

ACEs coach trip  
to the seaside on  
8<sup>th</sup> September  
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## Aces enjoy a fine day ... for a change

IT was midsummer and held outside, so we expected rain for the ACEs garden party. We warned everyone to bring a broolly and had contingency plans to cram everyone into our new summerhouse.

However, we were lucky; although not desperately warm, it was dry and bright, so we enjoyed our cream teas in comfort. We had St Mary's stall, splendidly run by the Clarksons, selling heritage trail

booklets and DVDs, there was bring-and-buy and a raffle; all of which brought welcome funds to the various groups – thank you.

Linda Browne, our community liaison officer, displayed the work done as a link between the councils, police and community groups. She distributed leaflets and information packs as well as noting any problems; it was good to see her and to know we could contact her for advice.

We had ordered 50 scones (from North's -supporting local business) which quickly went; fortunately we had a back-up supply, as we reckon we had around 75 people at the party. We managed to all get seated, even if some were on the steps! Afterwards, the spare strawberries were shared by the committee with a glass of something other than tea ... we deserved it!

After all the catering,

furniture shifting and organising, the ACEs volunteers took August off ... the next event will be a coach trip to the seaside – Hunstanton and Norfolk Lavender on 8<sup>th</sup> September. We will leave the Dog and Duck at 9am, picking up at Back Road/Chalklands and the fire station. Contact Enid on 891069 or Sue/Anne on 891001 to book. All friends, old and new, are most welcome – wherever we go!

Enid Bald



ACEs volunteers have a quiet moment after the garden party

Picture:  
Ron Pitkin

## Wonderful, wacky, wet, and wild western fun!



Natasha Angetter and her beautiful horse.

Picture by Ron Pitkin

A SLIGHT downpour as the Wild West Wacky Walk started did not dampen the spirits of the 50 or so participants or the originality of their fancy dress designs. A stagecoach, a giant Stetson and a Rooster Cogburn sedan jail complete with bandit inside were totally outshone by Natasha Angetter and her beautiful horse.

They of course won the first prize for the best animal in the parade. Charley Coombe, local care manager at Nichol's Court, won the individual adult costume as an Indian squaw complete with baby papoose and the children's prize went to Alfie Goodwin and Ollie Rouse.

The all day fun started off with the under nine cricketers demonstrating their new skills in a game of pairs cricket with medals and much applause for those taking part.

A well sponsored cycle ride organised by football manager Adam Norton and nine team-mates finished at the recreation ground. Side shows were complemented by tea and cakes on the lawn at The Meadows, kindly provided by a small army of cake makers and generously manned by Karen Burgess.

The senior cricket team held a novel six-a-side competition, sixes were out and fours were sixes and the players

were joined part of the way through by Oscar, the black dog, who ran faster than anyone.

In a hotly contested final, Dean Chipps, as captain of the Cheyenne team, took two wickets in the last over to clinch the match.

A penalty shoot-out against goalie Collin Morrice, run by Tom Faulkener, proved popular, as did the tombola and Pimms bar efficiently run by Mary Wright and Nicki Fryer respectively ... until supplies ran out. As ever the star turn was Ted's burgers.

The programme draw was won by Claire Martin while two further small prizes remained unclaimed, so if you have programme number 326 or 141, you have four weeks to make a claim.

Finally, we were all treated to a good old-fashioned hoe down with newly formed group The Higher Funktions party band.

Cricket club president Barry Bowen and football president David Rouse, joint organisers with a small committee, said the day had been very enjoyable and raised lots of money for both clubs and the new pavilion extension, so thanks to all our sponsors and helpers. We will report back further once all the money has been collected.

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Cowboys ready to mosey on down the High Street

Picture by Ron Pitkin



Owzat:  
Oscar  
the dog  
outruns the  
field

Picture by  
Les Redhead

## A good day for the gardening club



Garth Collard presents Susan Anderson with a winner's cup

Picture by Roger Lapwood

THE day of the gardening club's show started cloudy, but the rain held off so all exhibits arrived unscathed, and by the time the visitors were due the sun was shining.

After changing our rules there are now 12 trophies which can be won by anyone, with just six to be contested by members only. Show secretary Susan Anderson still triumphed in four sections, most notably for the largest white hydrangeas we'd seen.

Other winners were Jan Sheppard for her flowers and best flower arrangement, Carol Todd for pot plants, Karen Johnson for baking and preserves and Rosemary Harrison in the craft section. Lou Symes-

Thompson won the Challenge Shield for the best veg/fruit exhibit with her blackcurrants and Bel Griffiths the Jubilee Challenge Cup with the best exhibit, a white orchid, in the vegetable, flowers and pot plant sections.

We were delighted that historian Garth Collard agreed to present the trophies. He'd been told by his wife, Elaine, that he must only speak for 10 minutes. Well, he nearly managed it and amused us all by telling tales that he had seen gardening club members at the supermarket buying fresh vegetables suspiciously close to show day. Thanks to all who helped in another successful show.

Kirsten Newble 892424

## Too good for jumble...

NEW this month are an oval mirror, 14in x 46in, with white painted wood surround, a 17in flat screen LCD computer monitor, two Dell full-size keyboards and two Dell mice, and a family ticket for two adults and up to three under-16s to any Cambridge City home match.

The eMAC Mac OSX operating system Version 10.4.11 with Microsoft Office 2000 and Apple keyboard and a beech-coloured computer work station on wheels, three shelves (one pull-out) are still available.

The car seat raised £15 for World Wildlife Fund; the white garden chairs made £15 for British Heart Foundation, the guitar and wine-making equipment raised £20 for Linton district Guides; the cot made £20 for Linton Guides and Sawston Brownies received £20 from the sale of the high chair.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone me.

Kate France 891602

or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

NB The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

## Shutters and sand at the seaside

WEDNESDAY morning and it was bucketing down – would we have to cancel our midweek away-day to Wells-next-the-Sea again? We decided to trust the forecast and two full carloads of camera club members set off towards the coast. Happily, the sun came out 10 minutes after we arrived.

Having never been to Wells before, I was struck by how picturesque the coastline is, despite the sea being nowhere in sight. The boats stranded on the sandbanks were a perfect place to begin our photographic day.

As we were there during the school summer holidays, the side of the quay was packed with children with buckets and fishing twine, eagerly trying to catch crabs, which seemed to be in plentiful supply.

After an excellent fish and chip lunch, eaten with fingers while sitting on the grass, we decamped to Walsingham, just a few miles up the road. This is a very religious community (sometimes referred to as England's Nazareth) which has been a place of pilgrimage since 1061, with many churches of different denominations and very different architecture.

Our next trip out will be over the bank holiday weekend to the Fenland Show at Stow cum Quy and at the next club night on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September we will be studying still life.

Don't forget the annual exhibition, from 10am till 4pm on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Village hall.

Tracey Wilson 891988



It's only a crab

Picture by Sarah Hurcum

## 20 mph limit in the High Street – what's your view?

I WAS contacted by someone living close to the Dog & Duck back in April. They had recently witnessed two near accidents where the road narrows coming down the hill from the main road. They wanted to know if anything could be done from a safety aspect, and one of their suggestions was a 20 mph limit to help slow traffic. They were also concerned at the lack of visibility outside the Co-op when people park on the yellow lines. The parking on the yellow lines is a constant issue, continually raised by police and residents but in this article I wish to concentrate on the speed limit and ask as many residents as possible to give their thoughts and views.

A 20 mph limit is something that the parish council considered when the one-way system was being introduced, but there was insufficient evidence at the time for the county council to consider it. The rules have changed and the parish council now has the powers to introduce such a limit on some roads. The High Street would not qualify because it is classified as a B road, but the officers at Cambs county council would support a reduction on the High Street and the one-way system, an exemption would be recommended by them and should be approved. So a 20 mph limit is now feasible. I must stress that the only thing being spoken about at the moment is a change of speed limit, not speed bumps or further traffic calming.

So, is speeding a problem? Well, some of the time it is difficult to drive above 20mph in our High Street, especially at the normal

## PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

INTERFERENCE with a motor vehicle in Bartlow Road.

Criminal damage to a vehicle whilst it was parked overnight in Waggon and Horses car park.

Criminal damage to a vehicle in Balsham Road causing permanent damage.

Criminal damage. Glass smashed in a local parish notice board in Symonds Lane.

House burglary in Emsons Close. House entered via insecure patio door and property taken, insecure van also entered.

Theft from a motor vehicle in Finchams Close, digital camera stolen.

Attempted house burglary in Finchams Close, offender ran off, nothing taken.

If you have any information regarding these crimes please contact us on 0345 456 456 4. Consider registering your property, anything with a serial number with a company such as Immobilise (www.immobilise.com) this enables us to trace it back to the owner should it be recovered by the police.

**We would like to make you aware of the following crime.**

Recently there was a distraction burglary in Stapleford in an area predominately occupied by elderly residents. A male knocked on the door and told the occupier that he was from Transco and that there had been a gas explosion in the area and he needed to check the water for contamination. Whilst she was distracted cupboards were searched and after the male had left she found that money and jewellery were missing.

The male did show ID and the victim remembers that the ID card did have Transco on it.

If you have an unannounced visitor claiming to be from any company, do not to let them in, ask for identification, leave them standing on the doorstep, close your door and check the company by phoning them and ask if they are due in your area? Most companies are listed in the phone book if they are genuine. You don't have to let them in if you're not happy with who they say they are. Keep a list of useful phone numbers, like gas, electricity and water services in a handy place. Many now have a free phone numbers to help you check the identity of their workers.

Can we please also ask that you look out for your elderly/vulnerable neighbours as the people that do this kind of thing can be very convincing? This is not just happening in Cambridgeshire, these people sometimes travel long distances as it can be quite profitable for them. IF IN DOUBT KEEP THEM OUT.

busy periods of morning, evening and school times. Unfortunately, even during these busy periods some drivers take advantage of any lull in the traffic and speed, just when the High Street is also bustling with pedestrians, including parents with small children. At other times when the High Street is quieter, it is very noticeable when traffic is speeding.

The cost would simply be the purchase and installation of signage. Enforcement is never easy, however, a speed reduction to 20mph would send a message to drivers to slow down and take more care.

The Parish council would like the views of Linton residents regarding a 20mph speed limit. For those who would like to see a reduction, where should it be?

Just the High Street between the A1307 and Balsham Road?

Should we also consider the one-way system so any reduction also includes Coles Lane (Health Centre access), part of Back Road (junction with Coles Lane and including current speed humps) and Balsham Road (two way traffic outside the post office)?

Or more of the village, such as the approach roads of Balsham Road, Horseheath Road, Back Road, Bartlow Road etc?

Please tell us your views by contacting the clerk on 891001 or lintonpc@btconnect.com by the end of September.

Roger Hickford  
Chair, Linton Parish council

## 53 years and 100 pints lighter

THIS is my little story.

It all began in Exeter in about 1958. I was having a nose bleed, and a blood donor session was taking place, so I joined up and gave my first pint of blood. It did stop my nose bleeding and I believe I became fitter by giving blood.

Still giving blood wherever I went, I lived in Cambridge for a while, and came to live in Linton in 1976. I have been giving blood all that time and loved every minute of it. A little while ago I received an invitation to go to Chilford Hall for an award ceremony. The day was Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011. I had to be there at 12.30pm. The weather was very hot as I mixed with the other men and women; there were about 172 of us, but only 81 got awards. Then at 1.30pm we all sat

down to lovely meal. At 3pm the guest speakers came on the stage and told their stories, which is why I am glad that I give blood. Following that, at 4pm, the presentation of awards took place table by table. There were 18 tables so it took time with the photos etc.

I made friends on the day and we all went our different ways. I think I was the only person from Linton there. I got my award for donating over 100 pints of blood so far, and will give more for as long as I can. There is no age limit as to when you can stop giving blood provided you started by age 65. If you would like to give blood, you can phone 0300 123 23 23. They can tell you the next time they will be taking blood in Linton, or near your village.

Mr M Trapnell

## Linton health centre

*A focus on our receptionists and the admin team and how you can help the surgery to run smoothly*

OUR receptionists and admin/secretarial team are essential to the smooth running of the health centre. Between them they answer the phones, make appointments, deal with queries, relay messages, register new patients and process the medical records for patients moving in or moving out of the practice. They assist the doctors with their paperwork and organise recall letters to be sent out for the various clinics we run. They type the doctors referral letters, liaise with the hospital over appointments and generally keep track of all the information that comes in to the practice.

The receptionists in particular manage the appointment system. All surgeries are by appointment but each doctor/nurse will always have some appointments reserved for booking on the same day. These are for urgent cases only, to enable us to fit in those patients who have an acute illness and therefore could not possibly book in advance. The receptionists will never refuse an appointment if the patient says their condition is urgent and can't wait, so if we are fully booked they will ask patients to come at the end of surgery. However, we do ask that this service is just used for urgent cases and not as a means of bypassing the appointment system.

Our receptionists really do not like to say "sorry, we are fully booked for today" especially when later in the day they have to record the patients who have failed to turn up for their booked appointment. The number of DNAs (did not attend) has increased of late, with the highest being 42 appointments lost in one week. That probably means that 42 other patients heard that dreaded phrase "sorry, we are fully booked today" unnecessarily. This is a dreadful waste and so frustrating for the doctors and nurses as well as the receptionists.

The receptionists plea to patients is: "Please remember to either attend for your pre-booked appointment, or cancel it in good time if you no longer need it, so that we can offer the appointment to someone else". The receptionists are there to help you so please help them to make best use of the appointments.

Sheila Griffiths, Practice manager

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## Readers write...

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### Response to the Parish council article on page 7

Dear Editor  
The proposal by Linton Parish council to put seven acres of allotments and 14 acres of public open space on Rivey Hill seems not to have taken anything into account other than its own wish to have allotments in Linton as soon as possible and at all costs.

Rivey Hill stands above Linton and can be seen for miles around. Everybody in the village enjoys the view of the hill with its semi ancient woodland and open countryside. The view from the top of the hill across Linton is spectacular. If the parish council's planning application is successful, all of this will change.

The land is currently farmed by Mr Fairey, whose family have farmed the land since the 1940s, but the landlord, who lives in Hertfordshire, has decided that he wants to get change of use on it, which would lead to the eviction of the farmer.

The parish council intends to create seven acres of allotments, which could lead to as many as 300 plots, on the hill leading up to Rivey Wood and the Water Tower. That is potentially 300 huts and all the paraphernalia that goes with each allotment. The remaining land is intended for public open space, because the slope is too steep for any other recreational use. The parish council have indicated that they intend to lease out some of this land for grazing livestock. As the site is unsuitable for farm livestock, this can only mean horses, which of course require fencing and shelter. All of this will add to the unsightly nature of the development. The council's first intention is to secure allotments for the village, but with this plan they are ending up with 14 acres of public open space and they have no clear idea of what to do with it.

The parish council have stated that approximately 50 residents have expressed an interest in allotments. Whilst sympathetic to this, we know that this will require significantly less land than the seven acres proposed. In addition, why anyone would want an allotment on Rivey Hill is debatable. The land is a mixture of both heavy clay and chalk, it is on a slope and is prone to flooding. The flash floods, which occasionally come off Rivey Hill, would simply wash allotment plots away. It is, quite simply, not a good place for allotments.

The access identified by the parish council is via a farm track (which is also a bridleway) onto Back Road. This access is currently used and will continue to be used for agricultural vehicles such as tractors and trailers. The parish council intends to use it for access for disabled vehicles. Anybody who knows the site will realise that this could lead to disaster should a 20 ton tractor meet a disabled vehicle coming the other way. Where such large areas of public open space are proposed, there are likely to be significant requirements for off road visitor car parking and this has not been considered. To site this upon the land would further urbanise its acknowledged high quality rural character and Back Road is simply not capable of accommodating any additional parking without compromising highway safety.

The parish council planning application has considered none of these issues and has not consulted the village about the suitability of the site. Indeed, when the parish council objected to the development of two houses to the rear of 42 Back Road in July 2009, a property which adjoins the proposed allotment site, the reasons given were that *they would intrude on this area of best landscape, would seriously harm the visual impact on the Icknield Way and would be sensitive to the character of the village.* Surely this proposal does the same thing?

Finally, the parish council has admitted that they do not have the funding for such a development. This 21 acre site will cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to develop. Who is going to end up paying for it all? Why is the project being rushed through when no attention has been paid to the impact that this will have on the village?

Written by objectors to the application.  
Names and addresses supplied.

## Illustrator enchants everyone



THE speaker at our August meeting was Gillian McClure, writer and illustrator of children's books. Her first publication in 1974 was about a cat that walked on its hind legs called Tom Finger, the idea coming to her when told a neighbour's cat took home small items stolen from other houses. As a primary school teacher she read an outline to her class and gradually the idea evolved into a full book. Other ideas for stories came from legends or events around her. Her pictures are enchanting and Gillian is obviously a very talented artist.

The outline of a talk given by Ruth Bond, national chairman and a resident of Cambridge, was related to members. Now in her third year of office, Ruth has met politicians, royalty and celebrities as a result of invitations to receptions and conferences, and a few weeks previously, had sat on the chair later occupied by Rupert Murdoch when she was quizzed on environmental issues.

The staff at national's office brief Ruth rigorously in preparation for such events and speeches.

Ruth was a guest at our garden party. A very pleasant occasion in a lovely garden and we thank Wendy and Jim Foster for their wonderful hospitality.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall Robert Burrige will speak on My Time as an armed policeman in London. This is an open meeting when WI family members and non-members are welcome.

Margaret Clark 892093

## Cambridge Sofa becomes Cambridge Re-Use

AFTER 23 years of service to the local community, Cambridge Sofa has changed its name to Cambridge Re-Use. The new name is a better reflection of the work carried out by the charity – selling a full range of furniture and electrical goods and not just sofas. The change was marked by a ceremony attended by Cllr Sheila Stuart, Mayor of Cambridge, and Dr Julian Huppert, MP for Cambridge.

Cambridge Re-Use will continue its work of helping local people on benefit or low income to furnish their homes at reasonable cost. The generosity of the general public in donating unwanted furniture and electrical goods enables the charity to give its customers choice, quality and affordable prices. The charity prides itself on a dedicated team of over 30 volunteers who give their time each week to carry out the service.

Donations of unwanted furniture and working electrical goods are always welcome; to arrange collection Cambridge Re-Use can be contacted on 576535.

## La Pipelette (Chatterbox)

AVEC la rentrée, les bonnes résolutions

Les colonnes du journal m ont manqué et je fais donc mon retour avec la rentrée scolaire. Certains prennent de bonnes résolutions après les fêtes de fin d'année, d'autres à l'approche de l'été, pour moi tout recommence maintenant.

Il est important de tenir ses engagements car écrire dans le journal est une chance et un échange. On écrit pour être lu, sinon cela n'a pas de sens. Mais si on ne l'écrit pas, on n'a même pas cette chance.

Dire que nous sommes déjà en septembre et que maintenant tout va être tourné vers Noël. Le temps passe très vite et l'été ne semble pas avoir été l'été. Alors espérons tous que l'automne ne sera pas un et que le soleil sera de retour. Que le temps prenne lui aussi de bonne résolution pour chasser les nuages de notre esprit.

A bientôt.

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If you do not receive a copy of your booking it is not confirmed.

## LINTON DIARY

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

WEEKLY		
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays		VH
Pilates classes, 11.15 - 12.15pm, Mondays		VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group. Mondays term time, 9.30-11.30am		CC
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)		
WEA, 10am Tuesdays		VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays		CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays		LVC
Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays		LVC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays		CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays		VH
Junior choir, 6pm-6.45pm Tuesdays		St Mary's
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays		CC
Linton children's centre, call 07768 008919		CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only		VH
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm Wednesdays Apr-Oct		Bowls pavilion
Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm Wednesdays (term time only)		Library
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays		VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays		VH
The karate club, 5.15-6.15pm, Thursdays		VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays		CP
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays		Ashdon Baptist church
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays		CC
<i>For sports centre courses please call Linton village college sports centre on 890248</i>		

### SEPTEMBER

3	Farmer's market 9.30am	LVC
4	Aztecs football tournament, 9.30am	LVC
5	Camera club 7.30pm	CC
6	LOSC term starts	LVC
6	WI, 7.30pm	VH
7	Linton reading group 8pm	D&D
8	ACE outing, 9am	VH
8	Talk on allotments, 7.30pm	VH
8	Strictly Dance pre-term party 8pm	LVC
9-11	Cambridge Open weekend	
11	Family fun day, 11.30am	LVC
11	Bridge the gap walk, 9.30am	Jesus Green, Cambridge
13	VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
14	Tots in tow new term starts, 9.30am	LVC
15	Parish council meeting 8pm	CC
19	Mothers' union talk about Sally Army 8pm	Church pavilion
21	CAMTAD hearing help, 9.30am-12noon	Health Centre
24	Concert in aid of LIFE, 7.30pm	VH
25	Cambridge glass fair 10.30am	Chilford Hall
26	Macmillan coffee morning Balsham, 10.30am	Mays Ave, Balsham
30	Macmillan coffee morning Linton, 9.30am	VH
30	20mph responses to Parish council by today	

### OCTOBER

1	Farmer's market 9.30am	LVC
3	Camera club 7.30pm	CC
4	WI 7.30pm	VH
6	Linton lunch club 12noon	D&D
6	Parish council meeting 8pm	CC
11	Garden club AGM	VH
11	VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands

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.

Refuse collection: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September

Recycling collection: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

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

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NEWS ITEMS Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

### ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING MANAGER

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## Le Jour Français

JEUDI 14 juillet, Linton Heights junior school a fêté La Prise de la Bastille. La Prise de la Bastille est la fête nationale en France. C'est quand la révolution a commencé.

Toute l'école a été organisée en groupes. Ils ont fait beaucoup d'activités françaises et des jeux aussi. Les élèves ont bien joué et se sont tellement amusés. A la fin de la journée deux Français sont venus jouer une pièce qui s'appelle Mission 2,4,6,8.

Les enfants ont adoré la journée. Les jeux auxquels on a joué sont : boules, jeux de cour de récréation, fromage (goûter le fromage), musique française (Alouette), colorier une carte postale d'un tableau de Monet avec des coquelicots, faire un coquelicot, peindre un monument célèbre français.

Un élève, Georgie, a dit de la journée. "Toutes les activités ont été superbes et la journée a été magnifique!"

Puis, un autre enfant nommé Bayley a dit. "C'était superbe et j'ai adoré le fromage aussi."

Une des filles de Blue House a dit. "J'adore apprendre le français. Les jeux étaient très amusants. Et il y a eu du soleil toute la journée!"

Emma Toussnel  
Year 4 (CE2)

## Memorial match raises funds for Parkinson's

A MEMORIAL football match, to remember Alf Hughes from the village, raised £372 towards research into Parkinson's disease. The match took place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Linton village college and was contested by Linton Aztecs and Linton Granta veterans, with Linton Aztecs running out 6-2 winners.

Alf was a stalwart of local boys' football, being involved for over a decade before succumbing to Parkinson's disease and sadly passing away in 2008. This is the third year in a row that the game has taken place and the money raised is fast approaching £1,000. This year money was generated by a post-match BBQ, a raffle, player match fees and donations and a generous contribution from Linton Granta football club. Parkinson's UK and the Hughes family would like to say a big thank you to all those who played and spectated and to Peter Belsom and Tony Saunders, the organisers.

Stuart Hughes



The football team showing their support for a worthy cause  
Picture by Lisa Hounsom

## In your own time .....

### Steve proves you can never be too busy

STEVE Jackson gained some of his expertise in property maintenance when he took on a near derelict flint cottage in Symonds Lane. Interestingly, part of the cottage had been the childhood home of Nancy Arthur, last month's subject of *In your own time*.

He started his working life apprenticed to the motor trade in Saffron Walden and eventually moved to work for Hoover as a service engineer.

His first break into property maintenance and building came through his wife Annette, whose friend wanted her garage converted into a hairdressing shop and office. Steve took this on and, at the same time, was starting the task of making Flint Cottage habitable.

Once the hairdressers was completed, Steve decided to set up his own business in Linton and tells me that he gets about 95% of his business through word of mouth and also advertises in the Linton News.

As well as reconstructing



Steve hard at work building the barn extension. At least he has two furry friends to keep him company!  
Picture by Georgina Page

the inside of Flint Cottage, Steve is part-way through the construction of a barn extension to the cottage, most of which he has done himself, apart from roof tiling, windows and doors.

If all this work wasn't enough to keep him occupied, Steve has also been a part time Linton fireman for 21 years. The firemen have to live locally and each has a pager for contact if they are needed urgently. They need more recruits as there has to be a minimum of four people to attend a major fire; three people can attend something like a bin fire. If four people don't turn up when summoned to a major incident, a fire crew from

Sawston or Cambridge is then called out. The firemen meet every Wednesday evening for training, which involves a rolling programme of different scenarios such as a road traffic accident, chemical spillage, radiation leak, ladder drills or fires in high-rise blocks. As a matter of interest, they don't have a fireman's pole as the fire station is a single storey building.

If Steve ever has any time on his hands, he hopes to use his early motor mechanic experience to renovate a 1969 Triumph Herald with a sun roof, which he bought some time ago for £50 and which is at present in storage.

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## Digital retuning

THE first digital re-tuning dates since the digital switchover will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Viewers will need to retune their Freeview set top boxes and TVs (and Top Up TV and BT Vision boxes) on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November to keep watching the full range of digital channels you currently receive, unless the set top box has auto-retune. You will see captions on-screen reminding you of the need to retune on the run up to these dates. Guidance on retuning is available from [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk)

If you are watching satellite or cable services, this does not affect you. The set top boxes that the help scheme provided to eligible residents are auto retune so people shouldn't have any problems with them but, if they do require help and went through the help scheme they can call the helpline on 0800 4085900 and someone will talk them through what they need to do, or they will send someone out as part of the aftercare.

There is no charge for those who were not eligible or are already watching digital television and need help retuning. The best advice is to call Digital UK on 08456 505050 who can talk people through how to retune their TV over the phone and their number is charged at local rate.

For more information please contact:  
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Catherine Pawson

## Linton out of school club moves to Linton village college

THE new school term is about to start and there are important changes coming up for LOSC. From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September LOSC will welcome your children at Linton village college.

A plan to relocate the LOSC to the college grounds was announced at the AGM in November. We have been offered the facilities which is used by the Granta playgroup during the day, a large space with an enclosed garden area and covered outdoor space. Reasons for this move are focused on sustainability. There will be possibilities to use the sports club/facilities in holiday times. During term time children could combine after school sport activities at LVC with LOSC care until 6pm. All this is being discussed with the college at present. Bigger space means we may be able to take more children with an increase in staff. This will include Year 7 and 8 who should require LOSC service.

A recent Ofsted inspection of the facilities gave us the thumbs up to relocate. This means that you will be collecting your child from the college and no longer from the Cathodeon centre. We will have signage in place from the beginning for you to find your way easily. Our phone number will stay the same (07814 724468) and you can still use the club's email address if you have any questions.

This is a very exciting time for the club and we hope you will support this move and understand all the benefits that will come from it.

Catherine Dockree Chair LOSC committee

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# The sting in the hornet's tale

BARED knees and shins battered and bruised by butterbur and sore from sly nettles is all part of the avid raw rambler's memorabilia. Other seasonal collectables are available such as when passing through the kissing gate, my arm came down like a vice, accidentally trapping a buzzing creature, unwittingly snuffing out its very brief life.

Emitting a calculated length of calm "Ouchhh" from the core of my disposition while scrapping with fingernails, blindly lifting the venom sack and spike from my skin. The searing, zinging pain resembled a continuous low voltage shock, emanating down my left.

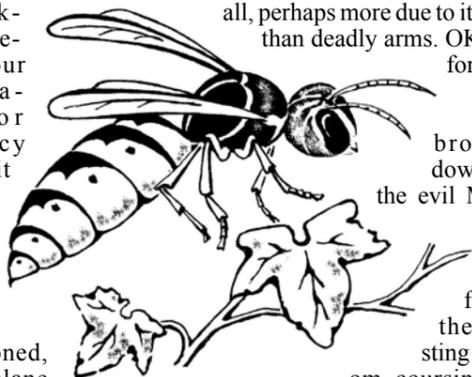
The lack of a meadow freezer negated the practice of 'ice to affected area'. Fortunately, I'm not particularly allergic to insect attack, although some are, and so - as a boy, the dear farmer's

wife would apply a questionable paste of baking soda and vinegar or freshly cut onion to said sting. Since such ingredients are not generally available while

out walking, I prescribe your antihistamine or emergency allergy kit (Epipen).

Shall we continue? I ran, as the miniature old-fashioned, stripy biplane missed my ear by an inch. There were swarms of flies, wasps and bees hovering over hosts of wild flowers in the idyllic meadows, but now this? Every cretinous, vile and

venomous demonic winged wonder seemingly out for my blood. Yet I meant none harm! Had I lapsed on my garlic intake? In fact it was a hornet, the most feared and reviled of all, perhaps more due to its size than deadly arms. OK, before I'm



brought down by the evil Mr H

let us not

forget the bee sting venom

om coursing its way through my body like some demented pack of hounds!

But wait - had I not read of the venom's amazing properties administered as a therapy? I feel better already! Apparently

the peptides systemic action are anti-inflammatory, antipyretic, and is a cardiovascular tonic, as well as relieving symptoms of arthritis and an array of other ailments. Good job too, for it was hurting like mad and the hornet was hot on my tail. Sorry, I meant tale, but still a wise reason for running!

The truth is that *vespa crabro* (the European hornet) is not the deadly fiend its reputation has us believe - 'Seven stings for a horse and three to kill a man' is just a myth - it being no more dangerous than most wasps or bees. Worthy of note is that many gardeners hold them in high esteem for devouring caterpillars, but more importantly, and here's the real sting, all that food at the supermarket is down to the work of the insects, indeed our own existence is ultimately reliant on the birds and the bees!

## Architecture, art and beautiful gardens ... Cambridge is open



C A M - BRIDGE is home to some spectacular architecture, fantastic

art collections and beautiful gardens. Taking place across the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, Open Cambridge - part of Heritage Open Days - gives families, local residents and community groups the

opportunity to visit properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission.

On Friday and Saturday, our pre-bookable tours cover topics such as the history, architecture, art and gardens of the University, college and city buildings, while college and University departmental libraries will open their doors, allowing you to explore exciting collections and manuscripts.

There are also two Open

Cambridge talks taking place in the Pitt building at 10.30am and 11.30am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September given by Honor Ridout and Tony Kirby. Further details can be found on Page 15 of the programme.

For a chance to visit several colleges in one day, you might want to take part in the Bridge the Gap charity walk which takes place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

For details please see our website at

www.bridgethegapwalk.org/site/ Full event listings and bookings are also available at www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge or you can always call the office on 766766.

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**POT POURRI (78)**

**What size packing?**  
A 96cm-sided cube contains an 80cm diameter ball which is held in place by eight smaller balls in each corner. What are the radii of the smaller balls?

**Solution to 77: Pythagorean triples**  
THE sum  $x+y$  can only be divisible by 3 (remainder 0) if  $x$  and  $y$  are identically equal. Thus  $z$  must have remainder 0 which the question does not permit. However, if  $x$  is 1,  $y$  is 2 or vice versa, then  $z^2$  must leave remainder 2 which cannot occur. Hence  $x + y$  cannot be divisible by 3.

**Errata in 76: How to divide a field**  
SOMETIMES when setting a problem, the question leaves something to be desired. Pot Pourri 76 should have said that the field cannot be divided into rectangles as it is a trivial matter to divide a line into equal segments.

**Mathematically challenged?**  
OVERHEARD on the bus to Cambridge. First girl to her friend at the back of the bus: "If the bus is going at 45mph and you are walking to the front at three mph, what speed are you travelling at?" Second girl: "What a stupid question, I would get to Cambridge before the bus!"  
Urania

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Have coffee with the world ...**  
A MACMILLAN cancer support coffee morning will be held from 9.30am-11.30am on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Linton village hall as part of the world's biggest coffee morning. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served with drinks, cakes and biscuits for children. We will also be holding a raffle. Cakes and raffle prizes will be gratefully accepted on the morning. Spread the word and join us to support Macmillan Cancer Support. For more information, please contact.  
Kerri Harmer 894392

**... and cakes and jam too**  
BALSHAM'S Macmillan big coffee morning will be held at Mays Avenue communal hall in Balsham at 10.30am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. There will be various stalls including tombola, raffle, bring and buy, cakes, jams etc, and a lovely selection of hand-made items (the perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping).  
Penny Cook

**Join to learn more about allotments**  
If you would like to make new friends, enjoy a family activity, be part of a thriving community, exercise, recycle, have cheap fresh organic fruit and vegetables etc, join us at the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September and discover the wonderful world of allotments and what they can do for you. Guest speaker Karen Kenny National society of allotment and leisure gardens (NSALG), eastern region representative.  
Help to create allotments where you live. You don't have to have an allotment to join.  
NSALG

**Singing to support LIFE**

THE Women of Note singing group is making a return visit to Linton at 7.30pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall. Admission on the door £4 (£3 concessions) including tea and coffee. All ages welcome.  
This is a fundraising event in support of Linton Initiative for the Elderly, which is a visiting/befriending scheme for housebound elderly people. As the number of people being seen increases and more essential and practical needs are being encountered, the demand on our resources is increasing. Please come along and support us.  
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# Whatever is happening at 7 Green Lane



The people living in Green Lane beside their cottages, circa 1860.

Picture from Garth's collection



7 Green Lane showing the damage before restoration began.



Victorian chimney stack to be removed and rebuilt.



Original red brick piers of inglenook fireplace. Victorian rebuilt fireplace which included burnt timbers.



North wall with original laths and new beams.

Pictures by Roger Lapwood

THE owners of 7 Green Lane kindly agreed a visit to the 16<sup>th</sup> century mansard cottage while renovation work is in progress. There were basically four rooms (two up and two down) with a kind of outhouse to the rear. It has been empty since the death in May 2009 of Mrs Phyllis Anderson, a former dinner lady at the infants school, who also undertook crossing patrol duty.

Eddie Quince, in charge of renovation, said he thought the old building had suffered from at least two different fires and many

emergency repairs.

Mr Quince suggested one fire on the ground floor started in furniture and spread into the wall backing onto the outhouse. Another is reported to have burnt the cottage next door to the ground sometime in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and burnt a front corner of No 7, including the chimney stack. The original red brick piers of the inglenook are still in place but many of the burnt timbers were used when rebuilding.

Each section of the house has to be checked by the conservation officer and building inspector before work can commence. For example rebuilding the inglenook fireplace cannot be approved until the base line of the original chimney stack is established. Demolishing the chimney will start shortly. We may get the chance to watch it come down.

Look out for next month's article about the people who lived there at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. LNT

## Bridge the gap walk 2011

ON Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Bridge the gap walk will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, offering you the chance to see rarely seen parts of various Cambridge college gardens and buildings. This is your opportunity to enjoy a nice leisurely stroll whilst raising money for two Cambridge charities.

The walk starts on Jesus Green, Cambridge at 9.30am and follows a scenic 4.5 mile route through the beautiful grounds of the Cambridge colleges and over some of the city's unique bridges. Tourist guides will be on hand to tell you about the colleges and you will also have the opportunity to explore the zoology museum. The walk ends back on Jesus Green, with a big band greeting you on your return.

The route is wheelchair and pushchair friendly and is suitable for all ages and abilities. It's not a competition and there is always time to stop off at a café or restaurant en route.

Why not ask your friends to join you?

To enter simply visit [www.bridgethegapwalk.org](http://www.bridgethegapwalk.org) and enter your details or call us on 723115.

The fee is £15 per adult, everyone under the age of 17 is free to enter, so long as they are accompanied by a paying adult.

See you on the walk.

Penny Potter Events and Charity Fundraiser  
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## Bourn to run 2011

A CHARITY 10km and 3km fun is run taking place in Bourn Cambridgeshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September in aid of Bourn primary school. For more information go to [www.bournrun.com](http://www.bournrun.com)



S/1407/11 Linton Parish council, Land to north of Nos 36-42 (even) Back Road and Nos 2-8 (even) Whyts Acre and to the west of Nos 27-51 (odd) Chalklands and Nos 1-7 Paynes Meadow. Change of use from agriculture to public open space and allotments with vehicular access to Back Road



## Chilford Hall wins prestigious awards..

CHILFORD Hall vineyard and conference centre has triumphed in the East Anglian Wine Growers Association regional awards competition with five medals and the prestigious Founders' Trophy for the Granta Valley 2009 awarded for the best red wine in East Anglia. This trophy was commissioned and donated to the association by Sam Alper, the late owner of Chilford Hall.

Glen Mejias, director and general manager says: "we are delighted with our awards scoop this year; we are proud of all our wines but it is particularly special to us to be awarded the Founders' Trophy."

For more information on this article please contact Chilford Hall in Linton by calling 895600 or going to the website [www.chilfordhall.co.uk](http://www.chilfordhall.co.uk).

## ..and it's time to book that Christmas party

EVERY year thousands of guests flock to Chilford Hall vineyard and conference centre to attend the venue's sensational sell-out Christmas and New Year's Eve parties.

Six party nights are on offer this season, including live entertainment, disco, delicious food and wine and an unbeatable festive party.

This year's live music entertainment will be provided by Cambridgeshire's Nicole Lawrence, 2009 X Factor contestant and professional singer, singing a variety of floor-filler covers from the 60s onwards including disco, pop and soul hits.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Chilford Christmas party nights with Nicole Lawrence.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve after dinner.

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Suzanne Nuttall  
Dalehead Foods

## News from Linton Aztecs

FEEDBACK from all of the parents, guardians and players is very important to us at Linton Aztecs and we have set up additional channels for you to make contact, such as through our new Facebook page accessible via the Aztecs website [www.aztecsjfc.co.uk](http://www.aztecsjfc.co.uk) or by emailing [info@aztecsjfc.co.uk](mailto:info@aztecsjfc.co.uk).

We understand that committing your children to a long season of football can be expensive and, as part of our efforts to do all that we can to help our members, we have ensured that training and club/league registration costs have only

seen incremental rises to keep up with the increasing costs of running a club of our size. We are also looking at other cost-effective measures throughout the season to ensure we can continue to provide value for money.

On behalf of the committee, I would also like to say how pleased we are that so many players have again registered with the club for this new season, along with some new faces also. Thank you for your continued support.

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# Parish Council Matters

## A light hearted view of a newbie on the parish council

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WELL, who am I? My name is Sally Dew, I'm married to David and I have lived in Linton since 1969, all of my life in fact. I have a son of 19 and a daughter of 17. My eldest is about to fly the nest to further his love of sport at university and my daughter is currently in further education.

Having been brought up in what I feel was an ordinary background, I left school at 16 to go into full time employment and start to pay my own way in life. I attended all three schools in the village and am employed as a catering assistant at Linton village college, where I have worked for the past five years.

Having to write this article for the parish council matters page has given me a few sleepless nights, I have to admit! It will probably not be the 'norm', but I have well and truly been taken out of my comfort zone. Never mind, with pen (or mouse) in hand, I shall but try.

So, what prompted me to get involved with the parish council? Well, friends and family. I bet many a time we have all sat round a table and discussed various aspects of village life and perhaps what we could or should do. Then came the question, why don't you join the parish council? My answer was "no, it's not for me", but the seed had been planted and, after much deliberation, I decided to go for it - after all, nothing ventured nothing gained. I then began to question myself asking what qualities I had to offer - I have lived here all of my life, I have a good listening ear, I am eager to learn and help, and love the village.

I have relatives, young and old, who live in the village, a good network of friends, and there has always seemed to me to be a good sense of community spirit. I feel you can always say hello to someone that you know around the village; this is why Linton is important to me.

As a child I had many hours of fun in the village - messing about down by the river, playing on the recreation ground and Camping Close, going to youth club. Also, looking forward to the week-long festivities of the Carnival - from 'It's a knockout' to the 'yard-of-ale' competition, the tug-of-war and the wheelbarrow race - those were the days.

As an adult you value what surrounds you, and I appreciate what Linton has given me over the years; perhaps I can now start to give something back.

Obviously, things have changed in Linton, including housing developments for our ever growing population which might also give the younger generations the chance to put down firm roots and remain close to their families and friends.

The introduction of the one-way system has made the High Street a much safer place, and was no doubt welcomed by the drivers of the double-decker buses that once had to negotiate passing one another. When I was a teenager we were on first name terms with the bus drivers!

I have witnessed many changes at our health centre too, as it has had to adapt to ever increasing population and demands, to benefit the health of our community.

Where would we be without the Co-op? The International Stores have long gone (and many more shops besides) but it must be a nightmare to stock such a range of produce. The Co-op is a chance to have a little chat too, and for some residents this is a vital part of their daily life. We hope that the newer shops will add to village life and the variety of goods available.

The community sports facilities keep our younger and older generations fitter. As many parents tackle the six weeks' holidays it gives the younger members of Linton somewhere to have fun

and perhaps enjoy learning a new sporting activity, giving parents security that their children are in a safe environment.

There are many topics related to what makes Linton what it is today; I have a lifetime of happy memories that I can share with friends and family. Perhaps taking an active role on the parish council will give me a chance to know our community better - even improve it.

A year on from joining the parish council, I have found it very enjoyable (although pretty daunting at first). I have completed three training sessions with CPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils), and have a vast folder of information and booklets to help me along the way. I am on the planning committee (a chance to use my practical knowledge of bricklaying and building) and as time goes on I dare say I will become involved in other areas.

From what I have seen so far, members are passionate about Linton and we all seem to be singing from the same hymn sheet to make our village a beautiful place to live. That doesn't mean to say that we always agree with each other, but debate is good and healthy in my book.

We all take things for granted at times but my own opinion is that I am fortunate to live in a wonderful village, where pretty much everyone appreciates what there is on offer. We might moan and groan a little bit, but there are people giving up so much of their own personal free time to try and make things better - and I am one of them!

If I can help with any issues that you may have, you can e-mail me at sallydew03@hotmail.co.uk or contact me via the parish clerk.

Cllr Sally Dew

## Allotments - the story so far

THOSE who have lived in Linton for some years will know that we once had allotments. Around 50 were rented from South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC), but in 1994 planning permission was granted for housing on the site - we gained Granta Leys but lost the allotments.

Since then, the parish council has made many attempts to find suitable land for allotments. Every landowner that we know has been contacted several times; the colleges, farmers, estates, all have been regularly asked if they would lease or sell land to us - all to no avail. We were close once when a suitable parcel of land on the village edge became available, but were outbid. You cannot say we have not tried - we really have! Land is one commodity they are just not making any more - especially in this area.

The parish plan of 2004 identified the need for allotments as a high priority. The SCDC outdoor play-space survey of 2005 confirmed the need for more recreational space. For the number of inhabitants, we actually have little land available for public use; many of the green areas around the village are privately owned, held by residents associations or other groups. We have the recreation ground, but no more sports areas - those at the village college belong to them, not the village. We also have Camping Close, still owned by the county council, but now protected from enclosure and development by registration as our village green. There are also small areas behind Granta Leys and at Paynes Meadow and Parsonage Way. That is about it - not much space for nearly 5,000 people.

In 2007 six residents requested the parish council to provide allotments. Under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act, if there



Access to proposed allotments and recreational space

Picture by Sue Parry

is sufficient demand for allotments, we are obliged to provide them. Consequently, the parish council was legally bound to assess the need for allotments, and this was advertised. Approximately 40 residents responded and we once more hunted for sites, again contacting all local landowners. One landowner responded but this had 'strings attached' including extensive housing and other development. We took advice from SCDC, but this resulted in a delay of 18 months and in the end proved fruitless.

By chance, in June 2009, we discovered that the owners of a strip of land on Back Road also owned the field leading up to Rivey Hill, and were willing to negotiate with us. It is this land

that we hope to acquire for allotments and a public open space. However, once land has been offered we are duty bound to follow it through. An officer from the planning department at SCDC made a site visit and gave a favourable report on its suitability.

The proposed site is to the rear of the houses in Back Road. Access for pedestrians and initial deliveries will be via the Icknield Way bridle path, as close as possible to the southern edge of the field; we will also need some disabled parking. It is anticipated that the lower area will be for allotment use, administered by the Linton Allotment Association. The higher section will be used as a public open space for general recreational use, walking, picnics, etc and be very similar in appearance to Gog Magog Down. We also hope to create a community orchard, and possibly a tree belt bordering the houses, to give added privacy. We are aware of the potential effect on neighbours, so we will do everything possible to minimise these, and make the scheme acceptable to all.

The biodiversity officer at SCDC supports this change of use, as 'the creation of the open space could provide exciting opportunities for habitat creation in the form of chalk grassland (on south facing slopes) backed by woodland to compliment nearby Rivey Wood.' We hope that the local wildlife will appreciate the area as much as the allotment holders and other residents of Linton.

However, we still have legal obstacles to overcome, finances to be found, and other practical problems to solve. In all of this, the owner has been very public-spirited and has given us our first realistic chance to provide allotments. A planning application has been submitted and we await the outcome.

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# Council minutes council minutes council minutes council minutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

**Present:** R Hickford (chairman), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, G Potter and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance together with three members of the public.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Champion, Cornell, Linsdell, Mannassi and Wilson.

**Declaration of interests from members:** Cllr Hickford declared a personal interest under the pavilion item.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June:** The chair confirmed that he had spoken with Mr Richardson who had clarified that the cricket club wished to level the river bank in order to erect a temporary cricket screen. Cllr Bald was concerned that root runs could be damaged. It was agreed that provided advice was sought from the environment agency and the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) tree officer the parish council had no objection to this work being carried out.

**Reports from co-ordinators:** Open spaces and environment: Cllr Bald reported that the community payback team had cut back the prickly bushes in Palmers Close. Cllr Cox reported that the community payback team would be undertaking supervised work on Saturdays in the churchyard.

**Cemetery:** Cllr Gee reported that several unattended graves required tidying. It was agreed to write to those responsible giving them seven days to cut the grass otherwise the council would undertake minimal work to make them tidy.

**Venture playground:** It was agreed that an unaccompanied inspection, risk assessment and Disability and Discrimination Act audit at a cost of £99 would be requested to be carried out quarterly by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

It was agreed to install an independent power source to enable the skate ramp to be lit as previously. This would require a new lamp post and an electricity feed from the pavilion. The skateboarders would be asked to help to dig a trench for a pipe to carry the new cabling. It would also be investigated if CCTV could be used on this post.

**Churchyard:** Cllr Cox reported that following the digging of a trench he had taken photographs of the footings of the original wall to prove to the conservation officer that this was a replacement and not a new build.

A1307, traffic and recreation ground parking: Cllr Batchelor had confirmed that, following the parish council's request, a low noise finish would be used when resurfacing on the A1307 took place.

**Consideration of local speed limit policy and the introduction of a 20mph limit in the High Street:** Discussion took place and the chair confirmed that he would write an article for the September edition of The Linton News to consult with residents about the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit in the High Street and/or any other areas of the village.

**Consideration of road improvements to include double yellow lines in Symond's Lane:** This would be delegated to the traffic working party.

**Consideration of draft plans for pavilion refurbishment/extension and submission of planning application:** Cllr Manley proposed that the draft plans be submitted to the planning authority. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the meeting.

**Written reports from council representatives:** Nichols Court lighting scheme meeting. It was agreed to ask Ray McMurray, SCDC planning officer to confirm that Nigel Pollard, lighting consultant, would be pressing for the following points and changes:

- That objections raised by Linton parish council should be implemented - the curfew amended to 22:00-07:00.
- That all outside lights on walls be motion sensitive.
- That internal motion timings be reduced to around 3-5 mins.
- That lights on public balconies be motion sensitive.
- That lights on private balconies continue to have individual switches.

That the overall scheme to be allowed to non-comply with ILE/CIE guidance (ULR to be 2.5% not 3.5%) provided internal lighting recommendations were met.

That conditioning to include internal lighting restrictions and reductions be legally enforceable.

That the lighting poles outside the development be amended, as advised by Nigel Pollard - discussions to be progressed with the county council but after lighting application approved/refused, so the actual situation is known within the site.

That conditioning would be enforced properly and speedily.

**Correspondence received for discussion and decision:** The county council had written regarding the street lighting private finance initiative project. It was agreed to respond that the parish council was content with the proposals. However some clarification was required on what was a 'standard' lantern, whether non polluting lanterns were available, if special lanterns for the conservation area were available and parish council input if it was considered there was too much lighting in certain areas.

Request from Castle Camps parish council for a funding contribution to Castle Camps youth club. It was agreed to respond that the parish council was currently funding Linton youth club and would be unable to support Castle Camps youth club too.

Mr J George had requested permission to use the recreation ground for training sessions. He had provided copies of his risk assessment and public liability insurance. It was agreed to grant permission and to remind Mr George of his responsibility to keep the area litter free.

A letter of complaint regarding the lack of fencing around Pocket Park had been received. Whilst the parish council were deeply saddened by the tragic accident they had no intention of fencing the area.

**Reports from councillors (for information only):** Cllr Bald reported that a survey of ancient trees in the parish would be taking place.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

**Present:** R Hickford (chairman), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district councillor J Batchelor and district councillor Mrs T Bear were in attendance together with three members of the public.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Cornell, Gee and Potter.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Cllr Bald confirmed that a meeting between the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) tree officer, the environment agency and Mr Richardson on behalf of the cricket club, had been arranged to discuss the levelling of the river bank.

Cllr Bald reported that a revision to the lighting scheme at Nichols Court had been received from SCDC. It did not quite reflect the discussions held at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June. A copy of what the parish council minuted as having been agreed would

be sent to SCDC for consideration.

**Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues:** Cllr Champion reiterated points from his report from the previous meeting that the police were continuing to monitor illegal parking outside the Co-op, anti social behaviour in the vicinity of the Dog and Duck, rowdy children in the vicinity of Chalklands and Paynes Meadow and speeding on A1307. They would also be considering the erection of a stop sign at the junction of Balsham Road and the High Street.

The chair reported that Locality was planning to undertake outreach work during the summer holidays and any hot spots experiencing anti-social behaviour could be targeted.

**Report from the county councillor:** Cllr Batchelor reported that customer standards in respect of highway faults were being extended. For example potholes would now be repaired within 14 days as opposed to seven. Planned maintenance such as drain cleaning would be abandoned and only undertaken when a blockage occurred. It was therefore important that any problem was reported to them as soon as possible.

A judicial review had been called due to the failure of the county council to consult on the proposed cuts to bus services. A review would take place in 2012 and therefore all services were safe until then.

**Reports from the district councillors:** Cllr Bear reported that SCDC had approved the installation of photovoltaic panels on their building. This would lower running costs by £14-£15.5k per year and reduce the carbon footprint. The district council were encouraging others to follow suit however no financial incentives were available. Cllr Batchelor reported that the district council planned to equip 550 council-owned homes. They were also trying to ease the restrictions relating to the installation of panels on listed buildings.

**Consideration of draft service level agreement for Linton youth club:** Discussion took place and it was agreed that the following should be included/amended: The parish council and Locality should meet at the end of each term to discuss performance and progress; weekly subs should increase by 50p to £1 per week; all children in receipt of free school meals should have free access; detailed accounts should be submitted each year detailing how the funding had been spent, and termly reporting of spending/saving of subs.

**Correspondence received for discussion and decision:** SCDC had issued details of grant funding opportunities. There were two opportunities, in August and February, to apply for grant funding for a number of projects. The current projects which could benefit were additional skate ramp and BMX facilities and the refurbishment of the pavilion. The planning application for the pavilion had not yet been submitted and no plans had been agreed for additional sports initiatives. It was therefore agreed to wait until later in the year when more information was known about which projects required financial help.

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge to protect outdoor recreational spaces was a new programme to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, led by its patron the Duke of Cambridge. It was a landmark project to create a permanent legacy from the two major events scheduled to occur in the UK in 2012; Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. The challenge would permanently protect a network of 2,012 outdoor recreational spaces by 2012 in communities across the UK - the Queen Elizabeth II Fields. It was agreed to look into nominating the recreation ground, as if successful future funding opportunities may be secured. Further information would be sought.

**Reports from councillors (for information only):** Cllr Bald requested that the traffic working party meet as soon as possible.

The clerk reported that at 7.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Karen Kenny from the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners would speak in the village hall. All welcome.

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