the base of the surrounding hills and were treated to a hot air balloon ride at sunrise. It was incredible to see Luxor from the air and it gave us a unique perspective to the temples and sites. I cannot fault Egypt as a holiday destination and would recommend it to anyone, although if you suffer in a high temperature atmosphere summertime is probably not the best time to go, as we had to endure 45°C heat every day.

I hope this has encouraged you to share your stories with us, we would love to hear them.

Jen Ramsey

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So the next time you are doing DIY remember you do not have to leave the village.

Judith Rouse



Paul and Gary at their premises in The Grip

Picture by Roger Lapwood

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Thank you

EVERYONE would like to say a huge thank you to those who took part in the Macmillan world's biggest coffee morning on Friday 24th September. A total of £600.48 was raised for Macmillan cancer support which was a personal best for Linton.

It was a fun day. The village hall was full creating a great atmosphere. It's amazing that simply enjoying a cup of coffee and sampling delicious cakes whilst catching up with friends can make a difference to people affected by cancer.

Events like ours in Linton took place across the UK. The money raised goes towards providing practical, medical, emotional and financial support to people living with cancer.

Like any such event, it does not just happen. A big thank you goes to everyone who



helped on the day, providing raffle donations and making such lovely cakes. Thank you also to the local Co-op for their ongoing support. This year the Rhyme and Rhythm music group donated £80 towards the total.

Next year's event will be on Friday 30th September to help raise more funds for such a worthwhile cause.

Kerri Harmer 894392

Brooke and Venus entertain the WI

DR MARY Archer gave an extremely interesting illustrated talk on the famous poet Rupert Brooke at our harvest festival last month. After our hearty ploughman's supper and cider, Dr Archer told us all about Brooke's life in Grantchester during the early years of the 20th century.

Brooke was studying at King's College and tried to escape the hectic social life of Cambridge by lodging at the Orchard House in Grantchester (now The Orchard tea gardens). But it was in vain as the handsome and charismatic Brooke drew a constant stream of visitors. He did find life in Grantchester idyllic and finally moved next door to the Old Vicarage where he continued to live a bohemian lifestyle. Dr Archer now lives in that house.

The famous poem, 'the Old Vicarage, Grantchester,' was beautifully recited and illustrated with photographs of the vicarage gardens as they are now, but it was easy to imagine how they were when Brooke immortalised them in this extract:

*'The poppy and the pansy blow.
Oh! there the chestnuts, summer through,
Beside the river make for you
A tunnel of green gloom, and sleep
Deeply above; and green and deep
The stream mysterious glides beneath'*

It is as if time has stood still. Every summer the chestnuts continue to create a tunnel of green and on an island in the river are swathes of poppies surrounding a sculpture of a magnificent horse.

We probably all know the famous final lines of the poem immortalising afternoon tea in the Orchard: 'oh! yet stands the church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?' But if you haven't read the whole poem you may be surprised to read Brooke's opinions on people in other parts of the county. He says, "Cambridge people rarely smile, being urban, squat and packed with guile. And Ditton girls are mean and dirty, and there's none in Harston under thirty". There's plenty more, but no mention of Linton's people.

We also visited the Fitzwilliam museum to see the sculpture promenade and some members fell in love with Nick Turvey's Venus, a huge soft bulging sculpture which they couldn't resist cuddling. We also viewed the beautiful illustrated Persian manuscripts of the Shahnameh a vast narrative poem telling the Iranian version of the history of the world. This is a must see exhibition.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd November in the village hall and will be an illustrated talk, African ascent-climbing Kilimanjaro by Sue Hotchkiss. This is an open meeting. Non-members and gentlemen are extremely welcome.

The ladies just couldn't resist a hug with Venus
Picture by Trysha Hunt

Trysha Hunt 894533



Who will you be remembering?

REMEMBRANCE time is here again, and the importance of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2010.

The demand for finances is enormous. There are still many WW2 veterans who today face daily struggles on their own whether they deal with old age, long term illness, bereavement and their dependent families, whenever they are needed.

Our television news channels report most days of fatalities or horrific injuries that our service personnel are still experiencing by the incursion on operations. These injured are being repatriated to either Selly Oak hospital for intensive care, or Headley Court to be fitted with artificial limbs. The Royal British Legion attempts to administer to as many as possible and their families. A donation from you would make a significant difference when they need a helping hand. Today we still owe our heroes a huge debt of gratitude.

Poppies will be available at all establishments in Linton, so please help this worthy cause. If anyone would like to collect in their street, road or estate please contact me. The service of remembrance will be at St Mary's church Linton at 2.30pm on 14th November. As the local poppy appeal honorary organiser I thank you most sincerely.

Laurence Kidman 892875

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

WEEKLY		
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays		VH
Chestnut baby and toddler group, Mondays term time, 9.30-11.30am		CC
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)		VH
WEA, 10am Tuesdays		Church pavilion
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays		LVC
Linton Granta Toddlers, 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays		LVC
Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays		CC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays		VH
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays		St Mary's
Junior choir, 6pm-6.45pm Tuesdays		CC
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays		CC
Linton children's centre, call 07768 008919		VH
Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only		VH
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays		VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays		VH
The Karate Club, 5.15-6.15pm, Thursdays		CP
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays		VH
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays		CC
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays		CC
For sports centre courses please call Linton village college sports centre on 890248		

NOVEMBER

2	WI, 7.30pm	VH
3	Linton reading group, 8pm	D&D
4	Linton lunch club, 12 noon	D&D
4	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
6	Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
6	Gift fair, 10am	LVC
6	Linton firework display from 6pm	Camping Close
6	Mother's Union, nearly new toys etc, 11.30am	VH
9	VIP meeting, 2pm	Chalklands
9	Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
11	Trefoil Guild, 7.45pm	3 Cambridge Road
16	History Society, 7.30pm	VH
17	CAMTAD, 9.30am - 12noon	HC
18	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
23	Crossroads Carers group, 10.30am - 12.30pm	CP

DECEMBER

1	Linton reading group, 8pm	D&D
2	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
4	Linton music society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
7	VIP meeting, 2pm	Chalklands
7	WI, 7.30pm	VH
7	ACE's festive lunch, 12.30pm	CP
9	Linton Lunch club, 12noon	D&D
14	Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
15	CAMTAD, 9.30am - 12noon	HC

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP Church Pavilion, D&D dog and duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall

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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Planting a tribute to Josie

A YEAR ago a very dear friend of many Linton residents, Josie Buxton, died suddenly. She had lived at 19 High Street for 45 years.

On Sunday 10th October her friends and family met at Linton village college to acknowledge the friendship and kindness she showed to us all by dedicating a birch tree and seat to her.

This had been made possible by the generous donations of her friends and the co-operation of the college, who provided the perfect spot.

This was the Year 11 garden where hopefully many generations of young people will sit and enjoy themselves.

Josie spent most of her working life in education and we are sure would have been delighted to be remembered in this way.

Rosemary Yallop



Tree of remembrance: Josie's family at the tree; from left, Helen, Neil, Imogen, Clare, Oliver and Alan.

Picture by Rosemary Yallop

Still using your green box?

"THE green boxes can be kept or take them to the recycling area at Morrisons in Cambourne or Tesco at Bar Hill, Fulbourn and Milton where they will be picked up and sent for recycling," instructs the district council leaflet. Presumably most people will keep them for gardening or storage containers. However, if your blue bin overflows because the paper insert is too small, the green box can be used to put the extra papers in and will be collected.

Some boxes were left out in the expectation they would be collected, so Bob Hammet has kindly collected the few in good condition and will hand them on to anyone who wants them. His phone number is 891372.

Kate France

Starting the year with a splash



THE gardening club's new season had a speedy start with the annual meeting being hurried along to ensure we all had chance to hear plenty from aquatic expert Bill Johnson.

The highlights of the AGM's business were the members voting unanimously to open up four more of the cups at the show to everyone in the village, a discussion regarding higher profile speakers and the election of the committee for the

coming year.

Sadly two members of the committee have departed. Charles Attwood has stepped down after many years service to the club, as has Sally Plummer after eight years on the committee, ably organising the refreshments at club events as well as producing the show schedule.

They were both thanked for all their effort and enthusiasm. The remainder of the committee were returned to office. Jim Forrester and Helen Townsend were voted on to the committee and were warmly welcomed.

Bill Johnson then took the floor and enlightened us on all things aquatic in the garden, from a bath water feature to a wildlife pond, to a lake or swimming pool.

He explained how the water level in a natural pond will vary depending on whether the farmers are growing potatoes and onions or wheat, as this affects the water table.

However, his only answer to consistently prevent a heron attacking your fish was to get a Jack Russell.

The club next meets on 9th November when our speaker is BBC meteorologist Jim Bacon. The talk starts at 7.30pm in the village hall and both members and visitors are most welcome.

Please contact me to reserve your place using the details below. Members who did not collect their tickets at the AGM may do so at the door on the night. Let's hope Jim brings a promise of a good winter!

Kirsten Newble 892425
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Postal dates for your diary

HELLO from the Post Office. It will soon be Christmas again and time to think about sending all those parcels and cards to loved ones around the UK and abroad. So here are a few reminders about important dates over the coming weeks.

Christmas stamps are released on 2nd November. Last surface mail items for Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa and the USA should be posted by 19th October to arrive in time. Remember, the post office is open from 8.30am-5.30pm and through most weekday lunchtimes, excluding Wednesday and Saturday.

Are your contents valuable? Ask us which mail service is right for you – send it correctly this Christmas. Please ask for advice at the counter to ensure you are adequately covered for compensation. Enjoy the coming season!

Mark Arnold, postmaster

Census time has come around again

ON 27th March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. It is not just another survey. The census is important as it provides an excellent source of information about the population.

This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come for all sectors of the population, so it is

crucial that the estimate is as accurate as possible.

The census is completely confidential and no personal information is passed to other government departments or non governmental organisations.

When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code is

on the front of the questionnaire.

More information about the 2011 census is available online at www.census.gov.uk.

Starting in September 2010 and continuing over the coming months a number of jobs will be created to support the Census. These will be a mix of part-time and full-time jobs. Some will last months, others a matter of weeks. More information can be found at www.censusjobs.co.uk

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COME along to the friends of Granta school Christmas fair from 1.30-4pm on Saturday 27th November.

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There will also be time to relax with refreshments

and music provided by the children of St Faith's school in Cambridge.

Granta is a school for young people with special needs and is situated next to Linton village college. All money raised by the friends is used to provide equipment and activities which would otherwise not be available for the students.

The friends are aiming

this year to raise £20,000 to make the design technology room at the school accessible to all students.

Also, every student will be able to go on a trip this Christmas and in January the whole school will be attending Aladdin at the Cambridge Arts theatre. For further details please contact me.

Paul Ilott 870602.

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ACEs explore a royal residence

ACES' reputation for appalling weather on our outings seems to have been scuppered—we had a glorious day for our coach trip to Sandringham. The weather and the destination made it a popular excursion.

We had several new companions and some unexpected travellers but succeeded in fitting everyone on board. We had a local driver, Mike Shepard, so there was no problem in finding the pick-up points, this time.

The coach was sponsored by a grassroots grant from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, and their generosity meant that we just had to pay for entry to the royal residence, museum and gardens.

These are splendid places to explore, with many personal items giving the feeling that this really is a home for the royal



The ACE's group had a lovely time in the sunshine

Picture by Enid Bald

family (although they must have heard we were coming, so had decamped to Balmoral!). The small bronze statues and drawings of their horses were particularly touching. One surprise was the church, which the

royals attend at Christmas – it is so ornate. The silver altar is spectacular but just imagine having to polish it...

After exploring all we could, many were content to sit in the sun, enjoying the scenery and

chatting. That was the best bit; the company of good friends.

As you have probably heard, Camping Close has been registered as our village green. We would like to thank all of the ACEs and so many others who completed the questionnaire, signed the petition and supplied evidence to support the application.

We had personal proof of over 80 years of unhindered public use of the area, and documented evidence for over 400 years, making it one of our oldest greens. I hope we continue to enjoy it, as we always have.

The latest event was on the 28th October. The speaker was Dr Lynne Broughton, who talked on treasures of Cambridgeshire churches. A splendid topic for the location!

Enid Bald

Charity ball and auction in aid of cancer research

CHILFORD Hall vineyard and conference centre in Linton, is to host the Pink Rose Ball at 7pm on Saturday 20th November.

This event is supported by Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT), and is being held to raise money for the Cambridge Breast Cancer Research Unit.

The ball, organised by Jackie Wishart, wife of Professor Gordon Wishart, consultant breast and endocrine surgeon at Addenbrooke's hospital, aims to raise £35,000 towards diagnostic equipment for the unit which opened in 2008 and will support the surgical research programme.

The evening will include a champagne reception and three course dinner, followed by a Money Can't Buy auction with auctioneer Jeffrey Archer. Prizes have been donated from all over the country and include: a personal commission by illustrator Quentin Blake, a day at Newmarket with champion jockey Walter Swinburn, including breakfast with the Queen's trainer, lunch at the Jockey club. A BBC mock screen test and studio tour, a tour of the McLaren factory, a day with the Channel 4 racing team behind the scenes, a day with the Red Arrows, a swimming lesson with Olympian Mark Foster at Henlow Grange, X-Factor final tickets and a day at exclusive fashion exhibition Pure with

the fashion buying team from Anne Furbank.

A raffle will also take place during the evening with prizes including meals for two, wine, a glider trip, football tickets and much more. Cover band Soul Patrol, voted best cover band in Hello! Magazine, will be providing the entertainment along with X-Factor finalist Jonathan Bremner.

Jackie Wishart says; "I have been overwhelmed with the amount of support that local and national companies and individuals have given us. Ticket sales are going extremely well and we are looking forward to a really successful fundraising evening at Chilford Hall."

Glen Mejias, director and general manager of Chilford Hall said; "We are delighted to have been chosen as the venue for the Pink Rose Ball and we are very pleased to support our local breast cancer research unit which will benefit many patients now and in the future."

For tickets please contact Caroline Choat by email at cc227@cam.ac.uk or telephone 07919 058373, and for sponsorship/donation enquiries please contact Jackie Wishart by email at jackiewishart@ymail.com or telephone 07767 770039.

Laura Hazell

Jim Paice, our local MP, joins the village green celebration

JAMES Paice, MP for south east Cambridgeshire and minister for agriculture and food, also responsible for village greens, cut the tape at the churchyard entrance to the Camping Close amid the cheers of Linton residents.

Mr Paice congratulated the parish council on achieving village green status for the Camping Close, which will preserve this important site for the future.

Council chairman Esther Cornell (right of Mr Paice) said the village had used the Camping Close for games and recreation for the past 400 years.

In 1946 the parish council recommended the county council retain the Camping Close as a public open space. On 16th October 2010 the recommendation was confirmed.

Kate France



James Paice opening Camping Close

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a) Is there a number system not based on 10 in everyday use?
b) Is it true that all triangles have internal angles which add to 180 degrees?
c) If an item (gross) costs £x and is reduced by 10% is it cheaper than if the net price was reduced by 10% and then vat added?
d) If a square and a circle have the same area, which would have the greater perimeter?
e) Consider three five digit perfect square numbers each being a two digit prime followed by a three digit prime (no prime starts with zero). If the five digit numbers A, B & C are all different with A & B having the same 2 digit prime but B & C having the same three digit prime, then what are A, B & C?
Solution to No.69 – How Many Sub-divisions?
A clue is to start with a field sub-divided (2x2) into 4 giving 9 different rectangles. For the field divided 3x3, there are 144 shapes.

NEWS IN BRIEF...
Local beer festival
LINTON Conservatives are holding a mini Beer Fest at The Crown on 14th November from 4pm to 8pm. A donation from the proceeds will be made to Help For Heroes. Tickets available from Roger. Roger Hickford, 890070

Support for our carers
DO you look after someone aged 16 or over? Would you like some time away from your caring role? Would you like to meet with others in a similar situation for friendship and support? This is a time for socialising, sharing and gaining information and helping carers to get the support they want. These sessions are for you. We will endeavour to arrange replacement care for the person you care for if this is required. Transport can also be arranged.
We meet at St. Mary's pavilion in Linton, and the next meetings are on the 23rd of November and the 21st of December, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. To find out more please contact Jean or Claire at Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire. Claire 01480 499091

Linton's windmill hosts artwork
WINDMILL Art Exhibition – to be held from the 20th - 22nd of November in the Linton Windmill.
The opening times on each day will be from 11am to 6pm and there is plenty of parking available at the site.
Exhibiting will be Tereza Votre with her handmade jewellery, Susan Jones who produces monoprints, Susan Tutton, ceramics, Conrad Webb, photography, and Lydia Collings who creates ceramics and pottery.
Having had exhibitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008, Windmill Art is pleased to be opening it's doors again. The setting for the exhibition is the imposing brick tower windmill which dates from the first quarter of the 19th Century and still bears graffiti which can be seen on the beams and window of the ground floor.
We hope many people will be able to attend and all enquiries to me at my email address of conrad.webb@webbinv.com or by phone on 07931 372110.
Conrad Webb

Annual show is a great success

LINTON camera club's annual photographic show was a record breaker all round this year. We had more photographs displayed than ever before and 220 people came through the doors before I stopped counting at 3.30pm; this was despite the rain in the morning. Thanks to everyone who took the time to visit and I hope you all enjoyed the variety and very high standard of photographs produced this year.

As usual, we asked visitors to let us know their favourite image from the exhibition and we found that Sheila Rantle, one of our newest members, had the most people admiring her photograph entitled "Winter Tree" and also the largest number of other favourites. Incidentally, this was the photograph voted for by James Paice, our Member of Parliament, who stopped to view the exhibition on his way to formally open Camping Close as Linton's village green.

The lucky people who won the framed photographs were Mrs D Norton (*The Linton mill*, by Roger Lapwood), Judith Miller (*It's easier walking down*, by Jan Shambrook) and Susie Mazur (*Vulture in the dust*, by Sue Wilsher).

Thanks to all the local businesses who kindly contributed prizes for our raffle – we raised a magnificent £285 for Alzheimer's Research – another record. Our sale table also did very well this year, with the home-made photographic greetings cards selling very well – most members had contributed to the variety of cards, indeed many of the images displayed at the exhibition were able to be purchased as cards; this will help

towards the cost of holding the exhibition which, once again, was free to attend.

Anyone who is interested in joining, please have a look at the website on www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk (which also has links to the Flickr gallery) or you can contact our membership secretary, Roger Lapwood on 971797 or me on 891988.

Tracey Wilson



Sarah Hurcum and Tracey Wilson proudly show off the Camera Club Exhibition to James Paice

Picture by Roger Lapwood

A new name for the friends

THE Friends of Linton Heights has changed its name to Linton Heights Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and there is a new Chair to ensure that the good works of the committee are carried on through the next academic year.

Liz Crump the new Chair and the committee felt that the term PTA was a more familiar name to use for this type of organisation. It is still, however, committed to fundraising for the school to ensure that the children have the best environment in which to learn.

For example, money raised in the last academic year went towards an outdoor classroom,

which will allow the children to explore the natural world around them.

The plan for this year is to further enhance the outdoor space and to raise money for a new, much larger gazebo. With this in mind the next fundraising event will be a quiz and chips night on the 26th November at the school.

This event is open to anyone who would like to get a team together, blow the cobwebs off the old grey matter and enjoy some chips along the way. Tickets include a fish and chip supper and are available from me:

Charlotte Foster 890270

Breakfast and more at Chestnut playgroup

CHESTNUT playgroup is pleased to announce the Linton breakfast club is now open at the Cathodeon centre every weekday during term time for four-11 year old children attending Linton infant school and Linton Heights.

Parents and carers can drop the children off from 7.50am at which time breakfast and activities are provided before the staff escort the children to school.

Breakfast club leader Fiona Cains said; "the children are settling well into the breakfast club routine and are enjoying making new friends. We would like to thank all the friendly faces who have taken a moment to smile or wave as we pass by on the walk to school. We would also like to thank childminder Julie Wells for kindly sponsoring the breakfast supplies for the first two weeks."

For more information about the breakfast club please email: breakfastclub@btinternet.com.

Once the breakfast club children are safely in school, the Chestnut playgroup staff return to the Cathodeon centre in time to greet the

playgroup children who are thoroughly enjoying this half term's theme based on the number three.

The activities are thoughtfully planned to relate to children's stories such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs and The Three Billy Goats Gruff and the children are taking great pride in displaying their creations on the wall at playgroup.

During the daily outside play, the children have shown great interest in the changes that autumn brings and are completely fascinated by the two squirrels who have taken up residence in the Cathodeon centre garden. To learn more about our regular playgroup sessions, our Monday term time parent and toddler group or anything else that we are up to please visit us on our next open day at the Cathodeon centre between 10am and 12noon on Tuesday 7th December Please view our website at www.chestnut-playgroup.btcc.co.uk or call our admissions officer Karen Graves on 891416 for more information.

Nikki Linsdell



Chef's corner

Bacon with cider

Serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1.1kg (2½lb) smoked collar of bacon
- 4 cloves
- 300ml (½ pint) dry cider
- 1 bay leaf
- 125g (4oz) fresh white breadcrumbs
- 175g (6oz) self-raising flour
- 5ml (1tsp) sage
- 50g (2oz) shredded suet
- 25g (1oz) margarine
- 175g (6oz) onions, skinned and coarsely grated
- salt and freshly ground pepper

Method

Put the bacon into a saucepan of cold water and bring slowly to the boil. Drain off the water. Slice off the rind if it is not cooked enough to peel away. Stud the fat with cloves.

Put the bacon into a shallow casserole with the cider and bay leaf. Cover tightly and cook in the oven at 180°C (350°F) mark 4 for about 2¼ hours.

Meanwhile, combine the breadcrumbs, flour, sage and suet. Rub in the margarine, add the onion and bind to a soft dough with water. Season lightly and shape into 12 dumplings. About 45 minutes before the end of the cooking time add the dumplings to the juices surrounding the bacon.

Cover again and finish cooking.

Battle of Britain tribute for 2010 Linton firework display

THIS year's fireworks display will take place on Saturday 6th November on the Infant school field. To mark the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, we will be letting off the fireworks to a special soundtrack in our own tribute to the "Few".

As in previous years, the gates open at 6pm so there is plenty of time to enjoy the pre-show hospitality. Hot dogs, beef burgers and bacon rolls are all available, as are mulled wine, teas and coffees and soft drinks.

Don't forget our guy competition. Bring your guys to the field any time during the day up to 6pm. They will be judged at 6.30pm and the bonfire will be lit shortly afterwards.

The main fireworks display will start shortly after 7pm. Look out for our Battle of Britain tribute with special sound and light effects.

Please come along and support this very worthwhile event. This is the twenty-first year in which we have put on a display. Last year we raised over £7,500 for local schools and it would be great to equal or surpass that amount this year.

We are very grateful to Camgrain for generously sponsoring this year's event.

For safety reasons we cannot allow sparklers or any other fireworks through the gates.

Glo-toys will be available from the Linton Heights PSA stall. Parking is limited in nearby streets, so it would be really appreciated if local residents could leave their cars at home.

Advance tickets are priced at £8 for a family of five (two adults and three children) and £3 for an individual. They can be bought at all three Linton schools, Sweet Talk News, Hale & Jacobs and the post offices in Linton and Balsham. This year tickets are available online at www.lintonfireworks.co.uk as well.

Tickets on the night will be available at the gate for £10 and £4 respectively.

If you want any more information about this year's event, or can spare a couple of hours on the 6th or 7th to help set up or clear up, please use the details below.

Andrew Clark 892676.

Email info@lintonfireworks.co.uk

Why not go large for Advent

WHERE will you find the largest Advent calendar in Linton this year? The answer is St Mary's church!

This year our church will be hosting a Living Advent calendar. 27 decorated boxes with surprises inside which will be opened on a daily basis from Advent Sunday 28th November through to Christmas Eve.

Each box will be decorated and filled by a community group, a church organisation or an individual representing a particular area of interest.

St Mary's rector, Rev Dr Steve Griffiths said; "The run up to Christmas is a time of anticipation and excitement. We hope that people will come into the church each day to see what's in the latest Advent box to be opened, and that the spirit of Christmas will grow and grow as the days roll past."

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Few spaces left in tot's classes

WE are still waiting to hear the news that building work will be starting at the Cathodeon centre imminently and look forward to telling you when it does. The logistics of keeping the children centre's services running whilst not having our own office has proven to be challenging. A combination of space at the library and the rental of our small white van has become invaluable and it is amazing what you can achieve with very little.

We have waited till the middle of September to kick start all our regular groups to

ensure that parents are settled into their weekly routine and have had time to discover what was on offer. We have a full class for both infant massages and chatter-tots and strongly urge that if you would like your child to attend then you should book early to avoid any disappointment. As we write we are in the final preparations of our new 'fun at one' group for 1 - 2 year olds. This will be a great opportunity to talk about parenting issues, look at the importance of play and the parent's role within this. We would like you to book on

to this course to get an idea of numbers, however, you can turn up on the day if you wish. This is in addition to our new young parent group, child-minding group and additional need group that will offer a safe, friendly and stimulating environment for children with additional needs. All our groups are completely free and we look forward to welcoming you soon. To find out more about any of our groups then please do give Debby a call on 07768008919 or e-mail linton-childrenscentre.org.uk
Debby Jepps

Gift day to supplement church repairs

THE parish church of our Linton community, the church of St Mary the Virgin, stands reassuringly solid, as a constant reminder of the long and proud history of our village.

Throughout the centuries the doors of the church have stood open, welcoming all who have entered into a place of sanctuary. This is just as true today and anyone visiting the church on any day of the week during daylight hours will find her doors open and peace and tranquillity within. Many people visit our beautiful church, some seeking their family history, some to pray, some to meditate or reflect and some just to sit and savour a few moments of peace and quiet away from the haste and noise of their daily lives.

But, sadly, maintaining such a historic building costs a lot of money. Over the past few years

nearly £100,000 has been spent on Church repairs but there is still much to do. On Saturday, 11th December, the church will be holding a gift day and we are asking the people of our village if, amidst the pre-Christmas spending, they could spare a small sum as a gift to our village church, so that she can continue to provide a place of worship and sanctuary for future generations.

Also on that day there will be festive music in the church, some stalls selling Christmas gifts as well as refreshments and something for the children. Further news will appear in the December Linton News but please make a date in your diaries now and come along on 11th December to support your church.

Gill Powell, churchwarden
893664

Can we make playtime safer

A LETTER from the East of England ambulance service is published here in full to help you should you ever need to call an ambulance in an emergency.

"The East of England ambulance service recently dealt with a very sad case which resulted in the death of a child who became ill at a local sports ground. Although multiple 999 calls were made, none of the callers were able to give a specific address for

the ground.

We have realised that local people often talk about the football ground, the tennis club or such and are often unaware of the specific address, street or postcode. Emergency services require either a street name, postcode or a grid reference to enable a prompt and accurate response.

Callers often use mobile phones rather than landlines which prevents callback or tracking, and assume that the call handler will have local knowledge, whereas the area covered by our 999 service is very large so it is not possible to have detailed knowledge of all facility locations.

Would it be possible to cascade a request to all community and sports facilities to prominently display the facility address, postcode and if possible grid reference, as

well as landline telephone numbers if available?

Although in an emergency it may not be immediately obvious, it may be helpful and its continuing presence should at least allow regular users to be aware of the club address. We believe that this will help prevent a similar episode in future.

Should facilities in the East of England which covers Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and Bedfordshire wish their addresses to be recorded on our system, we are able to do this. We have done this for GP practices. We are happy to receive any information regarding this and an e-mail to marian.burgess@eastamb.nhs.uk should allow us to add details to our database".

Dr Pamela Chrispin
 East of England
 Ambulance Service

Beautiful yet deadly – the Jay

The Jay (GÁRRULUS GLANDÁRIUS)

WE have become aware in the past few weeks of a jay in the garden in the early morning. This is quite unusual as he is normally only about in the spring. A beautiful bird, one or our most colourful, yet not altogether popular as he steals eggs and young from their nests. However after reading this you may think better of him.

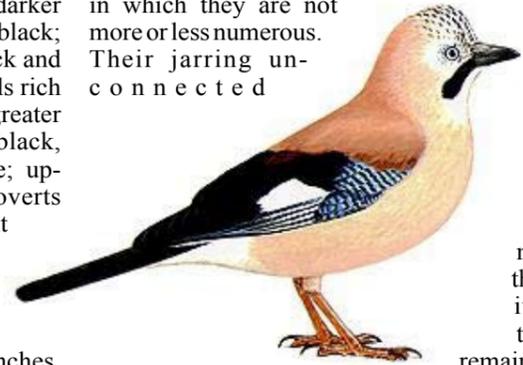
Feathers of the crest greyish white, streaked with black; a black moustache from the corners of the beak; general plumage reddish grey, darker above; primaries dingy black; secondaries velvet-black and pure white; inner tertials rich chestnut; winglet and greater coverts barred with black, white, and bright blue; upper and under tail-coverts pure white; iris bright blue; beak black; feet livid brown. Length thirteen and a half inches; breadth twenty-two inches. Eggs dull green, minutely and thickly-speckled with olive-brown.

There exists among gamekeepers a custom of selecting a certain spot in preserved woods, and there suspending, as trophies of their skill and watchfulness, the bodies of such destructive animals as they have killed in the pursuit of their calling. They are generally those of a few stoats or weasels, a hawk, a magpie, an owl and two or three Jays. All these animals are judged to be destructive

to game, and are accordingly hunted to the death

The jay, perhaps, with less reason than the rest, for though it can hardly resist the temptation of plundering, either of egg or young, any nest whether of Partridge or Pheasant, that falls in its way, yet it does not subsist entirely upon animal food, but also upon acorns and various other wild fruits. Its blue feathers are much used in the manufacture of artificial flies. Nevertheless, owing to their cautious and wary habits, there are few wooded districts in which they are not more or less numerous. Their jarring un-

connected



A beautiful predator

Picture courtesy of www.bird-guides.com

note, which characterizes them at all seasons, is in spring and summer varied by their song proper in which I have never been able to detect anything more melodious than an accurate imitation of the noise made by sawyers at work, though Montagu states that 'it will sometimes, in the spring utter a sort of song in a

soft and pleasing manner, but so low as not to be heard at any distance; and at intervals introduces the bleating of a lamb, mewing of a cat, the note of a kite or buzzard, hooting of an owl, or even neighing of a horse. These imitations are so exact, even in a natural wild state. That we have frequently been deceived.' The jay generally builds its nest in a wood, either in the top of a low tree, or against the trunk of a lofty one, employing as material small sticks, roots, and dry grass, and lays five eggs.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the sociability of the family party after the young are fledged, some writers stating that they separate by mutual consent, and that each shifts for itself; others, that the young brood

remains with the old birds all the winter. From my own part, I scarcely recollect ever having seen a solitary Jay, or to have heard a note which was not immediately responded to by another bird of the same species, the inference from which is that, though not gregarious, they are at least social.

When domesticated, the Jay displays considerable intelligence; it is capable of attachment, and learns to distinguish the hand and voice of its benefactor.

Wendy Foster

A musical bonanza

LINTON Music Society is holding The Christmas Carol Challenge on Sunday 12th December, 7.15pm at Linton Parish Church. This is no ordinary event – it's for listeners and participants alike, and, like a village version of X-factor, a competition too.

We are inviting all groups from any background – musical and non-musical, young or old! – to sing a Christmas song of their choice lasting 3-4 minutes. If you're part of a group, let us know and we will be delighted

to provide an accompanist if you need one, and give you a slot in the proceedings. Or if you are an individual who would like to be part of the entertainment, get in touch and we will be happy to find a team for you to join.

Linton and its local area can boast an enviable range of societies, sports clubs, arts organisations, youth groups and businesses. We are proud to host an occasion when these diverse groups can get together to celebrate both Christmas and

the local area itself.

A small entry fee for participants and for listeners will apply, but there will be prizes, and wine and mince pies to make the evening a unique celebration.

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LAST weekend we said goodbye to our three visitors from Boepathutse secondary school as they flew back to Johannesburg from Heathrow.

Hosting our visitors was very enjoyable but rather tiring. They brought with them all kinds of paraphernalia from the world cup – mugs, a football and vuvuzelas.

The world cup, the principal, Sarah Seroka explained, had been so much more to the children at our link school than a football tournament. It had been about the pride of the rainbow nation, about opening fully to the world after the dark years of apartheid and about demonstrating that South Africa could manage the organisation of such a huge international event.

The children of the school had all waited with baited breath for the appearance of their great hero, Nelson Mandela, at any of the stadiums and were beside themselves with happiness when he appeared briefly at the final.

The township, we were told, partied all summer long.

During their visit our guests learned all about the very many uses to which we now put ICT in the school and we provided them with lots of resources to use with their own computers.

Our next fund-raising project will focus on raising enough money to provide some of the Boepathutse teachers with laptops. These will be used to help them improve their own skills. Our target amount to raise is £3000.

In July, four teachers and 16 students will go out to Boepathutse. Apart from laptops for the teachers and some wall clocks to help teachers to help time parts of their lessons, we will be taking the sports leadership initiative with us.

The idea is that our own young sports leaders train the students in South Africa in the skills of sports leadership and that they in turn, pass those skills down to the year groups that follow.

We hope to hold a sports festival at the end of the visit to showcase all that we have done.

We are going to channel our fund-raising into two particular projects. A Christmas fayre for the local people and a whole school link walk in the summer.

We will also set up a Just Giving site for donations and very much hope that we can get the whole community behind this project in 2010/11.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal



The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Local sailors in World War I

AS Armistice Day draws near everyone remembers those who died in the bloodbath of trench warfare.

We tend to forget the vital role the navy played in WW1.

When I taught history at Linton village college we looked at WW1 in detail and I researched all the war dead in the catchment area villages.

I have picked out local men who died serving in the navy.

Naval escorts guarded the convoys bringing food and armaments from the USA and without the navy we would have lost WW1. The British Grand Fleet kept the German High Seas fleet in port.

The indecisive battle of Jutland in May/June 1916 was regarded as a draw although in those 24 hours the British could have lost the war and the whole history of the world would have been different.

Able Seaman James Grainger, from Brinkley, died on 1st November 1918, when the battleship HMS Iron Duke was torpedoed. James was on board at the Battle of Jutland when Admiral Jellicoe chose the battleship as his flagship.

A quarter of a million American soldiers arrived in Europe every month after April 1918 and these fresh troops enabled the allies to stop a major German advance to the channel ports.

If we had lost at Jutland the German fleet could have sunk all our convoys and prevented American reinforcements coming to Europe.

Even with Naval supremacy at one point in 1917 the country was reduced to only six weeks rations.

Men serving in the navy are mainly commemorated on a memorial at Chatham.

All our coastline towns could have been destroyed by the German fleet and without the convoys the British would have been starved into surrender.

On 15th March 1917 Arthur Butler, of Balsham, aged 24 years drowned in the Atlantic when his destroyer HMS Foyle hit a mine whilst escorting a convoy.

Boy First class Thomas Jacobs of Linton, aged 17 years died on 3rd February 1915 when the merchant ship he was travelling in was torpedoed in the Atlantic. He served on board a merchant cruiser, the Clan McNaughton, which escorted convoys and had been equipped with large guns to deceive the Germans.

If a U-boat surfaced and moved in on an unarmed merchant ship then the disguised merchant cruisers could sink

them. Boy First class Samuel Pearson, aged 16 years, from Hadstock, was drowned whilst serving on the same ship as Thomas Jacobs.

Submarines were used in the dangerous work of laying mines and destroying minefields.

For example, on 27th March 1916, 21 year old Frederick Egan, of Castle Camps, disappeared at sea whilst in a submarine laying mines in the North Sea. Signalman Frederick Norton, aged 29 years, a resident of Linton died on 26th December 1915 when his submarine disappeared in the North Sea.

In the 1970's the submarine was later located and raised.

Linton historical society meet in the village hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Next meeting Tuesday 16th November.

Garth Collard

LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Ian Storey

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



The gardeners' friend – the little hedgehog

SOME of the nation's favourite little wild creatures are about to curl up for the winter as they find a suitable site for hibernating.

The gardener friendly little hedgehog will disappear this month until the spring.

How I wish I could have one all year round to patrol my garden clearing it of all the rotten pests that destroy the flowers.

Unfortunately, our dogs and other pets scare them away and they don't stay very long anyway.

If you want to encourage hedgehogs into your garden, tinned pet food mixed with nuts and seeds is best. Plus drinking water but don't put it

out until sunset and pick it up in the morning or you'll also be feeding the flies.

There's no point putting too much out or

they won't be hungry enough to eat the slugs and snails.

If you try and control the pests with slug killer, they will eat the dead bodies and in turn, poison themselves.

Some interesting facts about the hedgehog are -

Pesticides kill as many as motorcars.

Bread and milk will actually make the hedgehog ill.

They are the most popular wild animal taken to rescue centres and veterinary surgeries.

They roll up into a ball as a last resort and would rather avoid confrontation by running away.

They can have up to 7,000 spikes.

One hedgehog has been known to eat 63 caterpillars, 22 earwigs, 75 beetles and numerous slugs, snails and millipedes in one sitting.

McDonalds changed their McFlurry ice cream tubs

because too many hedgehogs became trapped in the old ones.

The only time a hedgehog should be disturbed is if you see one during the day.

As nocturnal animals they really shouldn't be seen in daylight.

So look out for the gardeners' spiky friend.

If you are having a firework party, beware, as the building of bonfires coincides perfectly with their nest building for the winter.



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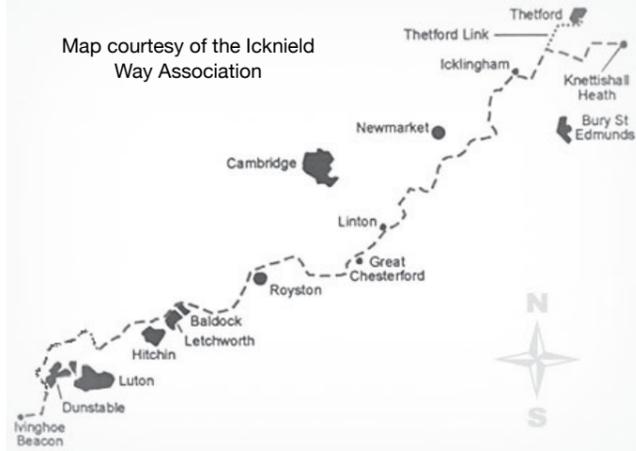
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I WONDER how many of Linton's 3,000 or so residents have climbed Rivey Hill. Quite a few I suspect but many more will have not even thought of it.

I am writing this because it is probably my most favourite area in Linton simply because it offers such beautiful views of the village and surrounding countryside and serious history.

Walk over the hill and you are following in the footsteps of our long gone ancestors, the ancient Britons, who roamed these parts well before the Romans thought of invading Britain.

The bridleway alongside the British Telecom exchange in Back Road is still part of Icknield Way, the great road of prehistory. It is believed to have run for 363 miles from Lyme Regis on the south coast to Hunstanton on the Wash. Long distance walkers regularly use 100 or so miles of the Way between Ivinghoe Beach in Buckinghamshire and Norfolk's Knettishall Heath - and the route goes right through Linton via the recreation ground.



The history is shrouded in the mists of time, and the first definite mention comes in 903AD with mention of the four great roads in Britain, Ermine Street, Fosse Way, Watling Street and Icknield Way. Apparently Edward the Confessor believed the routes were so important he issued a royal charter giving travellers protection on all four roads.

So if you want to walk in the footsteps of your ancestors and enjoy the magnificent views from several vantage points, there are three ways of getting to the top.



Water tower on Rivey Hill: view from Balsham Road

The first is via the Balsham Road and up the unmade road just before the entrance to Chilford Hall. The road is private but as

well as being part of the Icknield Way, it is also a bridlepath and quite in order to walk up, or ride if you own a horse. This is the best route to take if the weather has been wet or in the winter, as the other two paths can become quite slippery and muddy.

The second way up is often the most difficult of the walks, but probably the easiest to get to from the centre of the village as the path begins on Back Road next to the cemetery. Unfortunately a number of springs on the way up often leaves the path very wet, but it takes you straight to the water tower. Views to the Bartlow Road end of Linton and across towards Balsham are certainly worthwhile.



Both ways: sign near telephone exchange on Back Road

The third route is the continuation of Icknield Way from the recreation ground. It climbs straight up from the BT exchange. At the top, as the bridlepath veers north east towards the Balsham Road, there is a seat kindly put there by the Womens Institute (WI) some years ago and recently restored thanks to Camgrain.



Path from telephone exchange up to WI seat ...

The outlook from there is absolutely stunning to the south and the west. Perch on the seat - it is quite high - and just imagine that this would be the view the ancient Britons had of the Granta valley as they herded their cattle and sheep on this great road.

Calling all Linton based community groups ...

IF you would like to bid for parish council funding for the next financial year please contact the parish council office for an application form or alternatively download one from www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk

All requests must be received by 26th November.



... and from seat on towards Balsham Road

Of course now our village can be seen nestling comfortably down below, sheltered from the worst north winds by Rivey Hill, but in a way not much has changed. In past days farmers would have looked back as they made the climb, and almost certainly



Granta valley: view from WI seat

there would be plumes of smoke rising from the valley. For this was a place where early man settled, with forestry supplying large amounts of wood, plenty of grassy areas, and clear water available from the Granta.

At least that is how I imagine it!

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Cllr Mike Gee

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 16th September 2010.

Present: Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district councillor J Batchelor and district councillor Mrs T Bear were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from councillors Dew, Gee, Krarup and Wilson. Also Mrs K France (press).

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September: On Leadwell Meadows the clerk referred to a response from the environment agency which advised that formal consent should be sought and liaison with the development control department at Brampton should take place before any further action was taken. No response had been received from the ecology officer at South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC). In response Cllr Cox reported that the level of the river was not dependant on rainfall but by the sluices at the mill being left open. It was agreed to request the appropriate forms from the environment agency.



River sluices: view from Mill Lane ford

Picture by Sue Parry

Cllr Bald requested that the highways department be contacted regarding fly posting alongside the A1307.

On allotments, a meeting had taken place with Byam-Cook Surveyors Ltd to discuss the need for allotment land. It had highlighted several issues and Cheffins had been asked to discuss these points with Mr Byam-Cook. Following this meeting a draft heads of terms lease had been received. Cllr Hickford was concerned that the rent per acre requested by Mr Byam-Cook was substantially more than that received in the land appraisal undertaken by Cheffins. It was agreed that the SCDC legal department and the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners would be contacted for advice and £1500+VAT would be earmarked to engage a land surveyor. No decision could be made by 29th September to serve notice on the current leaseholder.

The chair reported that confirmation had been received that the parish council's application to have Camping Close designated as a village green had been successful.

Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues: It was noted that neighbourhood police sergeant Rebecca Williams had left the force and her temporary replacement was sergeant Nick Skipworth.

Cllr Hickford reported that he was stepping down as police liaison representative with immediate effect.

Report from the county councillor: Cllr Batchelor reported that budget cut talks were continuing and the outcome would be known in the October budget review.

There was a second round of consultations with National Air Traffic Services (NATS) regarding stacking.

A meeting of the governors of the village college had agreed to start the process of applying for academy status.

Report from the district councillors: Cllr Bear reported that she and Cllr Batchelor had met with residents regarding Nichols Court. The project management team would be looking into fencing around the bin storage area by Mrs Dockerill's bungalow and also a plan to retain the embankment. It might be possible to erect a 'hanging screen' to provide privacy to residents of Symond's Lane. No Section106 arts funding was available as it had been used for a promotional video.

Cllr Hickford asked why the planning conditions for screening had been ignored. Cllr Cornell asked at what stage enforcement could be carried out.

Cllr Cornell asked whether food waste could be wrapped in newspaper and put in the green bin when the blue bins were in operation.

Cllr Batchelor reported that the second payment of the reward grant, paid to SCDC for reaching various targets, had been lost. This would result in a £400,000 investment in speed limit reductions being scrapped.

Nichols Court update: Cllrs Bald and Dew had issued an update on Nichols Court. Cllr Bald asked the district councillors if there were age restrictions on being a resident of Nichols Court. Cllr Batchelor replied that there was no age limit, it was dependent on frailty and the care required. Cllr Bald raised concerns about parking provision although Sanctuary Hereward refute that there is a problem. It was not known who was responsible for the parking area by the Papworth bungalow. Cllr Bear thought it was leased by Sanctuary Hereward.

Much discussion took place regarding the possible allocation of flats to those living outside of Linton and South Cambs, Cllr Batchelor replied that allocation was carried out by SCDC on a points system.

Cllr Hunt reported that there was to be a leaflet drop to make Linton residents aware of the facility. Most present agreed that publicity had been almost non-existent and no notification of the official opening of the building had been received.

Written reports from council representatives: Wind farm update. Cllr Hickford reported that there was obvious evidence that the A1307 could be improved as far as safety was concerned, and there was concrete evidence that accidents were above the norm on this road. The debating had been as to how to convey these issues and make them meaningful in a 'planning concept'. It had always been the goal for the parish council to have recognition that highways should have been included in the reasons for refusal, and that Cambridgeshire county council (CCC) should have done better in its efforts to support local feeling and try



Police office: new accommodation on the fire station site

Picture by Sue Parry

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to secure Section106 monies for highways improvements. The only way this could be seriously recognised was for Enertrag to be made to pay Section106 monies for highways improvements should the application be passed. The advice of council's barrister was to try to come to some meaningful agreement with Enertrag and 'settle out of court', if possible, to save time and costs. Having consulted with the clerk and the chair, council's barrister was instructed to do that. He agreed with the Enertrag barrister that, should the application be approved, then Linton parish council would be awarded £10,000 for highways improvements. Although the amount itself was not wholly significant in the grand scale of road improvements, the award of Section106 monies was highly significant. It had been suggested by council's barrister that without the support of CCC this was a very difficult case for it, and the fact that Enertrag had yielded and made this offer was serious recognition of council's efforts, and proof that CCC could, and should, have done much better. This appeared to be the first time an energy company had recognised highways as an issue, and it was something council could build on. If the application was passed then council would have some money and a report with which to go to CCC and ask how it intended to address the issue. If the application was refused then council had highways as a definite issue should it rear its head again, and would already be in possession of Aecom's report.

The chair thanked Cllrs Hickford and Bald for attending the inquiry. They reported that aviation had been a major stumbling block for Enertrag along with heritage and landscape. NATS were vocal in the fact that Enertrag had not addressed any of the issues raised in February and had gone against national planning policy. NATS had demanded compensation and as a result all other parties, including the parish council, were requesting a refund of their costs too. A decision on the application is expected in late October or early November. The chair asked Cllrs Batchelor and Bear to extend their thanks to the expert team at SCDC.

Correspondence received and for discussion: Cllr Hunt proposed that the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd for £1578.50 + VAT to repair the aerial runway be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting.

Kester Cunningham John had written regarding the transfer of public open space at Paynes Meadow, for execution of the deed of covenant and meeting associated costs to be considered. The chair replied that the matter should be raised with Hundred Houses Association as council was unhappy with the situation.

SCDC had received a request from the East of England Ambulance Service that all community and sports facility display signs include the full address of site. It was agreed to ensure that the postcode was shown on all future signage. It was also agreed to forward this email to all relevant parties and sports clubs etc.

CME raised the need to maintain access to their fire exits opening onto Coles Lane car park. This was noted and it was also agreed to check what current agreement they had.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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