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TERRY BEAR: A LIFE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS



An official photo, his wife's favourite



Terry with Trisha and family in a more relaxed moment

DR TERRY BEAR, who had been the county councillor for the 11 villages centred on Linton since 1985, died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on 12th April after a period of increasing ill-health.

Terry was a hydrologist, who had worked in several continents before he and his wife Trisha, a nurse at Adden-brooke's, came to live in Emson's Close nearly 30 years ago.

For me, Terry was both a political colleague and a good friend. We first met through the village wine circle, one of his many interests in Linton, which also included the Music Society, for whom he did a number of administrative tasks, although his attempt to learn the piano as an adult was not a great success!

Soon after coming to Lin-

ton, Terry became active in the Community Council, then an important village organisation. One of his colleagues suggested to me that Terry would make an excellent county councillor, so I went to see him. It became clear immediately that Terry held the fundamental beliefs of Liberalism close to his heart, reflecting his Somerset childhood perhaps, where Liberalism always remained a strong force.

Within an hour he had joined the Liberal Party and agreed to stand for the County Council. He won, and held his seat with increasing majorities. In fact on most occasions he won far more votes than the other candidates put together.

Why was he so popular? The County Council has been party political for many years

and Terry played a major role in the life of the council at Shire Hall, but the main reason perhaps for his enduring popularity was his commitment to his villages. It was striking that you could be on the doorsteps of any of the smaller villages and meet people who enquired "how's Terry?" or asked you to give him their regards.

Because Terry did so much for Linton, it's easy to forget that he had 10 other villages to represent, and 10 sets of parish council meetings to attend. His lucid, and always non-partisan, reports to his parish councils were models of their type.

However the most time-consuming and, I am sure, for him the most important and rewarding part of being a county councillor was in dealing with "casework", the mul-

titude of problems which individuals bring to their elected representatives. Even during a period of ill-health in the first half of last year, from which he appeared to recover, and again this year until his health seriously deteriorated, Terry maintained his conscientious attention to all appeals for help.

Terry had a laugh which I can only describe as being full of chuckles. He showed great kindness to those around him. He never seemed to get angry or show ill-will to anyone, however demanding they might be. Even when ill he continued to worry about other people's problems. In saying goodbye to Terry, we are all of us saying goodbye to someone who dedicated most of his adult life to the service of others.

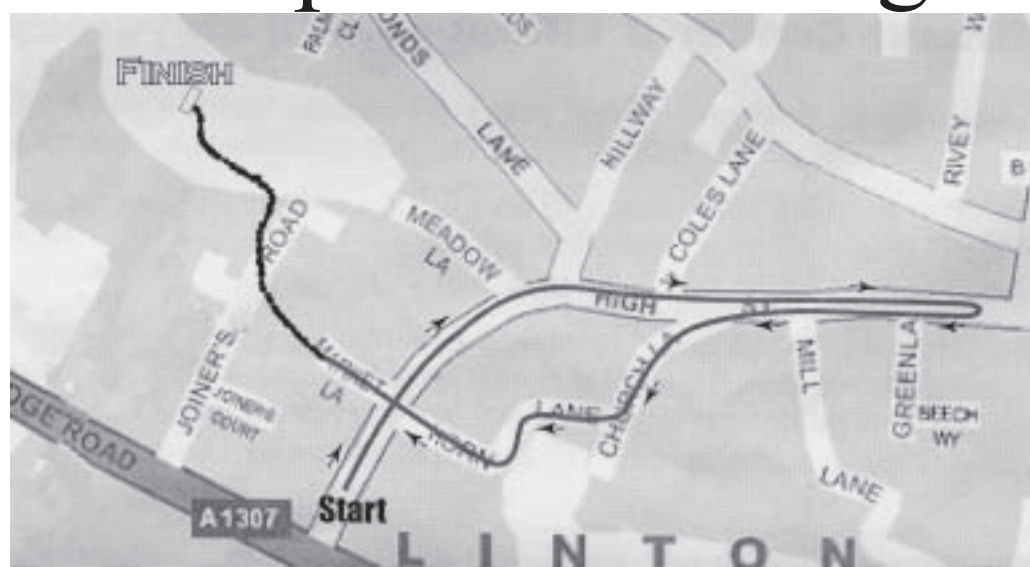
Joan Smith

Don't just stand there, put on a costume and push something

AFTER the phenomenal success of last year's Wacky Races event and due to popular demand, The Crown Inn is pleased to announce that the race will be held again this year.

Last year a staggering £4,500 was raised for Linton Charities by a group of eccentrics running around the village in strange costumes pushing prams, barrows or carts. This year we hope to do just as well. The benefiting charities will be Break-through Breast Cancer and the Linton Granta Playgroup.

The standard of cart customising last year was extraordinary with entries as diverse as Barney Rubble in a boulder mobile,



Penelope Pitstop, Men in Black and Bart and Lisa Simpson to name a few. Anyone who wants to join in the fun this year and help to raise money can get an entry and sponsorship form from The Crown. You must however, be

aged 18 or over. See page seven of this paper for details of the children's wackier race.

Go on, you know you want to rampage around the village on Sunday 29th May, starting at 3pm outside

The Crown Inn, in an old pram, trolley, bath, wheelbarrow or other transport don't you? : All water-pistol/ bombers beware... we know who you are!

For more information please contact: Joel Palmer 891759

LINTON DIARY

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

Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition. You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info

Weekly: Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays Village Hall
Weekly: Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays LVC
Weekly: Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays Village Hall
Weekly: Story Time, 2.15pm-2.45pm, Tuesdays Library
Weekly: IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays Cathodeon Centre
Weekly: Linton Radio Race Car Club, 6pm-10pm, Wednesdays VH
Weekly: Tots in Tow, 10am-11.30am Wednesdays in term time VH
Weekly: Rock Cafe, 1.30pm-3pm, Wednesdays in term time VH
Weekly: Little Acorns, 10am-11.30am, Thursdays VH
Weekly: Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays VH
Weekly: Bridge Club, 7pm, Fridays Cathodeon Centre
Weekly: Ladies' netball, 7pm-8.30pm, Mondays Sports Centre
Weekly: Tap-dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays VH

MAY

1 Three Counties Walk, 10am Bartlow Playing Field
1 Camera Club Awayday, 9.30am Coles Lane
3 WI, 7.30pm Village Hall
4 SCDC housing surgery, 1.30pm-6pm Village Hall
5 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm The Crown
5 Parish Council meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
7 Farmers' market, 10am LVC
7 Jumble Sale Chestnut Playgroup, 2pm Linton Fire Station
7 **Coffee morning/bring & buy for flower festival, 10.30am-12noon Richmonds, High Street**
7 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm The Crown
7/8 Open days, 2pm Newport Croquet Club
10 VIP, 2pm Chalklands Community Centre
10 Garden club outing, 6.15pm Village Hall
10 Fair for Asthma UK, 10am-4pm Chilford Hall
13 Junior disco, 6.30-8.30pm URC Hall
13 Community Theatre, 7.30pm Chilford Hall
14 Eastern Angles, 7.30pm LVC
14 Plant sale, 10am-12noon 3 Mill Lane
14 Bingo Night, 7.45pm for 8pm start Infants' School
15 Oxfam Walk Wimpole Hall
15 Parish Walk, 11.15am S' Mary's
17 Historical Society, 7.30pm Village Hall
18 AGM Friends of S' Mary's, 7.30pm S' Mary's
18 CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon Health Centre
18 SCDC housing surgery, 1.30pm-6pm Village Hall
19 AGM Parish Council, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
21 Music Society Catrin Finch, harp, 7.30pm LVC
29 Wacky Races, 3pm Starting at the Crown Inn

JUNE

1 ACE Garden party, 2-5pm 7 Symonds Lane
2 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm The Crown
2 Parish Council meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
4 Farmers' Market, 10am LVC
4 Dads and tots, 9.30-11am Village Hall
4 **Car wash and bric-a-brac sale, 2pm Linton Fire Station**
10-12 Flower festival Infants' School & S' Mary's
16 Parish Council meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
18 Car wash and bric-a-brac sale, 2pm Linton Fire Station
18 Summer Fete, 12noon Infants' School
18 Model railway exhibition, 10.30am-5pm LVC
18 Hadstock village Fete, Village green, Hadstock

Refuse collection: 3rd, 16th, 31st.

Recycling collection: 9th, 23rd.

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.

Disco for under-teens

ALL youngsters aged seven to 11 are invited to a Disco which is being held at the United Reformed church hall, Horn Lane from 6.30-8.30pm on Friday 13th May.

Linton guides Natasha Taylor, Izzy Speller, Emily Jacob and Natalie Fletcher are keen to welcome everyone to a non-stop action Disco to raise money for their trip to Holland in August.

Disco tickets are available in advance or at the door.

Come, bring a friend and celebrate Friday the thirteenth.

For more information please contact:

Kate France, 891602

Car wash and bric-a-brac sale

WHY not make time to relax with a hot drink and admire the efforts of someone else cleaning your car - or perhaps you could check out the bric-a-brac?

A special invitation is extended to all car drivers to take a break by driving to the Fire Station on Saturday mornings 4th and 18th June between 10 am and 2pm where a team of senior guides, leaders, firemen and a fire lady will be ready with hose, shampoo and elbow grease to give your limousine a treat.

For more information please contact:

Kate France, 891602

FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

by TONY SMITH

UNLESS you have been out of the country over the last month, you may have heard that we are all being asked to vote on the 5th May. We have had the usual baby kissing, name-calling and promises, but I get the impression that there seems to be a hint of desperation in the tone of politicians because of the falling number of people who are actually going to turn out and make their crosses. The 'Don't give a monkey's party, holding 40.6% of the votes in the 2001 election look like increasing their lead to over 50% this time and we, the people who choose who will speak for us, will get the blame for not caring once again. Well, over last year and this I have been writing to the major players to see what plans they have for the elderly and disabled. Every single one has a manifesto offering pensioners various carrots, but only one has promised to expand the winter fuel allowance in order that mobility impaired disabled people can enjoy a little more towards their fuel bills. The other parties would really like to see us all out to work and ignore the ones that can't. It is no wonder that a great number of the 14 million disabled people in this country have made the decision not to vote at all.

I have had to scale back the things I try to do, as I have just had another visit to hospital and feel rather poorly at the moment; the weather is definitely not helping. Andy has had to cover up my little smoke tree that we planted in April because of a cold snap one evening which also managed to see off all the beautiful magnolia flowers around the village. It followed closely behind one uncharacteristically warm April day when I could hobble around my garden without several layers of clothing hampering my feeble attempts to tidy it up, and I ended up sitting on a chair watching Sue do all the work I should really have been doing. It's not easy being me sometimes.

On one of my very few ventures out last month, Den Moore stopped and told me that his daughter has a bone to pick with me. My weather reports in the Linton News, it transpires, are apparently sorely missed by the two people who read my monthly ramblings and I apologise profusely but blame my lack of prediction on the earthquakes and tsunami experienced in other parts of the world. I believe that events that happen thousands of miles away also have an effect on our weather, and I have felt for many months now that our weather is likely to change to being extremes rather than a stable climate. Sudden unexpected spells of cold, hot, windy and stormy weather will become the norm, and here in the east we will find ourselves experiencing out of character and unpredictable changes to what we have known and enjoyed before. It doesn't make amateur or professional weather forecasting easy as you may have noticed, so I think I'll pass on trying for now.

One thing I can still do is learn and I spend most days looking around the Internet where recently a couple of discussions really made me laugh. A man was asking how he could obtain a really cheap reversing sensor for his car, and after several replies suggesting manufacturers and places he could try, up popped a piece of advice from a wag which was guaranteed to work for every vehicle, and very cheaply, too. He was told to tie two balloons to the rear bumper of his car, and when they went BANG to stop immediately! The other priceless announcement was the proclamation, 'free plasma screens'. When I clicked on the link, it went to a blood donor website, and the moral of the story? Nothing on the Internet is ever what it seems, and it doesn't matter how smart we think we are, someone, somewhere, will always be smarter.

Please take care of one another and yourselves, and I'll see you all next month.

What an earful!

THERE was no need to introduce the speaker at last month's gardening club meeting as Garth Collard was repeating the talk on Linton flower festivals from bygone days which was first given at last summer's church flower festival. This time he played to a large audience, some of whom made use of the hearing loop for the first time. This was pronounced a great boon as Garth successfully mastered the new microphone.

The collection of lovely old photos and posters recreated the history of these festivals which had replaced the pedlars' and the lamb fairs, formerly gathering places for the more disreputable citizens. An act of parliament had allowed the abolition of these fairs and as compensation for the loss of this relaxation for the poorer classes, the vicar established the first vegetable and flower show on 31st July 1877. Of course, the church benefited from the profits for much-needed renovation work.

Ornately decorated wooden arches erected at both ends of the High Street welcomed locals and the many visitors who came by train to the show, held in what is now D' Bertram's garden.

Allotments, vegetables and flowers were judged including a children's competition for wild flowers, bands played and later in the day races were held on the recreation ground.

At first only males were allowed to show off their sporting prowess, but later the ladies were included and in 1883 a race was introduced for old women. Not surprisingly there was only one entry!

That was the last talk of the season, but on 10th May there will be an evening outing to Netherhall Manor in Soham. Please meet at 6.15pm outside the village hall; a few car drivers will be very welcome.

We hope to see everyone at the plant sale from 10am - 12 noon on Saturday 14th May. Donations of plants, cakes and other produce will be welcome at 3 Mill Lane from 5pm on the Friday evening.

Gloria Fidler 891800

101 dogs get the summons for a charity walk to raise £6,000



Dog-tired: "Walking" may take any form for lazy pets

DOG-loving Bartlow has turned to its favourite animals to spearhead its latest charity initiative.

Villagers are aiming to rally 101 dogs and their families for the 2005 Three Counties Charity Walk on Sunday 1st May, which is to be led by Lady Mary Archer.

With a target of £6,000 to be raised, which will be shared equally between

Addenbrooke's breast cancer unit and Bartlow church restoration fund, the walk will follow a picturesque route from Bartlow to the meeting point of the three counties: Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.

This special event will have attractions for the whole family and will include a special invitation to dogs as well as competitions for children.

The walk will be launched by Lady Archer at 10am (registration will be from 9am on the day at the playing field in Bartlow village)

Refreshments will be available for both walkers and their dogs.

For sponsorship forms and more information, please visit the offices of Friends of Addenbrooke's or call: 894979



Taking the biscuit: Refreshments are also available for dogs

K-CLUB WINNERS

THE winners of the April K-Club monthly draw:
1st prize (£50)
Tom Albrow (No.102)
2nd prize (£25)
Beate McCall (No. 320)
3rd prize (£10)
Claire Whiffen (No.225).

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Lots of laughter and a history lesson from Down Under

LAUGHTER may not be what we usually associate with annual meetings but our Linton WI certainly had plenty at theirs.

Sally Kingman from the Federation office first did her duty presiding over the election of the general committee and the president for the forthcoming year. Mrs Tricia Lewis agreed to carry on as president, while one member resigned from committee, and two new members joined.

After this, Sally caused much amusement retelling some real life experiences. This was followed with a short entertainment by five members, which also caused much laughter.

Business went through smoothly

including the draw for the Denman bursary which was won by Dawn Scott. A member, who wishes to be anonymous, has given the Institute the new silver President's Badge which will be worn by our president from now on with sincere and grateful thanks.

Information was circulated regarding the group meeting at Hildersham on 26th May and the spring council meeting to be held at West Road, Cambridge on 16th May.

The trip to Birmingham on 3rd August is almost full but to get one of the last seats, please contact Joan Pearman, 890746.

The next meeting, on Tuesday 3rd May in the village hall at 7.30pm, will be a "resolutions meeting".

Clare Neville

THE Hildersham WI March meeting started with the AGM. A special thank you went to retiring committee members Pauline Franklin and Gillian Anderson. Both have the line dancing bug and have progressed to the next class, so they need more time to practise, but they will remain as members.

Marion Becket was presented with a flower arrangement along with our best wishes to celebrate her birthday.

The evening continued with Murial Crampin transporting us from Hildersham to Australia with a fascinating talk on the foundation of Australia's history. It began when a portion of land split from

Africa along with some of its fauna and flora. The first and only inhabitants were the aborigines 60,000 years ago, until James Cook and Joseph Banks founded New South Wales and Botany Bay.

In 1787, the first ship, loaded with minor criminals, sailed from England - a total of 739 adults and 13 children. The oldest was a woman aged 82, the youngest a baby born aboard ship. With the introduction of the merino sheep for their long fleece, wool developed into a very prosperous industry for Australia.

The vote of thanks was given by Diana Arkwright and refreshments were then served - Australian style.

Pamela Parris

An ACE trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

LINTON ACEs went for a L coach trip around the Cambridgeshire countryside on 14th April.

The weather was seasonally changeable, but was brightened by the commentary of the driver who pointed out homes of famous people and places of interest. We then went on to the Fitzwilliam Museum, with plenty of time for lunch and exploration of the exhibits - some were explored in a little more detail than usual and their contours much appreciated.

The Macclesfield Psalter was only available on computer (with a useful zoom not present on the original) but the rest was all ours. The museum has recently been extended, and is well worth a revisit.

The next event will be a garden party at my house, 7 Symonds Lane, on 1st June, weather permitting. There will be strawberries (if they are ripe by that time) and cream, cake and scones if not. A raffle and tombola stall are planned. Watch out for posters for details. Lifts are available if needed.

Enid Bald 891069

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"Mum, can I go and follow this map?" I asked her. "Of course you can," she replied. I walked out into the lane with only a few sugar lumps and the map.

I followed 10 or 11 clues until I reached a large moor and in the distance I could hear the

THIS month we publish the final entry in our creative writing award for Year 6 pupils at Linton Heights school. This highly commended story was written by Hannah Filby and is an intriguing tale about a herd of wild horses in the New Forest.

lost horses whinnying. I got so excited at this I almost fell off the hillside!

I followed the noises to an oak tree where underneath the great branches were the forest's lost horses, one of which seemed to be smoke ... I thought that this was odd.

Questions filled my head; one was why would a horse be made of smoke? As this thought ran through my head, I went closer and closer. It was smoke, pure smoke!

I reached out to touch the smoke horse thinking my hand would go straight through.

I gently put my hand on its slender back, to my surprise my hand stayed absolutely still. Then it happened ... the horse turned around and reared.

With a flick of its mane, the whole herd was gone and I was left with only the memory of when I was with those horses and the horse of smoke.

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John Mansfield

Coffee morning

ON Saturday 7th May, there will be a coffee morning at Richmonds, 65 High Street from 10.30am to 12 noon. All are welcome and there will be 'Bring and Buy' and plant stalls. Proceeds will go towards flowers for the Flower Festival on 10th to 12th June.

Margaret Cox 891231

Prince Charles's Royal Harpist tunes up for Linton



THE Prince of Wales's Royal Harpist, Catrin Finch, will star in the Linton Music Society's final recital of the season at the Linton

Village College on Saturday, 21st May at 7.30pm. Catrin so impressed Prince Charles when she played at his 50th birthday celebrations at Buckingham Palace that, after a break of many years, he re-

vived the post of Royal Harpist for her.

The Music Week magazine has described her as "a genuinely uninhibited, adventurous player, her work being full of character and no little grace".

Her recital will include Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*, Paul Patterson's *Bugs!!* and 19th and 20th century Spanish music.

Catrin has done much to put the harp on the musical map so be sure not to miss her visit to Linton. Tickets at the door or from:

Cambridge Arts Theatre
Box Office 503333.

Dancing shoes

LEARNED to tap dance in your youth and would love to start again? Would love to learn but have never done it before? You will be welcome at the new tap dancing classes at the village hall on Fridays from 7.15-8pm. For more information please contact:

Esme 07719 816548

PHIL - read and phone please

Phil - Having seen that gardening programme on the box, we must have missed your (and don't forget!) phone Bannold's talky and get them to send us their (free) brochure for this weekend. I have written their free-call number below. I'm told there are fantastic tones, and of stuff we just must see!

Sarah xxx

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A double helping of theatre comes to Linton

The lifeboat never turns back

'A gem of a show' based on the work of Dylan Thomas



Peter Stickney, Andy Wisner, David Redgrave and Angela Ward in a scene from *Beyond the Breakers*

Pictures by Mike Kwasniak

EASTERN Angles, the region's premier touring theatre company, will return to Linton Village College on Saturday 14th May with their latest production, *Beyond the Breakers*, a documentary drama, edited, written and directed by Ivan Cutting.

The rescues, the rivalries, and the real stories of the crews and coxswains of the north Norfolk lifeboats are told in thrilling theatrical style with the unique imaginative resources that have become the hallmark of Eastern Angles.

One lifeboatman, called Hangdog, says: "When I was

made coxswain, old "Shrimp" Davies at Cromer, he sent for me. He said, "Now, I ain't got to tell you your job. Just one word of advice: if it's a really rough night and you get a call on the Happisburgh sands, don't go on in the dark. Just hang about, wait for daylight. If you go on in the dark, you won't come off."

Hangdog is a lifeboat-man of the old school and an even older fishing family. In his day they fought hard for their place in the crew, weathered storms, sands and sea in their mission to save lives, and never turned back. Now his own nephew,

Denny, also a fisherman, is questioning his role in the boat.

Jimbo helms an inshore lifeboat and struggles to train a crew in the face of new technology, safety restrictions, and an explosion in people who don't know the sea well enough to be afraid of it.

Tickets are available from Community Education at the village college tel. 892400, Small Gifts, 61 High Street, 894225 or at the door.

For further details please contact:

Gordon Cummings, Linton Arts Forum 892108 or 07798 850228

FOR one night only, the critically acclaimed play, *Reminiscences of Childhood*, by Adrian Metcalfe and Jason McCreight will be performed at The Great Hall, Chilford Hall Vineyard, Linton on 13th May.

Adapted from works by Dylan Thomas (writer of *Under Milk Wood*), *The Stage* described it as 'a gem of a show' and *The Independent* said that 'Dylan Thomas has never seemed so alive.'

Co-writer and performer, Adrian Metcalfe, says: "I performed in Saffron Walden last year in *Henry V* at the High School and everyone kept asking when I was bringing my show to the area. I thought, I can't pass up an invitation like that!"

Having just finished a performance in *Romeo and Juliet* in the West End, Adrian's first ever professional role coincidentally was in a production of *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas directed by Sir Anthony Hopkins.

All the profits of the evening will go to Shake-a-Leg Community Theatre Project based in Saffron Walden which works with amateur and professional actors.

Adrian says: "The Shake-A-Leg company believes that anyone should be able to get involved in really high quality theatre, not just professionals. I think they do amazing work



Adrian Metcalfe, co-writer and performer

and am happy to support them."

Tickets, which include a Buffet Supper, are available from the box office: 01799 521211

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Final reminder of Oxfam walk

THIS year's Oxfam Walk will take place on Sunday 15th May on the Wimpole Estate.

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Bamboozled: Episode 3 of our diary from India



Gary takes a break from the workshop sessions with some young friends

THE first day of the bamboo workshop started with a conference in a Red Cross building in the centre of Kohima. As we took our seats I noticed that several soldiers armed with large semi-automatic weapons guarded the room. This did little to help us relax into our new surroundings!

The conference was fronted by three Nagaland officials and Simón Vélez. The Nagaland representatives consisted of a chief minister, the director of industries and some other bigwigs.

The Naga boys started the show and kept saying how nice it was to have people from all over the world attending their conference. Each time they said this they looked in my direction as, apart from Vélez and another girl, also from Colombia, I was the only person from outside India.

Eventually it was Vélez's turn. With the help of Pradeesh, his Indian assistant, and an overhead projector he gave us a visual tour of some of his bamboo structures, and in spite of his natural arrogance I had to admit they were pretty impressive.

Following the presentation

THIS is the third extract from the emails of Linton voluntary worker Gary Dixon who is spending a year at a children's orphanage in Chennai, India

we were given tea and biscuits and then taken back to the 4x4s to be transported to the workshop site.

The workshop practical area was situated in the Kohima Botanical Gardens, which are cut into the side of a mountain overlooking the town and are quite magnificent.

We met some of the local bamboo workers who were going to assist us during the week and were then taken to a clearing about the size of two tennis courts. There were three huts along the outside with tables and benches inside and a large open sided building at one end. Around the outside of the clearing were large stacks of bamboo in various sizes. This would be our primary building material.

We then sat around in a big circle whilst Vélez showed us a fish-mouth joint at 90° with concrete and metal rod rein-

forcement. He then drew a couple of rough sketches on a white board before sitting back to let the local workers demonstrate.

He would occasionally tell them to stop what they were doing and do it his way - after a brief discussion the workers would continue working in exactly the same way as they had been doing before being interrupted. Eventually the joint was finished and lunch was served.

There were five attractive young Naga girls, armed with ladles, ready to serve us from what must have been at least a dozen different large silver dishes. Lunchtime, I came to realise, was my favourite part of the day as the food they served was like Michael Chang's Chinese food from the Jade Fountain in Sawston.

After gorging ourselves we spent the afternoon mingling and getting to know each other.

Meanwhile, Simón Vélez took himself off into one of the huts to make a model of the structure we were to build the next day and eventually, as darkness began to fall, we headed back to our respective hotels.

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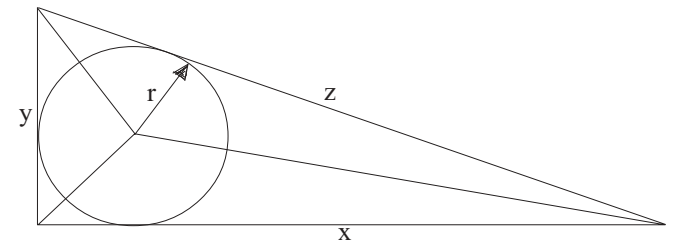
THE Royal Mint decided to produce a new note with a strange proviso. The note was to have the characteristic that the product of its divisors is 331776 and the sum of divisors is 60. What will be the value of the new note?

To give an example, consider the £10 note having the divisors 1, 2, 5, & 10 whose divisor sum, $1 + 2 + 5 + 10 = 18$ and product, $1 \times 2 \times 5 \times 10 = 100$.

The solution may be found using basic number theory, rather than heuristic methods (trial and error). Try a few simple examples such as, 5, 8, 11 say. A pattern should emerge.

Solution to No.4 – The lamb of Tartary

As two sides of the field form a right angle, then the other side must be $\sqrt{(100 + 240)}$ metres. i.e.260 m.



The lamb sweeps a circle of radius, r, such that it touches all three sides of the triangular field, we have sides x, y and z (240m, 100m, 260m respectively) which make three triangles whose apexes meet at the centre of the circle where the poor lamb is tied.

The area of a triangle is half x base x height. The area of the field must equal the sum of the three internal triangles.

Thus $\frac{1}{2} x y = \frac{1}{2} r x + \frac{1}{2} r y + \frac{1}{2} r z$.

Hence, $r = x y / (x + y + z)$ and substituting for sides x, y, z gives $r = 40$ m and the diameter is 80m.

The centre of the lamb's circle is 40m along from the right angle corner in both x and y direction. Urania

Blooming wonderful

THIS year sees the continuing growth of the traditional Flower Festival into much more of a village affair.

The wonderful flower displays will be in the S' Mary's church over the whole weekend and many craft and gift stalls will be set up in the Infants' School and, weather permitting, various concerts will be held and bands performing in the playing fields.

Come and support your team in the mighty tug o' war contest – beer tent available for those who need reviving!

The famous ducks are already in training for their race.

A detailed timetable of events will be published nearer the actual date.

Please bring along your family and friends and support your Flower Festival and fete from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June.

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One of the beautiful arrangements from last year's Flower Festival

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Spring brings baby boom at the zoo



Wide-eyed and standing tall: The Turkmenian eagle owlets, left, get ready to face the public while, right, the marabou storks wait for their eggs to hatch. Below, Tela the baby tapir checks her food bucket for any trace of leftovers



HAVING had a fantastic breeding season last year with some interesting and very notable births and hatchings, we are now all looking forward to the new season ahead. This is always an exciting time for the keepers as most of the zoo babies arrive in spring and summer.

At the moment, the zoo is a hive of activity: many of the birds are busy nest building and preparing for their families, two of the Sulcata giant tortoises have laid their eggs and some of the new babies have already arrived.

Tela the tapir calf born on 3rd January is growing fast. Visitors are able to get a closer look at her and find out all about these fascinating rainforest creatures at the tapir feed and keeper talk at the weekends and during the school holidays. Tela is quite playful and if the keepers don't watch closely she makes off with tools and equipment. She especially likes the food buckets.

Other new babies are Turkmenian eagle owlets,

white-collared lemur twins and a Parma wallaby joey. We have two pairs of marabou storks which have been displaying and nest-building. Matilda laid her first egg on 4th April. Unfortunately the rest of the marabou group were so excited about the event that the egg was accidentally broken. Two more eggs have since been laid and if these are successful, we think this may be the first British breeding of this species.

The animal sponsorship scheme has been very popular over the past year, especially as wedding, anniversary, Valentine, Christmas and birthday gifts.

Our hand-reared Southern ground hornbill loves to interact with visitors and has obviously made quite an impression as she is the most sponsored animal at the zoo. In second place are the giant tortoises followed by the snow leopards and Becky the barn owl.

Kim Simmons 891308



Your chance to look, listen and learn all about our new arrivals

THIS fascinating time of year at the zoo is a fantastic opportunity for seeing and finding out all about the new arrivals.

The zoo runs a full programme of keeper talks and activities planned for the weekends and school holidays.

Some of the talks can also be booked for educational school visits. Contact the zoo

office for details on 891308.

Find out much more about some of our smaller creatures such as snakes and spiders which are generally misunderstood and disliked.

You can also meet and discover all about tarantulas, giant millipedes and giant landsnails, stick insects, hissing cockroaches, snakes, frogs and lizards.

At the beginning of the last century, there were about 100,000 tigers in the wild; today we have fewer than 5,000. Find out why and what we are doing to help save this magnificent creature at the tiger conservation talk.

A chance to find out more about tapirs, these strange prehistoric looking creatures, comes when our tapir family

including baby Tela have their lunch, usually at 12 noon.

Different birds are flown free each day. This will be your chance to get close to some of our owls, to the comical caracara and to watch the speed and flying skills of falcons.

It also provides an excellent opportunity for keen photographers. However, the displays depend very much on the

weather, so check before you come.

Tortoises, terrapins and turtles first appeared on our planet about 250 million years ago and have survived to the present day, only to be driven close to extinction by human activity.

For the first time this year, you can find out all about the tortoises and terrapins at Linton Zoo. There is usually a chance to

get a close look at some of our giants and you may have a glimpse of some of the illegally imported animals we take care of after seizure by Customs. Find out what we are doing to help these incredible creatures.

Check the zoo's website www.lintonzoo.com for an up-to-date schedule of all the activities and times.

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Reflecting over an awayday on wheels

WHEN I heard talk about camera club awaydays, I thought it sounded boring for someone of my age, a teenager, as I thought that there was only so much scenery that you could take pictures of. So when I heard about a visit to Marshalls car showrooms, I thought I would ask to tag along and found that I really enjoyed it.

We took photos of cars from Jaguar, Mitsubishi and more, including my favourite, MG Rover. It did get a bit difficult sometimes as the bodywork on the cars was so shiny that you ended up taking pictures of yourself!

While we were there, it was a bad day for the salesmen because there were more camera club members than customers. Although I thought I was going to be the youngest there, another member brought his daughter with him and she was even the subject of some photos.

The weather kept good throughout the day and the flags were flying strongly. There was even a helicopter training school in progress across the road at the airfield. Taking photos of scenery isn't my cup of tea but if a subject that I am interested in appears, then I might pick up my camera and go again.

The next camera club awayday is on 1st May when members will be travelling to the Royal Gunpowder Mills at Waltham Abbey in Essex. As usual, we will meet in the car park in Coles Lane at 9.30am. For more information about the Linton Camera Club, visit the website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk.

Steve Wilson

Junior wacky races

THIS year we will be holding a children's Wacky Race after the main adult race, which takes place on Sunday 29th May.

The children's event will be held on the recreation ground at 4pm for under 11s and under 15s and will be a single lap over a marked course around the meadow.

It will include many of the fun and games from the adult race - fancy dress, drink stops, and of course a water feature.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning pair in both age groups and for the best decorated barrow.

The entry fee will go into the main event funds. For more details or to enter, please contact:

Robin Williams 890813



Starting young: Josie Smith, daughter of a camera club members, practises her skills

Picture by Mike Croft

Worldwide society that was started by a wife and mother in 1876

LINTON'S St Mary's Church has a Mothers' Union group. This article aims to tell you a little about the MU, its origins, its work and what our local branch members get up to.

It is a worldwide society whose aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. The purpose of the MU is to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Its five objects are to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding, to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church, to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service, to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children and to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

The MU was started by Mary Sumner, a rector's wife, in a village near Winchester in 1876. Becoming a mother made her aware of how little preparation and support women received for motherhood.

Also, she believed that the solution to many of society's problems lay in the nurturing of the next generation. She invited local mothers from all backgrounds to meet together. Prayer and

practical action were at the heart of this union of mothers. By the 1890s, the MU had developed into an international body with branches springing up throughout the British Empire.

Worldwide, the MU has more than a million members, who run projects and activities to encourage and support families in everyday life in every country where there are members. These activities include parenting groups, holidays for families under stress, help for prisoners' families, drug awareness initiatives and literacy and self-help projects in developing countries.

The union is involved in campaigning and lobbying on world issues, such as parental rights, international debt relief and child poverty, and works in partnership with organisations such as PLAN International, Hope UK and the United Nations.

Membership of the MU is open to those who believe in the importance of family life. Men and women, married and unmarried, parent or not can all join the MU if they have been baptised and agree with the aims and objects. There is an annual subscription of £12.50 which goes directly to MU projects.

The Linton group MU usually meets on the third Monday of each month at 8pm at various venues, and there are currently 32 enrolled members. Being a member offers all kinds of

opportunities for getting involved in various projects, events and activities. The MU is always present and active at major church events such as the flower festival, the Christmas bazaar and the Christingle service. Yearly toy sales continue to be a successful fundraiser for MU funds both here and overseas.

Last year's programme was varied, stimulating and thought-provoking with a distinct international flavour. For example, we had talks on one member's experience of living in Germany, a church member's work with Romanian orphans and a priest's work in the church in the Pacific islands.

This year began with members bringing a favourite book or piece of music to recommend to the group and in February we had an excellent presentation from a member of the congregation about her daughter's experience of life in Indonesia with the VSO. In March there was a Lent Meditation in the Resurrection chapel and at our most recent meeting we had a talk on the life and work of Florence Nightingale. The May meeting will feature a demonstration of church flower arranging.

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THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

BY the time you read this we will almost have a new government in power and I am not going to guess which party it will be! We can rely on the fact though, that education will serve its time honoured role of being the popular political football.

The reasons for this are simple of course. Children and their schools are highly significant concerns for most of the population of this country and we all have a view about how things are and how they could be better. Usually politicians take a pretty simplistic approach though, because they don't really understand the issues – but they do know a good sound bite when they hear one.

One of the more popular sound bites of the last few weeks from all sides has concerned behaviour in schools. This is a very real issue in some of our schools and is probably getting worse. Of course there will always be a minority of children in any school which, for whatever reason, behaves inappropriately and in some schools, often in our large cities, this has become a very serious problem. The politicians recognise this and see the opportunity to increase their popularity by having the solution – to give heads more power to remove the disruptive individuals. Simple as that!

I use this as an example of why we have to be cautious in our judgements. Heads have always had the power to remove these young people via various routes and the number of times their decisions have been reversed by appeal panels is very small. A more significant response to this 'answer' though concerns what happens after the disrupter has left the school. Where exactly do they go and how will they be persuaded to mend their ways. If we simply wash our hands of them they will come back to bite us through rising petty crime, social disturbance and anti-social behaviour.

At least in the weeks well before the election, the government, local authorities and schools were engaged in important debates about how we serve the needs of all young people, especially those at risk of behaving badly and being excluded from schools. As things settle down I believe the good sense of those debates will prevail whoever is in government and we will see the need to care for the social and developmental needs of all children and families as the joint responsibility of schools, health and social services.

Only by working together do we have the chance to tackle the problems that occur occasionally in our own community and frequently in others.

Clive Bush

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/0550/05/CM Cambridgeshire County Council, **Linton Village College, Cambridge Road Linton.** Proposed netball / tennis courts with floodlighting.
- S/0561/05/F Mr & Mrs B Bonney, **Tosca Cottage, 28 Horseheath Road, Linton.** Garage/store.
- S/0616/05/RM Bennett PLC, **Land north of The Beeches, 21 Green Lane, Linton.** 4 bungalows.
- S/0681/05/F Mr & Mrs R A Powell, **The Old Manor House, Green Lane, Linton.** Erection of double garage following demolition of existing garage.
- S/0731/05/F Mr Hallam, **3A The Grip, Linton.** Conservatory.
- S/0742/05/F Mr & Mrs N S Wright, **5 Hollybush Way, Linton.** Fence.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

1865 - and Linton's bells ring out to welcome the railway

THE growing traffic problems on the A1307 have led to many people voicing the opinion that it was a mistake to close the Stour Valley Railway Line in 1967. There were once up to six trains a day connecting Linton to Cambridge, and the journey was completed in under 25 minutes. Trains from Linton arrived in Haverhill within 18 minutes and Bartlow was just over five minutes away. From Bartlow Junction a branch line connected the Stour Valley to Saffron Walden and Audley End, opening up easy access to London. Imagine how convenient these railway links would be today.

The railway reached Cambridge in 1845 and most local people imagined that the link to Colchester would quickly follow. Yet twenty long years were to pass by before the Stour Valley section of that route was finally completed. Money was tight and the steep gradient from Bartlow to Haverhill presented the railway engineers with serious technical problems.

However, by 1860 the Great Eastern Railway finally approved the line and the Linton to Shelford section was opened to general traffic on 1st June 1865. The Cambridge Chronicle reported the opening of the railway, "There was much merrymaking in the quiet town of Linton. Business was suspended and the church bells sent forth a peal testifying the joy of the inhabitants. The Bartlow Hills were literally alive and many a hearty cheer was given for the success of the line which was associated with the names of Brassey and Company, the eminent railway contractors.

In October 1866 an extension from Bartlow to Audley

End was opened, linking the Stour Valley settlements to the



Linton railway station in August 1911

main London line. The construction of the railway led to the demolition of some Linton cottages close to where the railway embank-

ment crossed the Hadstock Road.

Two railway bridges were built in the village, one across the Hadstock Road and the other over the track leading to Catley Park Farm. Linton station became the centre of village activity and trade. Myhill & Sons and Coote & Warren established their coal depots here, local butchers brought livestock from the Cambridge market and builders used the railway to convey the fashionable yellowish Cambridge brick to reface or replace existing Linton properties.



August 1918

In September 1866 more than 170 adults and children

made their first ever journey to the seaside at Harwich. In 1909 the church choir were ecstatic because they had been allowed to view "HMS Superb", one of only three Dreadnought battleships in the British fleet. Over 150 warships were present at the review of the fleet off Southend.

During the 1920s and 1930s the railway system suffered from a chronic lack of investment and rolling stock was rarely replaced. The ravages of the second world war and post war shortages accentuated the decline of the railways. Rival forms of transport reduced profitability and the closure of uneconomic branch lines began in earnest.

All still seemed well with our local line in 1951 when Linton travellers were able to visit the Festival of Britain exhibition in London for a return fare of 53 pence, and travel to Cambridge for only eight pence return. However, the Stour Valley line was losing over £26,000 a year by the early 1960s and the infamous Doctor Beeching brought down his famous "axe" in 1967.

The last passenger train ran from Sudbury to Cambridge on 4th March. The station building is still largely intact but all the rails are long gone, and the Hadstock Road bridge was demolished in April, 1971.



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Parish Council Matters

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.



THIS year has seen many changes in Linton and the start of work that will have an impact on the village in years to come. Linton is a special village and LPC works hard to maintain its character whilst allowing it to respond to the needs of modern life. We might not always be successful, but we do try!

After last year, we had hoped to have a quiet time, but life on LPC has again proved eventful. I will summarise the main areas of our involvement during the year:

1. As part of working towards QPC status, a page with minutes of meetings, updates articles, and information goes out with the Linton News. (I will just apologise now for my articles – I am leaving that to the dog in future...) We are now working on the LPC website which should bring you information more rapidly, in greater depth and with scope for your input. Your comments on our work and suggestions for improving it are most helpful.

2. As ever, Traffic problems feature highly in village life. LPC and its Traffic Working Party work closely with Linton Steering Group, Access A1307, Pavements for People, CCC and our MP, James Paice.

We now have interactive speed signs on the A1307, and the



A1307 Interactive Sign

Safer Routes to School scheme is proceeding well. We continue to press for a roundabout at Bartlow Crossroads, our disability access and safety scheme, traffic lights at the High Street/A1307 junction, and other safety measures.

The traffic aspects of the developments at the LVC site will impact heavily on village life. We felt that our views had not been given due consideration when the plans were finalised. Also, we suggested an alternative scheme to address the problems at Dalehead Foods, Camgrain and Little Linton – we still await a suitable re-

sponse. The A1307 in this area was the subject of a route study resulting in a computer model of traffic flow. We are currently questioning apparent anomalies in the predicted effects of various traffic control options, and knock-on effects not shown in the models.

Then we have the trial one-way system, now in effect. This has been discussed for so many years and featured heavily in the Parish Plan. We have theorised about the potential benefit and problems and now we have the chance to test the system.

The collaboration of the traffic groups, in conjunction with the PP results and your views gives Linton a part in decisions, although we feel our voice should be heeded much more

3. Planning issues can be very contentious. We now have affordable housing on Back Road, ensured to be kept for renting to Linton people. A Papworth house and 4 new bungalows have been built on Flaxfields; plans for the extra care homes are still awaited. Hundred Housing plans to develop land next to Paynes Meadow. Many local residents and LPC were involved early in the design of this area and our views have been heeded. If

the SEN school and changes at the LVC site, but it seems that the plans were decided long before we could have effective input. In particular, LPC saw the possibility of extending the recreation area available to the village – best use was not being made of available land adjacent to LVC. Although we did not succeed in our plans for this area, which involved much work and some input of parish funds, our actions did make the developers re-assess their scheme. As a result more playing fields and recreation areas are being created.

We will continue to comment on plans, using our local knowledge, to try to ensure any developments are appropriate for local needs and are to the benefit of Linton.



Paynes Meadow Phase 2

only all developers did the same, it would prevent much dissatisfaction, could result in better design and help meet local needs.

We vigorously opposed many aspects of the plans for

our policeman

5. LPC continues to improve areas through planting of trees (Thanks to Susan Anderson), and other groups have been active too, for instance with support from SCDC a youth shelter has been installed on the Recreation Ground. Linton

4. Policing was another issue giving rise to much debate (public and private), publicity and activity. Roger Hickford, Police Liaison, was instrumental in obtaining a section 30 order for the Copperfields area and in creating a petition for a CBO for Linton. That so many residents signed this, showed the wide interest and deep concern over our lack of law enforcement in Linton. Parking restrictions, traffic safety, security and measures to address anti-social behaviour are not

cleared and planted a neglected corner of the Cemetery. LPC has now taken over responsibility for the Glebe Land, with (thanks to Linton WWW group for the work done on this and many other areas, and the churchyard: a liaison group will be formed to manage this.

However, this work is not helped by the ongoing vandalism and destruction of planting. Your money could have been better spent than on rectifying wanton mischief.



Chalklands Entrance Stone

News planted mature trees in this area also. The Chalklands Residents Association have sited their stone and planted bulbs to make that area quite splendid. LPC and the Cathodeon Trustees together had installed new play equipment designed specifically for the children using the Centre. The children and parents of the Family Resource Centre have

these groups is central to village life and community spirit. LPC also continues to support LAPP; we hope to have a swimming pool for public use, one day?

7. The Parish Plan gave us hard data on almost every aspect of village life - we now have evidence of what Linton wants and a clear plan for the future. The PP group continues to meet to discuss current developments.



Glebe Land

Since the last Parish Meeting, our County Councillor, Terry Bear has passed away; we send our sympathies to his family.

As you may know, Gill Barker, Parish Clerk, is leaving at the end of May, so I would ask you to welcome and support her successor, Sue Parry. To end this report, on behalf of all Councillors, I would like to express our sincere thanks to our clerk, Gill Barker, for her hard work on so many village issues. Thank you, Gill. Enid Bald

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At the meeting held on 17th March, 12 Parish Councillors, CC D^r Terry Bear and the press heard CBM Martin Addison-Atkinson (Police) report on his first few weeks on the Linton beat. He was very much enjoying getting to know the local people. He was visiting schools, liaising with local businesses and the young people. He further explained there were numerous other small villages which he was the Community policeman for, and his visits were to include the Camps, Weston Colville, West Wratting, Balsham and Horseheath. It was noted that the PCSO for Linton, Judi Dibon, was now back serving Linton after some time spent on the enquiry desk at the Sawston Police Station.



Linton Police

The Chairman noted that it was good to have a visible police presence in the village again. She then noted the Crime Report obtained from the internet. This showed 35 calls for service in Linton with 10 crimes resulting. Discussion followed during which it was noted that CBM Addison-Atkinson's mobile contact number had recently been given out to the public in a Linton News article announcing his arrival. C^{llr} Cornell particularly wished to thank CBM A-A, as he was known by the local school children, for his visits to the schools.

In the report from the County Councillor D^r Bear queried the status of the residents request he had passed on late last year for an extension to the footpath on Back Road, between the Woodlands and Symonds Lane. The Clerk reported this was currently being dealt with by the Linton Steering Group (a 'traffic' related group which met with a County Traffic officer regularly) and was within their Action Plan to be investigated. The Clerk was to forward a copy of the Action Plan to CC Bear.

The Chairman noted her concern at the new Council Tax bills currently arriving at households showing another considerable rise. CC Bear reported that this rise would still involve considerable cuts in budgets.

C^{llr} Cox was concerned to note that another review of ratable values was about to take place. He queried whether this would signal another large rise in Council Tax. CC Bear reported that across the County as a whole, the review would signify a redistribution of Council Tax, but, proportionately areas such as Linton may well get higher bills. He further noted that most of the grant comes from government and that this has become less and less over recent years. This shortfall has to be made up from higher Council Tax bills to residents otherwise there would have had to have been a 50% cut in the services provided.

The Chairman noted that Linton properties in Band 'D' were currently to pay £1,220, one of the highest across the County. The tax rises would particularly affect those on fixed incomes or those rising

only by the rate of inflation and pensions. She further stated that this tax has doubled in the last 10 years.

DC Batchelor then gave an update on the SCDC transition to Local Development Frameworks (LDF's) which were to take over from the current Local Plans. Policy on affordable housing was currently under review. Currently the requirement for affordable housing is dependent on the size of the village, i.e. any development of more than 10 properties within populations of over 3,000. The new policy is different in that regardless of the size of the village, any development over 2 properties will have to provide affordable housing. This should become fully adopted in the next two years and the closer it becomes the more weight can be levered toward it.

He further reported that the average Band 'D' for SCDC is £1,215 which represents an increase of 6.5%.

C^{llr} Urwin queried the new policy regarding Affordable Housing. C^{llr} Batchelor confirmed it would be 'more than two' so in effect any development of 3 properties. Planners will also be looking at the protocols for piecemeal developments. Densities will remain at 30 per hectare, with up to 40-50 per hectare for large scale major developments.

The Chairman noted receipt of a confidential report from C^{llr} Kenyon regarding the Charles and Mary Anderson Trust. The Chairman took the opportunity to commend the Trust for their generosity to village groups.

The meeting then reviewed the Notes of the Traffic WP and Steering Group meetings which had been circulated previously. C^{llr} Urwin then explained that these two meetings had been called urgently at the request of the CC Project Officer, Alistair Frost, as the County now wished to operate the High Street One-way trial in two phases. The first phase would be as previously reported and operate up to 9th June. From then Phase Two would involve Back Road also being one-way from west to east, Coles Lane to Balsham Road. This would operate until 12th August with the results of

both phases and a subsequent recommendation going before the AJC on 12th September. C^{llr} Urwin further reported that AF had agreed to all previous requests regarding contacting businesses but these had not been carried out prior to the AJC, which had now approved the trial. It was also now known that the Steering Group would be involved in the draft of the information leaflet prior to its distribution to the village.

Discussion then took place regarding the level of monitoring for speed and volume and the possibility of daily collection even if the PC then considered funding the collation of the extra data. It was noted that the data collection device was already installed on Back Road. Concerns were also noted with regard the width of Coles Lane particularly when vehicles were already parked.

C^{llr} Batchelor reported that the Minutes of the AJC meeting were now available in the office and would be circulated shortly.

It was generally agreed that the trial should proceed but be monitored closely with the Parish Matters page utilised to ensure the village made its feelings known.

Council then considered the Work-In-Progress and Wish list. These lists had been circulated previously. The Chairman sought any queries with the W-I-P list. C^{llr} Rossiter noted that all street light applications were currently on hold due to the survey which she had initiated. She reported that many councillors had not yet returned their review forms to the office. The Clerk was to note those received and chase outstanding lists in order to bring this to fruition. It was further noted that C^{llr}'s Bald and Clay were currently organising a footpath maintenance review. This would also be progressed.

With regard the Wish List, each item was taken in turn and discussed. As a result the following was agreed:-

19.09.02 - Clearance of overgrown brambles in Cemetery - to be raised under overall Policy for cemetery to be considered by Council at next meeting;

19.09.02 - Cemetery paths - should now be moved to

Work-In-Progress as project for next financial year;

18.09.03 - Street light for Beech Way - Clerk to obtain quotation for works;

Additions to the Wish List were then considered:-

C^{llr} Clay - Seat on Horseheath Road, between junction of Cathodeon Centre and Wheatsheaf Way;

C^{llr} Rossiter - Street light at bottom of Finchams Close;

C^{llr} Bald - Litter bin at Rivey Lane/Back Road junction.

Correspondence Sheet No. 17, (March) 2005 had been circulated and all items noted. Of particular interest:



Linton Plaque for 1999

Item 4 - Acre - Details of the Village of the Year competition. Discussion took place and as a result it was agreed that the Chairman would review this with regard putting forward an application.

Item 20 - SCDC - Recycling credits. The Clerk reported this was a further instalment. It was noted there was no breakdown of the amount, it was based on overall tonnage throughout SCDC and divided between villages based on population.

Item 21 - SCDC - Burial Grounds survey in conjunction with Home Office, cur-

rently being dealt with by of-

Item 24 - St Edmundsbury BC - Redeposit of Local Plan, requesting any further comment. It was agreed that this opportunity would be utilised to forward Traffic Working Party comments regarding the changes to the paragraph about Haverhill Park & Ride.

Item 38 - CCC/Pensions - The Clerk drew attention to the report detailing employer contributions over the next four years. These were to increase from the current 11.8% to 20%.

The Chairman then reported on a late item of post. A letter from a resident requesting whether the May fair could be moved onto another section of the Recreation Ground and explaining why. Discussion took place and it was noted that the heavy vehicles associated with the fair could not be allowed to travel over the Recreation Ground. It was, therefore, agreed that it could not be moved. However, Council agreed to review whether there was anywhere else within the village the fair could be held. The resident was to be advised that for this year it was too late, but enquiries would continue.

In Any other business C^{llr} Cornell noted her concern at the possible loss of a thriving village business, Sweettalk News, due to problems with a Planning application and associated laws governing fire regulations. Discussion took place regarding the detail and as a result it was noted this Council had already forwarded a letter of support for the proposals. As a result of the discussions, councillors agreed to contact the proprietor and seek to assist.

The meeting closed at 21.55.

Traffic Working Party Update on Trial One-Way System

The trial one-way system should have started on 21st April. If any one has any major problems with this system please let the Parish Clerk know immediately by telephoning 01223 891001. Other comments can be made when completing the questionnaire which will be circulated in June.

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