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## Another great day at the Wacky races



*It was another day of triumph for Linton's Wacky Racers. Crowds thronged the High Street to watch 15 racing teams dash through the village in a variety of costumes, carts and carriages.*

*As our pictures show (clockwise from top left) Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men were there as were Dick Dastardly, the Dukes of Hazzard and the Leaking Bedpan Magpas Nurses.*

*The junior event (centre) was held on the meadow*

*where the winners, a very snazzily dressed Blues Brothers, were so fast they nearly managed to elude our photographer – but he caught up with them in the end!*

*Organiser Joel Palmer thanked everyone who had taken part and those who turned out to watch. They hope to have raised more than £2000 for Magpas and Linton Girl Guides.*

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Pictures by Tracey Wilson and (centre) Sue Woodhouse

### LINTON DIARY

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

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#### Weekly

Slimming World, 7pm, Mondays	Cathodeon Centre
Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Story Time, 2.15-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays	Village Hall
IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Linton Granta bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays	Rear of pavilion
Linton Radio Race Car club, 6-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Ladies' netball, 7-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm, Thursdays	Sports Centre
Little Acorns, 10-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays	Village Hall
Granta Badminton club, 8-10pm, Fridays	Sports Centre

#### July

1-29 Summer Exhibition, 6-10pm	Darryl Nantais Gallery
1 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
1 B-B-Q Friends of St Mary's, 6pm	Richmonds, High St
<b>2 Open Gardens and exhibition, 2pm</b>	<b>Chalklands</b>
4 Scrabble club, 1pm	LVC
<b>4 WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
5 Reading group, 8pm	Dog and Duck
6 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
6 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
<b>7 Summer Fair, 5pm</b>	<b>Junior School</b>
<b>8 Music Concert, 7.30pm</b>	<b>Hadstock Church</b>
<b>8 Cambs Association for Local History trip, 2pm</b>	<b>Isleham</b>
<b>8/9 Open Studios, 10am</b>	<b>Various locations</b>
<b>9 Camera club, 10am</b>	<b>Coles Lane car park</b>
<b>9 Summer Fayre, 2pm</b>	<b>Weston Colville</b>
11 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
15 Dads and Tots, 9.30-11am	Village Hall
<b>15/16 Open Studios, 10am</b>	<b>Various locations</b>
18 Complementary health talk, 7.30pm	Village Hall
18 Scrabble club, 1pm	LVC
19 CAMTAD hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
20 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
<b>20 Open Studios, 3.30pm</b>	<b>Various locations</b>
<b>22 Open Studios, 3.30pm</b>	<b>Various locations</b>
<b>22/23 Open Studios, 10am</b>	<b>Various locations</b>

#### August

<b>1 WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>
3 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
3 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
5 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
5 Gardening Club Summer Show, 2.30pm	Village Hall

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### Wanted: Someone who cares enough about Linton to help!

FOR those of you who have used or visited the village hall recently, you will know how lucky we are in Linton to have such a fine building at our disposal.

Your local village hall has been maintained to a very high standard for many years now. This has been made possible by a dedicated group of people made up from groups and individual village members. We are now in urgent need of new village members for our committee to ensure that Linton continues to have one of the best halls in the region, but we need new people to help with the running of the hall.

As chairman I appeal to people to come forward and join the management team. This is open to anybody in the village or adjacent area who feels he or she could give some time and effort to help manage the building on behalf of the village.

If you are interested in helping to run this worthwhile village asset, please call me on 01440 704510, (e-mail g.northrop@btinternet.com) or the secretary on 891001.

Glyn Northrop, chairman

### We'll get it right this time ...

AN apology. The Guides are sponsoring five-year-old Tiget Semenov, not Fidelia Cunurama of Bolivia mentioned in the May edition of Linton News.

For details of sponsorship please see next month's LN.

Kate France 891602

Too good for jumble has moved to page 2 for this month

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## The stars come out for Aztecs



The Aztecs line up with Arsenal celebrities and, right, actor Ralf Little takes on Mark Burdis

Pictures by Roger Lapwood

ON a glorious sunny day, the Aztecs Junior Football Club hosted a charity football match at Linton Village College. There were also side shows and attractions for all ages.

The day was organised as a

fund-raiser for Aztecs who plan to have some professional coaching in the near future and have a long-term goal of having their own facilities, according to vice-chairman Gary Bolton. A proportion of the money

raised also goes to charities supported by the Arsenal team.

The day kicked off with a ladies' match between two teams of Aztecs ladies who put on a great show. The game was closely fought and very enjoy-

able and could have gone either way but finished 3-2. Haverhill Majorettes provided a superb display that kept the eager crowd entertained as they awaited the star-studded

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# THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

FOLLOWING on from the May Granta Ranta, who highlighted how the actions of a few inconsiderate individuals can spoil the lives of the community, this rant is aimed at those people who seem to believe that the sole purpose of the recreation ground is to provide them with a giant dumping ground for the waste of their drunken meetings.

Following the last day of compulsory schooling on 12<sup>th</sup> May, the park resembled a rubbish tip. Asking the few remaining youngsters at least to pick up their own rubbish, we were met with their new anthem 'It wasn't us'. More abusive language was used later.

A great family day out at the Wacky Races, organised so well by The Crown left us open-mouthed as a group of young women with a tiny baby left their numerous empty glass bottles behind, despite being within easy reach of black sacks and waste bins. Why bother picking up your own rubbish when the brilliant Girl Guides and the Tidy Angels will do it for you?

Neighbours have had lights broken and plant pots smashed, and friends are intimidated by groups of foul-talking youngsters at lunchtime and early evening in the park.

Don't let apathy/fear stop you reporting these offences. Ring or write to the Linton News/village college/parish council/ councillors or in the case of criminal damage, the police. Don't be part of the nuisance problem – let's make a nuisance of ourselves and become the solution.

## What a great Wacky day

THE fifth annual Wacky Races hosted by The Crown Inn proved to be as popular as ever with 15 teams racing through the village in a variety of costumes and carriages.

In a very competitive sprint, local businessmen Dave Barrel and James Paintin, fetchingly dressed as Damsels In Distress, completed the course in 11 minutes ... it must be something to do with ladies' stockings being aerodynamically streamlined.

Organiser Joel Palmer said: "It was a fantastic turnout and we hope to have raised more than £2000 for Magpas and Linton Girl Guides." Joel's wife Sam with friend Lisa, dressed as the Leaking Bedpan Magpas Nurses, were the first ladies' team home, while daughter Bryony together with Abigail Blackburn won the children's primary school race.

The junior race was won by the impressively look-alike Blues Brothers (Archie Woodhouse and William Gardiner).

Best fancy dress went to Flowerpot Men Bill and Ben, complete with real plants and turf, while the wackiest chariot was Dick Dastardly.

A great family day out was topped with live music, refreshments and a 'not for the faint-hearted' karaoke session.

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## Youth band makes a big IMPACT

THE residents of Linton were treated to the musical talents of the Youth Band on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June as part of the St Mary's flower festival weekend. The band has developed over the past 18 months from the Linton Churches Together Youth Group (IMPACT) and currently consists of up to 15 young people from the different churches in Linton. Adrian Rose is at present leading and mentoring the young musicians but he feels sure that they will soon be leading themselves.

Many people turned out to support the evening. Louise Woolcock, the Linton Churches Together Youth Worker, had this to say about the event: "It has been amazing to see the way this band has developed over the last 18 months. Many people have been blessed and encouraged through the young people's musical talents – long may it continue."

The youth band leads worship every week as part of IMPACT, an ecumenical, Christian-based youth group which attracts around 50 young people from Linton and the surrounding villages. If you would like more details about the youth group please call:

Louise Woolcock 890118

## The eagles are landing

**EAGLES, owls, harriers and hawks will be at the Junior School Summer Fair this year on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 5pm until 9pm. The Raptor Foundation will be bringing their birds of prey along for the whole evening for you to see and touch, also performing in the display area. Other attractions include a barbecue, bar, bouncy castles, plant stall, coconut shy, model car racing display, music, class stalls, the ubiquitous tombola and the children's football competition. There are no World Cup games that evening, so no excuses! This promises to be a fantastic event. Please support the school and we hope you have a very enjoyable time.**

Alan Jones 891818

## Too good for jumble ...

EXPECTING guests? How about a double sofa bed (peach colour), a 16in Philips TV set in good working order or maybe eight botanic design Portmeirion coffee cups and saucers? A set of eight books in mint condition with brand new CDs for a complete course in Windows 2000 leading to a Microsoft certified professional engineer examination is also available.

The Guides received £15 for a hedge trimmer and £10 for a bicycle. For any of the above items or to offer an item to profit a village charity or a national charity with a Linton representative, please contact:

Kate France 891602, or email [katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk](mailto:katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk)

## A trip to Bury on market day and homework on the bus

HAVE you ever had that sinking feeling – have I miscalculated? Is this the coach we ordered? Is it big enough?

The ACEs' trip to Bury St Edmunds on 24<sup>th</sup> May was fairly crowded when we left the Dog and Duck, then seemed to fill up more than expected at each pick-up point. Fortunately, the coach had Tardis-like properties and all 53 of us fitted – with a seat to spare. I know who would have been walking otherwise ...

It was market day at Bury with the shops and Abbey Gardens open, so we all had plenty to do. Just to sit and share companionable chat was a pleasure in such handsome and historic surroundings. The weather was not the best but we were indoors eating lunch when the rain came, so avoided the worst of it.

On the bus we had homework – you have to work for your fun – a questionnaire devised by Dan Schumann, our arts development manager, on activities the ACEs might like.

From the results, our partnership will develop a bid for funding activities or perhaps a project that we could collaborate on. There will be more on this in the near future, but an oral history project registered most votes. Our village certainly has plenty of tales to record.

In July, we plan a lunch with a speaker, then in September another coach trip to the seaside.

Enid Bald 891069

## Simon's theatre dream

A LINTON youth has just been accepted by the National Youth Theatre for one of its summer courses.

Simon Wedlock, 17 and currently at Saffron Walden County High School, says: "There will be a two week residential course in London where I will be taught many different drama and theatre techniques."

"I am so looking forward to this opportunity to perform among some of the best young actors in the country. I do, however need to raise £900 to pay for the course. This includes tuition fees, accommodation, and living expenses whilst in London."

"I have just completed a sponsored bike ride and will soon be holding a car boot/garage sale. As I still need to raise the remainder I am looking for donations/sponsorship from either local businesses or anyone who is in a position to support me."

"I can be contacted via my father's e-mail address: [richard.wedlock@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.wedlock@btinternet.com). The NYT expects its students to raise the money so any help would be greatly appreciated."

"I have performed on stage since a very early age and taken part in excess of 25 shows, consisting of adult productions, school productions and in the well-known SWADS youth group. After I have completed my A levels, I hope to go to drama school and will be applying to the Bristol Old Vic and LAMDA."

Simon Wedlock

## Arsenal's stars turn out for the Aztecs

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match. To much fanfare, the teams entered the arena as the crowd studied the players to see who they could recognise.

To the delight of spectators, there were some very well-known faces, including actors Ralf Little (*Royle Family* and *Two Pints of Lager*), Patrick Robinson (*Casualty*) and Mark Burdis (*The Bill* and now infamous as Kev in a TV advert) plus former Arsenal professionals Danny O'Shea and Tony Murtagh.

The game started with the Aztecs in high spirits hoping

for revenge after the last game two years ago. After five minutes, Patrick Robinson headed in a great cross to take the lead. Aztecs were not down-hearted and five minutes later Rob Belsom for Aztecs was unlucky not to score as his shot was saved.

Aztecs' keeper Andy Jones had his work cut out and kept them in the game with some good saves. Aztecs were again unlucky as a cross from Belsom was headed over the bar. The game seemed evenly matched for some time until a double substitution by Arsenal

brought on some fresh legs up front.

Within a minute Tony Murtagh put in a great shot which, although the keeper got down to it, bobbed off his foot to go in. Aztecs had two corners which they failed to capitalise on and were stunned by a great individual run by youngster Paul Watson that put them 3-0 down at half-time.

The second half started fast and furiously and in the second minute, Ralf thundered in a fourth, followed a minute later by a penalty well struck by Mark giving the visitors a


strong lead. A further three goals from Ralf, Pete Gibbons and Patrick Robinson sealed the fate of the Aztecs. All the players agreed it was a good game and despite the 8-0 scoreline, Aztecs put up a good show.

Aztecs' chairman Barry Brewer would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and support.

The visitors stayed behind signing autographs and one lucky youngster was even given a pair of boots by Ralf.

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# Readers write ..... Readers write .....

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

## Help me trace our lost pet William

Dear Editor,  
I know that this is probably impossible but having visited our old home in Linton a short while ago, I felt that I really must try, so here goes.  
In 1958 my father and mother had a house built, No 11 Symonds Lane, known then as 'Carousel', a house much loved by them. Having recently called by with my brother while on a brief visit to the area, the now owner was most kind and allowed us to visit the garden and to remind us of how very happy we were there.  
So little has changed ... I remembered the watch repair shop where I came to know the owner through a school pal and fellow member of the Girl Guides, and their 'Sonny Boy', the strawberry roan pony I learned to ride on and pass my Pony Club 'B' certificate ... my mother assisting the captain of the girl guides ... my younger brother and his first day at the primary school ... my younger sister Debbie's friend Dorcas and her guinea pigs that lived opposite ... my sister Cherry's and my own confirmation and the ducks on our Sunday walks to church ... also Mr Stallabass who came to look after the garden, even with his crippling arthritis.  
The garden brings me to the point of my letter and daft request which is to ask through the Linton News if anyone can

help us. We had a tortoise, William, which we brought with us from Devon. Many baby photographs were taken with our tortoise as we had had him for 12 years when he went missing in the back garden of our house.  
We went to put him in his hibernation box to go in the garage as we did each winter and he was nowhere to be found. Now, there is the little stream at the bottom of the garden and we were sure that he didn't fall in, but there was a way into the next garden ... a house that was about to be built as we left (with a walnut tree at the bottom) ... I think the builder was building it for himself.  
The two sisters who lived to one side did not find William as we kept in touch for many years and a doctor bought our house from my parents, Rex and Penny Holme, so we know that our dear tortoise did not appear in his own garden. Please, please can anyone shed any light as to William's whereabouts ... I would so love to know that he survived and was looked after.  
I live in Devon quite close to Powderham Castle where their tortoise survived until he was 50 years old ... so there is a slight chance that William is still going strong! If anyone can help trace our dear old pet, I would be so grateful.  
Mrs Lindy Isham (formerly Holme), 58 Fore Street, Topsham, Devon EX3 0HW (tel: 01392 876434)

## Ruining the reputation of Linton's young people

Dear Editor,  
What a pleasure it is to see and talk to charming, friendly groups of students who are in the village between exams. They are a credit to themselves and their parents; I wish them every success in their exams and careers. But what a pity that the end of term/exam time has once again spawned a small crop of lunatics who are committing acts of destructive vandalism around the village.  
The worst has been recklessly to drive a car over the cricket outfield and football pitch. Other vandalism includes wrecking litterbins, attacking the skateboard equipment and breaking trees.  
It is high time that the sensible youth of Linton became angry with this minority of their peers who

are ignorant hooligans. After all, it is from their household budgets that the costs of repairs are to be paid.  
As the money available from council tax is limited, the provision of any new facilities, which are constantly requested, is therefore also restricted. If the perpetrators of the damage and their audience (there is always an audience) have any conscience, they should make amends by repairing the damage. That would go a long way to establishing their credibility as members of Linton village.  
It grieves me that this destructive minority can ruin the reputations of all the other young people of the village.  
Name and address supplied

## Career woman who avoided school

'WHY go to school?' was the subject for the May speaker at the Linton WI. Miss R Wheeler told of her education in Suffolk and the lengths to which she went to avoid school. Her real interest was music and playing the piano.  
It was decided that as her school reports were so poor, she would leave school at 15 and learn to be a butcher. She was taught all aspects of the trade by her father including how to keep the books and soon showed an aptitude for account keeping. Over the years, she changed jobs, each one increasingly demanding, until she became company secretary for a large firm in Cambridge. She was the only non-graduate on the board.

The lack of higher education was no barrier to advancement and Miss Wheeler expressed the opinion that a thorough grounding in writing, grammar and common sense was the foundation of her career. She was thanked by Mrs Wendy Foster. The speaker at the meeting on 4th July will be Andrew Jackson with a photographic quiz about Suffolk. The meeting will start at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Val Spencer

## Learning to cope when a heart attack strikes

MAY was a very busy time for Hildersham WI members. On the day of the Oxfam walk, we all worked hard to feed the many walkers who called in to the village hall for refreshments of home-made cakes, sandwiches and drinks. It was a very successful day, with the weather just right for the walkers.

At our meeting the following day, we were introduced to the situation of a person having a heart attack. Our guest speaker, Mr David Cunningham from the St John Ambulance brigade took us through the correct procedure to deal with it. We also learned what information to provide when phoning 999 from a home phone or 112 from a mobile phone, the new universal number for the future. Approximately 135,000 people a year die of a heart attack in their own homes.

Our next meeting will be on 17th July at Hildersham village hall. New members and guests are very welcome to join us.  
Pamela Parris

## Beware! Burglars about

THERE have been some more distraction burglaries in South Cambs over the past fortnight one of which was in Horseheath.

Two stories are being used to deceive the elderly and vulnerable to gain access to their homes: either a young woman claims she is looking for her grandmother's cat, or a man says he is from the water board and needs to turn off the water or something similar to get into the house.

These people are not working alone and often have accomplices who will go to the rear of the property to see if they can get in while the occupant is at the front door.

Once again, please look out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours and if you see any-

one suspicious call us. Remember to write down registration numbers of any vehicles seen and descriptions of those acting suspiciously. Two people have been arrested; however there were more occurrences subsequently.

Dawn Brock, PCSO Linton  
0845 456 4564 or e-mail  
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## June's K-Club winners

JUNE winners in the K-Club monthly draw were:

- 1st prize (£50)  
**Nina Beaumont** (No. 019)
- 2nd prize (£25)  
**David Crawley** (No. 050)
- 3rd prize (£10)  
**Rosemary Harrison** (No. 144)

Dear Editor,  
I would just like to say a big thank you to the group of Linton Village College boys (I think year 10 and 11) who were so helpful at the recreation ground recently when my friend badly hurt her leg.  
They not only assisted by phoning for an ambulance and making sure that the ambulance knew where to come, but by helping to look after some of our children while the paramedics were treating her.  
Their prompt action and helpfulness was very much appreciated.  
Liz Crump, The Grove

us. Well done to the Crown Inn for organising the event. Congratulations to the winners - thanks to all those who entered or helped in any way. We were delighted to be one of the two local charities to benefit from the races and look forward to hearing the total amount raised when all the money has been collected.  
Rosemary Turner  
Joiners Road

Dear Editor  
May we through your paper, say a big thank you to all who have purchased plants and knitted goods, bought raffle tickets and made kind donations. We have raised in excess of £400. This money will be taken to the Ukraine for the children's polyclinic to purchase vital equipment. Once again, thank you.  
R S Newman, High Street, 890739  
& J Whitby, Chalklands

Dear Editor,  
Girlguiding Linton District would like to thank Linton villagers for their generous support of this year's Wacky Races. What a great family day - lots to see, do, eat and drink - even the weather was fairly kind to

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# Diary of an arranger

EARLY April, letter from the organisers Margaret Cox and Rosemary Read asking for volunteers to arrange flowers in church for the 39<sup>th</sup> Linton Flower Festival.

Theme to be Linton: Our village, our family.

Rest of April is spent dithering ... will we, won't we do it again. End of April and decision made - we are in. Our theme is Linton in Pictures, Words and Music and very appropriately we are doing the choir stalls.

The Linton News agrees to assist and sponsor the cost of the flowers. It's a great team effort as the treasurer copies some of Garth Collard's wonderful pictures of Linton, the production manager copies the original first edition of the Linton News and the editor lets us raid her garden for foliage.

Things are going to plan when two days before, we find out the violin we intended to use for the music element is worth £3,000. Thinking of the damage water or accidents can cause; we have to come up an alternative model. Mr Ashbridge (violin teacher at Linton Heights) comes to our rescue at short notice.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June and at 9.30am, arranger camaraderie is much in evidence as we carry in our mechanics, flowers and props.

11am: first flower goes in.  
2pm: four arrangements finished, whew.

4.30: All six completed. Now to tidy up and remember where I parked the children.

4.31: Oh dear, I've found them.

Watering the flowers over the next few days, we come to the conclusion that some people must have slept in the church, they were there so often. They should all be congratulated for giving so unselfishly of their time to man the stalls, throw the poor unsuspecting teddies off the tower and herd plastic ducks down the Granta. It is a privilege to play a small part in such a wonderful village life.

LNT Advertising manager

## Sorry ...

OUR apologies to the Cambridge Evening News for omitting their credit on last month's teddy picture.



The choir stalls reveal the range of the arrangers' skills Pictures by Roger Lapwood

# Summer sunshine and flowers make a weekend of magic

**T**HIS year's flower festival and fête got off to a great start on the Friday with a barbecue and outdoor barn dance on a lovely warm evening enjoyed by 130 people; the music and calling being ably provided by Karl Sandeman.

The flower displays in the church were more magnificent than ever and the church was an oasis of cool tranquillity over what proved to be a sweltering weekend.

On Saturday morning, the fête got under way at the infant school with a very wide range of stalls selling plants and crafts, an enterprise stall organised by students at the village college, a human 'fruit machine' provided by the Brownies and other attractions. Refreshments including lunches were served in the school hall.

In the afternoon, events on the playing field got under way with the much anticipated tug-of-war being

won once again by the Waggon and Horses' team. Are they invincible?

Other attractions included a bouncy castle, miniature train rides and treasure hunt, while musical entertainment was provided by a jazz band from the village college.

Hot dogs and burgers were available from a barbecue and, particularly welcome, cold soft drinks and beers were sold from the beer tent.

In the cool of the evening, the church was open for quiet reflection amid the floral displays, a welcome respite from the heat and activity of the day.

Sunday saw stalls and refreshments continuing in the infant school and in the afternoon the church was the venue for a marvellous concert given by the village college. The afternoon concluded with the traditional duck race on the Granta, as closely contested as always.

Attendance on Saturday afternoon was down on last year, owing no doubt to the stifling heat and the rival attraction of watching own-goals on TV, but nonetheless the weekend was a great success overall, raising more than £5,000 in vital funds for the church, and just over £500 pounds for the Friends of St Mary's.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the local businesses and individuals who provided sponsorship for the flowers and raffle, and the time and energy of many people in organising and setting up attractions, running them and clearing away afterwards.

Grateful thanks are due to all of them and to those who came to support the festival and have a wonderful time. We look forward to welcoming you all again at next year's flower festival and fête.

Andrew King



The font is garlanded with colour and foliage



The flowers wait for the arrangers to start work

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# Baby boom at Linton zoo

WE are all very pleased with the breeding results so far and have some exciting births and hatchings to report.

It is a busy time here at the zoo. Three baby lemurs can be seen with their families. The white-collared baby is an important contribution to this very rare and beautiful species.

There are so few that they are listed as one of the 25 rarest primates in the world. We also have a baby mongoose lemur and a Western gentle bamboo lemur.

Many parrots, macaws and cockatoos are sitting on eggs and already some Amazon parrots have hatched. The owls have done well too.

Three Turk-menian owls and two great grey owls have just left the nest and a spectacled owl and three snowy owls have just hatched.

On the reptile section we have Sulcata giant tortoise and Aldabra giant tortoise eggs in the incubators; more baby bearded dragons; and another elongated tortoise has recently hatched.

Visitors who have watched the progress of Safina our lion cub on a monitor in our coffee

shop will be pleased to know that she has now moved into an outside enclosure where she spends a lot of her time playing with her many toys and showing off to delighted visitors

In addition we are pleased to tell you that both the tiger cubs born on 19<sup>th</sup> April and the new litter of lion cubs born on 7<sup>th</sup> May have also started to venture out. So now is definitely a very good time to see all the new babies.

We thank everyone for the donation of used foreign and British stamps ... it is ultimate recycling.

We have raised around £200 for the Conservation fund with the sale of the donated stamps which we think is brilliant considering these would normally have just been thrown away with other waste. Please do keep the stamps coming, we can always use more.

Volunteers are needed to help man our conservation stand during the summer, so if you are interested in helping to promote the importance of caring for the environment and wildlife conservation, and you have a few hours to spare between 10am-5pm any day of



Here looking at you, kid: a baby mongoose lemur is one of the many new arrivals at Linton zoo

the week, especially during the school holidays or at weekends, please contact the zoo on 891308 or email lintonzoo@btinternet.com.

Just to remind you that all the latest news and details of activities are posted on our website [www.lintonzoo.com](http://www.lintonzoo.com)  
Kim Simmons

## Two history trips for summer

THE Cambridgeshire Association for Local History summer excursions for 2006 are as follows:

At 2pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July there will be a visit to the church of St Andrew at Isleham. Ian Powys will give a short talk on the history of the church and its restoration.

From 1.30pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, Bartlow hills St Mary's church and Ashdon rural museum are the focus for an afternoon which will start with a guided tour of the church.

After this there will be either the option of a quiet rest in this lovely church or a short walk up through the trees to see the magical Bartlow Hills. We then move on a few miles across the border to visit Ashdon Museum.

For further information please contact: Andrew Westward-Bate 892430

## Beethoven sonatas in the church

THE Friends of St Botolph's Hadstock are pleased to welcome violinist Aki Sauliere who, accompanied by Bernard Lansky on the piano, will perform Beethoven piano and violin sonatas in Hadstock church at 7.30pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The two artists, from France and Australia respectively, met at the Guildhall School in London over 15 years ago. For many years their ambition has been to perform the complete Beethoven sonatas together in a single season and this year Aki has taken a sabbatical from the Chamber Orchestra of Europe to realise that dream. Tickets will be available on the door or in advance from Saffron Walden Tourist information 01799 510444. If you would like details of the Hadstock music festival in late September and early October please email your details to hadstocker@aol.com. LNT

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Open gardens at Chalklands

CHALKLANDS is holding an Open Gardens day on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 2.30-4.30pm. Fourteen gardens will be open with stalls, games and exhibitions and the Chalklands community rooms will be open for teas. A guide to the open gardens will be available at the community rooms. There will also be an exhibition of Garth Collard's photographs of groups of Linton people.

Ann Simpkin 892090

### Mystery winner could clean up

WOULD Chris Graham who bought a draw ticket at the Flower Festival please contact Kate France on 891602 to learn something which may be to his advantage. There are problems with the phone number Mr Graham gave. The winning ticket number is 526.

### All the fun of a summer fayre

The Recreation Group and the Cricket Club in Weston Colville are jointly holding a Summer Fayre on the cricket field from 2-5pm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

The Raptor Foundation is bringing its owls, there will be lots of stalls and games, a bouncy castle, a grand raffle and tombola, a BBQ and teas and family races. Do join us and have some fun helping raise funds ... and don't forget to watch the World Cup final in the evening!

For more details contact: Cherry Pearce 290823

### Scouts' breakfast raises £400

THE older scouts have been raising money for the Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service (MAGPAS) as part of their community badge. They raised £400 at a big breakfast event. Lorna from MAGPAS kindly came to one of the Wednesday night meetings to show us what they do. She said that a defibrillator like the one the scouts used costs around £1600 and the battery alone costs £200.

After about half an hour when Lorna had finished her presentation, the scouts had one of their own to make. A big cheque for £400 was handed over from the scouts to Lorna. Jonathan Hunt (13)

### Bench fixed ... but who dunnit?

A LETTER of thanks from Linton WI to the parish council is causing a few red faces.

Some months ago the WI asked for their bench on the Rivey to be repaired. Two good new slats have since been installed. Now Linton councillors are wondering who they should be thanking.

Kate France 891602

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# MEET THE TEAM...

WE are so lucky to have the services of our sub-editor Alan Judge. Alan moved to the village on his retirement in August 2003 after a lifetime's work in journalism. Most recently he worked for over 25 years as a sub-editor of the London Evening Standard. To him must go the credit for bringing the Linton News up to date.

Many of the changes are quite subtle and readers have



Our sub-editor Alan Judge

said that they don't know what has been done to the paper but it is much easier to read. It is mostly Alan working quietly in the background helping us to achieve an excellent result.

He is currently training a young man, Chris Holmes, who will be assisting us to edit the paper and take some of the pressure away from Alan and editor Wendy Foster. Eight pages in just over three days is actually quite intensive and we have to commit at least one weekend per month and remember not to book any holiday or days out for that time.

Some of Alan's influence, such as the more lively letters page is particularly noticeable as is the change to the headings but in many other ways it just seems to happen!

Last, but I hope not least is your editor. I joined the team in September 2003

and began editing the paper in March 2004. The opportunity appeared just after I had been made redundant and was finding it difficult to get another job.

This year it is 30 years since I moved to Linton with my husband and young family and I have taken an active part in village life ever since, so when I began editing the paper I felt at least that I knew much of what went on in Linton and hopefully have been able to contribute something positive to the paper.

Having come from an engineering background with no newspaper experience whatsoever it was quite a steep learning curve, but with an excellent team to support me the task was not too onerous although it takes me at least 40 hours a month to collate all the information and edit the paper.

The process is as follows: you send an article either by e-mail, or post, or put it in the box in the post office from where it is collected by Kate France or our new proofreader Christine Spicer who type it

and e-mail it to Wendy. She collates all the articles, pictures and letters and puts them into eight folders, each representing one page of the paper.

On the Friday deadline, Wendy shares the pages between herself and Alan (and now Chris) and we spend the weekend placing everything onto the pages which have been prepared with all the relevant ads by Graham Potter.

So far, this has all been done on the computer. On the Monday following the deadline the team meets to discuss the paper, along with any policy issues, and to see the first proofs. Graham then takes the electronic copy and prints it off for Gloria Fidler and Christine to proofread. This bit is done the old fashioned way with real paper copies!

By Thursday any changes to the advertisements are done by Graham and the proofreading is complete and handed back to the editors to do the corrections and changes.

We like to have this com-



LN editor Wendy Foster

pleted by the Saturday to give Graham time to do any last minute "technical" things before it is sent to the printers (Plumridges in the village) on the Monday.

Two weeks after the deadline, the papers are delivered to Kate from the printers. She sorts them into bundles for Vernon Boyd to distribute around the village for our deliverers to put through your door.

We hope you have enjoyed finding out a little more about how the paper is run and the very small team of volunteers who give up a considerable amount of time to produce it.

The Editor

## Charlotte's Chatroom

SOON new legislation will fall into place meaning all public places will have to become smoke free zones.

The Pear Tree pub in Hildersham needn't worry however, as they recently received an award for their dedication to keeping the pub smoke-free. Being non-smokers themselves, owners Diane and David Jamieson were keen to make the necessary changes.

But although the transition was fairly straightforward, they ran a high risk of losing some of their regular customers - one of the main reasons many other businesses don't ban smoking.

In fact some of the regulars did temporarily abandon them, but luckily they soon returned with a new frame of mind. Since then The Pear Tree has seen an overall improvement in business, particularly due to the fact that many more people are now choosing to eat there.

The pub, which the Jamiesons have run since 1987, was awarded a National Clean Air award which was presented by Zoë Harvey, tobacco control co-ordinator for Smoke Free Cambridgeshire.

Zoë has been working as a control co-ordinator since last August and said: "We congratulate the Pear Tree for going smoke free before the new legislation comes into force, ensuring that both customers and staff are happier and healthier."

Information about second-hand smoke is widely available, but for more details please contact Zoë on 01480 398585 or email: zoe.harvey@cambsphn.nhs.uk

Charlotte Westdijk

## Bone up on your health and earn cash helping others

THE Medical Research Council's Human Nutrition Research unit (HNR) in Cherry Hinton is constantly conducting observational and intervention research studies.

All volunteer studies at HNR are approved by the Local Research Ethics Committee (LREC) based at Addenbrooke's Hospital. HNR relies on helpful members of

the general public donating their time. In return the volunteers are reimbursed for travel expenses and the time taken to participate in the study. More importantly for many volunteers, any clinically relevant information obtained during the study is passed on to them and, with their permission, their doctor.

This is the case for a number of volunteers who are taking

part in a study run by Ruth Burnett. She is investigating factors including body weight and body fat in order to determine their influence on bone health and the risk of osteoporosis.

Ruth says "As women get older they become more aware of the risks of osteoporosis and want to know if they are vulnerable. That means that many women are keen to volunteer

for the study because it involves the volunteer undergoing bone scans".

Ruth is looking for more volunteers for this study and would be very keen to hear from women who have reached the menopause and are between the ages of 55 and 70, who would be interested in participating in her study. Volunteers would need to be willing to visit HNR for six to seven

hours and to have a blood sample taken.

If you'd like to take part in the study, or would like some more information, please email: ruth.burnett@mrc-hnr.cam.ac.uk or write to: MRC Human Nutrition Research, Elsie Widdowson Laboratory, Fulbourn Rd, Cambridge, CB1 9NL.

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# Camera club takes universal view

**T**HIS month's outing for the Linton camera club was especially interesting when we visited the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. The observatory is at the Lord's Bridge site near Barton on the A 603. There are 10 telescopes spread over 300 acres.

The weather was just perfect for looking and photographing these huge instruments facing up into the sky, picking up radio waves from across the universe.

At the moment, much of the current research is directed towards imaging the cosmic microwave background radiation. The data obtained can be used to explore the evolution of the universe and to find out the mass of the observable uni-



**The Mullard dishes: tracking the history of the universe**  
Picture by Jo Leggo

verse. The photograph shows the AMI array which will detect galaxy clusters from very early in the history of the universe. Mike Crofts, who works in this field, helped us to enjoy

our morning by being able to explain what we were looking at and some of the history of the place.

The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> July when we will meet at Coles Lane car park at 10am before going to photograph Linton with an emphasis on the businesses and facilities available in the village.

The village has changed so much in the past five years that we need an update on what is available in our area. Our photographs may be used for a new village directory. For more information, please visit our website at [www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk) or call: Roger Lapwood 891104 or Tracey Wilson 891988

Jo Leggo

# Windmill art is here again

If you missed the last Windmill Art Exhibition, don't worry, there's another one in July.

Following the success of last year's display, another show with double the floorspace is being staged as part of the Cambridge Open Studio initiative.

It takes place from 10am-6pm over three weekends, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and also from 3.30-7.30pm on the evenings of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Windmill House is in Long Lane, Linton, entrance is free and there is plenty of parking in the grounds.

The artists taking part are furniture maker and designer Adrian Parfitt, photographer Conrad Webb, printmaker and painter Susan Jones and jeweller and silversmith Tereza Votre.

Adrian Parfitt set up his workshop in 1983 to create one-off pieces of handcrafted furniture, each piece being individually designed to suit the customer's requirements. Past commissions include furniture for private homes, businesses and universities.

Using traditional cabinet-making techniques such as

The poster for the Windmill art exhibition showing examples of work by the four artists



dovetails and mortise and tenon joints, Adrian says he likes to think his furniture will become the antiques of the future.

Photographer Conrad Webb, in the inaugural exhibition of his work, will show both manipulated and abstract images as well as more traditional film-based

photographs. The pictures have been taken over the past 25 years and come from his personal collection of images taken around the world.

He started working with digital imaging some eight years ago when he began scanning his slide and negative collection onto hard disk. Over time, by pursuing the creative possibilities of digital

imaging, this collection of art work has come into being.

Susan Jones studied illustration at Cambridge School of Art and returned to work for an MA in children's book illustration, which she completed in 2004. She works as lead tutor at the Curwen Print Study Centre, an educational charity, which she describes as a rewarding, valuable and enjoyable experience.

Her paintings and abstract prints draw mainly on the landscape for inspiration, looking at atmosphere, drama and emotion.

Tereza Votre is a member of the British Jewellers Association and trained in silversmithing and jewellery in Oxfordshire and at the Sir John Cass School of Art in London.

Her work is predominately by commission, each piece being unique and to the client's specification. She uses various metals (yellow and white gold, silver, platinum, etc.), precious and semi-precious stones, to create dynamic and individual designs evoking the colours, beauty, and passion of her native Brazil.

Conrad Webb  
01954 267312

## POT POURRI (19)

What are the dimensions of a tin can?

I AM often struck by the various sizes of cylindrical cans on supermarket shelves. Are the various heights and volumes the best use of material?

What is wanted are the conditions necessary for cylindrical cans of a fixed volume to have a minimum surface area; remember to include both ends. In other words, what is the ratio of the can's height to its radius or diameter?

**Solution to No.18 – What is the Area?**

The area of the two triangular pieces of land is 210 sq m. The unknown sides of the plots are 25 and 39 metres. The solution revolves around Heron's formula.

Urania

## Toddlers' charity trek



**The big toddle: children trek round the recreation ground**

Picture by Frances Reynolds

LINTON Granta Playgroup and Toddlers took part in a 'Big Toddle' sponsored walk on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June in aid of Barnardo's charity.

One lap of Linton recreation ground may not seem far to most of us, but to some of the 35 very small children who took part it was quite an achievement.

The playgroup itself has benefited greatly from fundraising and generous gifts over the past year, so we felt it would be good to do something to support an-

other charity. Barnardo's seemed particularly fitting, given its work with children suffering from poverty or disability.

Many of the children did the walk in fancy dress and some brought along their teddies, who joined them for a teddy bears' picnic afterwards in the playgroup garden.

For more info about the playgroup and toddler group, please contact chairman Liz Crump 892471.

Frances Reynolds

## Another artist joins Open Studio

ARTIST Lydia Collings is also taking part in the Cambridge Open Studio project this summer and will be opening her workshop to the public for the first time. She hand-makes pots inspired by traditional techniques and a variety of sculptures. Everyone is warmly welcomed to visit from 11am-6pm during the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July. For more information please contact:

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## The Derbyshire Post

COLLEGE, like everywhere at the moment it seems, is gripped by World Cup fever. Four years ago, Eng-er-land passion (or hysteria, depending on your point of view) caused schools some sticky problems to sort out, and created rifts in staffrooms and in the community because of the timing of televised matches. Matters came to a head when England reached the quarter final stage and the scheduled match against Brazil kicked off at breakfast time. Headteachers were faced with a number of unsatisfactory options:

1. Close the school and open at 10am after the match. Some parents would object, but at least there would be no need to sanction the suspicious number of unauthorised absences there would have been otherwise.

2. Ignore the match and focus on teaching and learning. No absences other than those satisfactorily explained by parents would be authorised. The thinking here being that doing anything else sets up all kinds of unhelpful precedents.

3. Make the match a school event. Invite students in for an early breakfast to watch the football and then begin lessons.

The third option is what most people adopted and what happened at LVC, but it will have annoyed staff, students and parents who don't appreciate football. It was a case of damned if you do and damned if you don't.

There are no such awkward decisions this time around. The games are out of school time and apart from the rescheduling of the odd governors' meeting, matches have not interrupted the flow of college life.

Personally, I love the World Cup and use the excitement it generates in assemblies to make other kinds of points, but I do feel a responsibility to challenge the xenophobia that is encouraged in young people by the media at this time. The competition is supposed to be a festival of football and a chance to celebrate other nationalities and cultures, not an excuse for anti-social gang behaviour and hostility towards anyone who is not wrapped in an England flag.

It's good timing therefore, that an important international exchange event is coinciding with the World Cup this year: five friends, (four teachers and a student) from Boepathutse School in the township of Soshanguve in South Africa, are coming to visit us at the college this Friday.

The exchange is the latest part of an ongoing partnership with the school which has existed since 1998, originally springing from 'Link Africa', a Cambridge-based charity who sought to broaden global awareness in schools. Two years ago 15 students and four teachers travelled to Soshanguve to live with families in the township and spend time in Boepathutse. The visits enable our students to make a real link with school children on the other side of the world and to think about their own life and culture in new ways. Just the medicine we all need at this time.

Caroline Derbyshire

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## The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

### Cathodeon Crystals' factory, now Copperfields

CATHODEON Crystals closed its Linton factory in 1988 and all the buildings, with the exception of the former canteen were demolished by 1994. The Copperfields Estate was built on the former factory site and completed between 1996 and 1998. I recently interviewed 90-year-old Norman Rolfe who told me about the origins of the firm which became the largest employer in the Linton district.

He was the managing director who established Cathodeon Crystals and he remained in charge of this Pye Telecommunications Group subsidiary until he retired in 1971. The Cathodeon name was taken from an existing small scale Pye subsidiary in Chesterton which was called Cathodeon Limited. Norman was chief engineer for Standard Telephones, and Pye secured his specialist services to enable them to produce the high quality quartz crystals needed for frequency control in mobile radios. They needed a secure supply in order to be



Cathodeon Crystals' building soon after it closed.

Picture by Garth Collard

independent of their competitors.

Norman needed a new base for production and chose the vacant Shepherds Hall located in Market Lane as his first small-scale factory. Initially there were 12 employees.

Silicon quartz was imported from Brazil and the USA. The crystals were first cut up into wafer thin slices and then polished like lenses by skilled craftsmen. They were next coated in gold and then electrodes were coated on this surface by female workers in the ground floor process shop.

Demand for crystals was immense and Cathodeon sought a larger site in Linton

because there was little difficulty in finding labour. Three acres of land were purchased near the fire station site and a brand new factory opened in 1960. The office building faced the main street and the factory building was erected to the rear. This new building was air conditioned to avoid contaminating the crystals.

Within a few years Cathodeon employed more than 400 workers, many of them bussed in from the surrounding villages. Three quarters of this labour force was female, and Lady Cambridge who lived at Abington insisted on visiting the factory in order to ensure that "her girls" were

fairly treated. The firm exported crystals all over the world and was in competition in the European market with the Philips factory in Eindhoven. The Philips 1969 takeover of Pye threatened the long-term future of the Linton factory because Eindhoven was a much bigger operation.

Bill Metcalfe, who had been the chief engineer and technical director of Cathodeon took over the role of managing director role from 1971 until 1986. The Linton workforce was gradually slimmed down and eventually it was not economic to continue production.

When Cathodeon Crystals operated in the 1950s and 1960s it provided a lifeline for what was a very depressed area in employment terms. The company was very profitable in those early years and played a significant role in local affairs by its sponsorship of group and village activities. All that remains today of this important firm is the revamped canteen building, now the Linton library.

### LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

SOME scientists studying electromagnetic radiation, more commonly known as light, speculate that photons and neutrons may exist in different places at the same time. Proving it would pave the way for the building of a time machine, and I would race to be first in the queue to see the wildlife of Linton 500 years ago!

Growing old is a strange human idea, for when you think deeply about our existence one easily concludes that only 'change' not 'ageing' is possible. I've always wanted to believe that sounds from the past are embedded in the materials around us and maybe one day we will be able to extract and listen to the calls of extinct birds and our ancestors in conversation. These are all very fascinating ideas and may be not too far off becoming reality. But before we start considering living in another dimension or colonising other planets, let's learn to look after this one.

Well, now take a trip down Stantons Lane where the crum-

bling old bridge has been replaced. Stand back and view from a distance by the waters' edge, and there, but for a few lilies and japonicas, one is transported into a painting by Monet. Linton seems to be a m a s s i n g more and more

fine furnishings and is in my opinion, one of the finest inland communities on our island. The bridge is all thanks to an excellent parish council project headed by Enid Bald, but underneath the wonderful white construction, and all up and down the river something rather fishy is going on; a proliferation of crayfish the

like of which I've never seen before. A good indication on the quality of water but there's more. In one evening I identified at least 100 of the very large American signal species *Pacifastacus lenusculus* and to my surprise a

handful of our native white claw *Austropotamobius pallipes* too. Then came a shock-



Maureen Williams

ing discovery in the form of three smaller crayfish bearing markings of the other two with dark blue claws. Does this mean cross-breeding, a new or third species introduced? Come on otters...grub up!

Returning home late one

night in the pitch black and heavy rain I sped past a barn owl looking soggy and dejected in a deep roadside puddle. My little humanoid brain took 100 yards to make the decision to investigate and to pull up my raw red Mazda affectionately named *The Raptor*. I reversed and watched the owl a few moments before parking adjacent to him, safely on a grassy bank. As I stepped out to rescue the sodden creature I slipped, did the splits and rolled down in the mud and gravel and into the gutter. Bruised, wet and filthy I crawled on hands and knees in a bid to save the owl.

With arms outstretched I cupped my hands to lift him gently from the murky puddle, whereupon he silently flew away. Somehow I couldn't help but think his parents were up there in the oak tree having a laugh saying "Go on, sit there until someone stops, then fly away". The moral of the story is that if you want to experience being with the owls, then simply visit Linton zoo.

Until next time, have a beautiful July.

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# Parish Council Matters

## REPORT ON THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

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### Linton Parish Council

List of positions within Linton Parish Council

#### Elected

Chair of Council G Potter  
Vice Chair of Council Dr B Cox

#### Appointments of Council representatives

Sawston BEE E Cornell  
CALC Dr J Rossiter  
Directors, Linton Parish Publications  
Dr B Cox, A Gore, T Krarup

Trustee to Cathodeon Trust Dr B Cox  
Charles & Mary Anderson Trust Mrs P Kenyon  
Linton Granta Bowls Club M Clay  
Linton Granta Football Sports & Social Club

Police Liaison G Potter, Mrs P Kenyon, J Lindsell  
Public Transport D Willingham  
Village Hall A Gore, J Lindsell  
Tree Warden M Clay  
River Warden Mrs S Anderson  
Wildlife Warden Dr V Urwin  
School Liaison Governor Linton Heights Junior School Dr J Rossiter  
School Liaison Governor Linton Infants School E Cornell  
Mrs J Nightingale

#### Appointment of committees

##### Planning

Cllrs Bald, Clay, Cornell, Hammett, Kenyon, Lindsell and Rossiter

##### Finance

Cllrs Clay, Gore, Hammett, Krarup, Urwin and Willingham

##### Open Spaces

Cllrs Bald, Clay, Gee and Urwin

##### Recreation Ground

Cllrs Kenyon, Krarup and Lindsell

##### Cemetery

Cllrs Bald, Cornell and Gee

##### Rights of Way

Cllrs Gore, Krarup, Rossiter, White and Willingham

##### Venture Playground

Cllrs Hammett and Urwin

##### Parish Plan

Cllrs Cornell and Rossiter

##### Leadwell Meadows

Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin

##### Glebe Land

Cllrs Cox and Rossiter

##### Churchyard

Cllr Bald, Cox and Gore

##### Communications

Cllrs Bald, Cornell, Gee and Rossiter

##### A1307

Cllrs Cornell, Gee and Willingham

##### Youth Working Party

Cllrs Cornell, Hammett and Rossiter

##### Traffic Working Party

Cllrs Bald, Clay, Cornell, Gee, Gore, Urwin and Willingham

##### Staff Sub-committee

Chair, Vice Chair and Chairs of Planning and Finance

##### Recreational Sub-committee

Cllrs Bald, Cox, Gee, Gore, Lindsell, Rossiter and Urwin

**M**INUTES of the meeting of the Linton Parish Council Annual General Meeting held at the CATHODEON Centre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**Present:** Mrs E Bald, M Clay, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, A Gore, B Hammett, Mrs P Kenyon, T Krarup, J Lindsell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, D White, D Willingham, CC and DC J Batchelor, DC Mrs T Bear, Mrs K France – Press, Mrs S Parry – Clerk and 3 member of the public.

**Public Forum:** Mrs Stewart asked for the bench at the junction of Back Road and Balsham Road be removed. This subject will be discussed under Item 40.

**1. Election of Chairman.** Cllr Urwin proposed Cllr Potter as Chairman. This was seconded by Cllr Hammett. There were no other nominations and the meeting agreed unanimously. The Declaration of Office was signed.

**2 Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr Gee and new councillors were welcomed to the meeting.

**3 Election of Vice Chairman.** Cllr Gore proposed Cllr Cox as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Clay. There were no other nominations and the meeting agreed unanimously.

**4 Appointment of Council Representatives:**

Please see list to Left

**5. Appointment of committees**

Please see list to Left

**6 Declaration of Interests** from Members. (Members need only declare an interest in circumstances where there is an item on the agenda that may cause a conflict of interest) There were none.

**7 Approval of the Minutes** of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006. These were approved and signed. Discussion took place regarding the telegraph pole which has recently been installed without prior permission. It was agreed to write to BT.

**8 Report from the Police**

There was no report but Cllr Bald drew attention to the letter under correspondence Item 33, replies to the questions posed to the Chief Constable. Cllr Willingham suggested that a PCSO or the police be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting. He also suggested that the police be asked to be available prior to meetings regularly throughout the year and the public could make contact if they had a specific issue to discuss. It was agreed to move the report from police further up the agenda.

The Chair explained that the police were invited to attend the main council meeting on the third Thursday of the month. There used to be police presence at some meetings depending on shift patterns but this had dropped off over the past 18 months or so. If the new police liaison councillor could encourage them to attend they would be welcomed.

**9 Report from the County Councillor** Cllr Batchelor reported that a petition from the Ramblers Assoc had been received regarding the abuse of bye ways by off road vehicles requesting seasonal restrictions to prevent the use by vehicles during the winter months. Cllr Batchelor also reported that a steering group and A1307 meeting had been arranged for 9<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Cornell reported to Cllr Batchelor that the new run off strip on the right hand side of the upper part of Coles Lane has ruts and is dangerous.

**10 Report from the District Councillors**

Cllr Batchelor welcomed Cllr Bear who replaces Cllr Joan Smith who has retired. He reported that SCDC have changed the delegation rules about planning. If a Parish Council approve an application it can be refused by SCDC under delegated powers without going to Cabinet. Clerk to write to object. Cllr Batchelor also reported that the Housing department has been reorganised. Neighbourhood Managers have been replaced by Housing Service Officers.

**11 The minutes of the Planning committee meeting** held on 20<sup>th</sup> April were considered and changes made. The minutes of the Planning committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 were approved and signed.

**12 Payments due** – (\*Section 137 payment)  
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G Potter (reimbursement for office computer) 1927.00  
Viking Direct 22.63

The payments were approved and cheques signed by Cllrs Clay and Cox.

Cllr Bald thanked the Parish Council on behalf of ACE. Cllr Hammett thanked the Parish Council on behalf of MAGPAS.

**13 Adoption of Year End Figures.** The year end figures were adopted.

**14 Correspondence received and for discussion**

Item 3 - Aztecs FC request for funding for forth coming Charity football match. It was agreed to sponsor them for the hire of the pitch up to the value of £100.

Item 8 – Clerk to contact Mrs Nightingale to ascertain who owns the gate in Catsfold Lane leading to Hollow Road as the grass cutters require access.

Item 9 - copy of letter to LVC re archive space. All were in favour of progressing this

issue and a meeting will be arranged with LVC.

Item 37 - Quotation from Crofton re churchyard fence. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

Item 40 – Mr Stewart re removal of bench on Balsham Road. After much discussion it was agreed that removal of the bench would not prevent anti social behaviour in that area as youths could still sit on the grass. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Stewart, to liaise with the police and to contact SCDC regarding funding for an outreach worker.

**15 Proposed visit to Dalehead Foods Ltd** re planning application. Cllrs Bald, Clay, Cornell, Hammett, Lindsell, Potter, Rossiter, Urwin and Mrs France wished to be included on the proposed visit. Clerk to contact Dalehead Foods for dates and times.

**16 Reports from Councillors** (for information only)

The Clerk reported that a donation of £800 has been received from a resident towards maintaining footway lights.

Cllr Cornell reported that arrangements for the Wacky Races were all going to plan. Cllr Potter asked for extra marshalls at the junction between Market Lane, Joiners Road and the recreation ground for safety as onlookers were still walking from the Crown to the finish as the leaders were coming to the finish. Cllr Cornell thanked the organisers of the Bookfest for a wonderful event.

Cllr Rossiter thanked Cllr Bald for all her work in securing the funding for the new bridge. The bridge is due to be finished in the next few weeks. An official opening will be arranged when the planting scheme etc. is in place.

Cllr Kenyon reported a dead branch has been exposed on the Chestnut tree which has recently been lopped for lorry access.

17 Coles Lane Car Park – update CONFIDENTIAL ITEM \*

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**The Bench in Balsham Road see previous page**

Minutes of the meeting of LINTON PARISH COUNCIL held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006

**Present:** G Potter – Chair, Dr B Cox – Vice Chair, Mrs E Bald, M Clay, Ms E Cornell, M Gee, A Gore, Mrs P Kenyon, J Linsdell, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Dr D White, D Willingham, Mrs K France – Press and Mrs S Parry - Clerk

18 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllrs Hammett and Krarup

19 **Declarations of Interest.** (Members need only declare an interest in circumstances where there is an item on the agenda that may cause a conflict of interest) There were none

20 **Approval of the Minutes** of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The minutes were approved and signed.

21 Reports from Coordinators:

i) **Open Spaces** - M Clay Cllr Clay reported on the bad state of many of the roads in the village. CCC is aware of the situation and the Clerk will contact Cllr Batchelor for an update.

ii) **Recreation Ground** - Mrs P Kenyon. Cllr Kenyon reported that she has sent a letter to the Linton News regarding ruts in the Meadow caused by vehicles due to the entrance gate not being replaced. Cllr Potter reported that Mr Richardson, another and himself had replaced the gate, it had not been replaced when the bridge was delivered or when the fair left, which allowed the gatepost hole to become full of stones etc stopping the post from seating properly, but no excuse for not replacing it

Cllr Bald reported that the mesh was being fitted to the bridge.

iii) **Cemetery** - M Gee Cllr Gee asked for the second quote for tree work to be chased so decisions can be made.

iv) **Rights of Way** - Dr J Rossiter. Cllr Rossiter distributed a report. This report highlighted the shortfall in the grant received for the Parish Paths Partnership (PPP3), the response to the Road Verge Management questionnaire and the progress on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Cllr Willingham reported that the National Grid are carrying out work locally. They are covering all highways with netting for safety. However they are closing bridleways and footpaths without prior notice. The only information available is at each location. An area of approximately 25 square miles south of Linton is affected and many circular routes are not now accessible. No information has been received by the Parish Council. It was agreed to contact the local Ramblers Association to see if they are aware of this situation.

Cllr Rossiiter reported that a 'desire line' was being trod across the Grip Meadows.

v) **Venture Playground** - B Hammett

The Clerk reported on the increase in vandalism on the recreation ground. The skate ramp is being constantly vandalised. A new steel insert to a litter bin has been flattened within 5 days of installation and recently a man hole cover was smashed. The police have been informed. It was agreed that a record would be kept of all costs relating to vandalism.

vi) **Leadwell Meadows**- Dr J Rossiter Cllr Rossiter reported a dead deer on the roadside, a willow bough blocking access and the hedge needs to be cut. The Wildlife group may take on this work but more volunteers are required.

vii) **Glebe Land** - Dr J Rossiter, The grass has been cut and the area is looking

good.

viii) **Churchyard** - B Cox Cllr Cox read out a letter of concern from a resident regarding the removal of a lime tree in the churchyard. He explained that the Parish Council had, in January, submitted an application to SCDC for tree work to include the removal of all diseased and pollarded lime trees. Approval had been given however it is thought that Mr J Hellingsworth, Tree Officer misinterpreted the limes in question and another application has been submitted today along with a request for him to undertake a site visit. The dead lime tree by the main gate has been felled to allow the wall to be repaired and the gate post to be reinstated, on felling the lime tree it was found to be more decayed than had been thought and the root below ground had rotted away.

Cllr Rossiter requested that the report from M Downs, tree surgeon be reviewed prior to the discussion with JH. Cllr White proposed that a quotation be obtained immediately for the cost of buttressing the wall near to Tree 44. He has concerns that grinding out the root ball will further damage the wall.

ix) **Communications**- M Gee. Cllr Gee reported that a meeting has been requested with the Linton News Team but as yet no date has been fixed. The Chairman asked what was happening with the Parish Matters production as we did not have any of our staff trained to produce it, Cllr Gore proposed that Dawn Newman be asked to carry on editing the Parish Council Matters page of the Linton News until further

notice. This was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed by the meeting. to contact DN.

x) **A1307 - E Cornell** Cllr Cornell reported that an Access 1307 meeting had been arranged for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June upstairs in the Village Hall at 2pm. Other local Parish Councils and various agencies had been invited along with MP James Paice.

22 **Consideration of Payments Due** \*S137

The payments were considered and it was agreed not to pay Kester, Cunningham John until a more detailed invoice has been received, as the invoice would not meet our auditors requirements.

The Clerk reported that the bank signatory mandate appeared to be out of date and asked that only Cllrs Clay, Gee, Gore, Potter and Urwin signed cheques until further notice.

**Wages (total incl baes)** 2671.59

St Mary's PC\* 750.00  
URC\* 750.00

Sarah Jane Butt dec E Harrison Charity Brinkman Trust\* 600.00

Kester, Cunningham John (LCCT lease) 2945.50 – HOLD UFN

ESPO (stationery) 64.26  
Shine Windows 50.00

Neptune Outdoor Furniture (2x litter bin inserts – 1 has already been vandalised!) 110.45

BT 100.77

23 **Correspondence list** – of particular interest

Item 54 Quotation from Coulsons re churchyard wall

No action will be taken until the third quotation is received  
Item 51 BAA Stansted re



**The Skate ramp on the Recreation Ground**

Showing vandalism, Lamp missing, was swinging in the breeze total damage £1500.00, litterbin in foreground.

Picture by Wiggles

next phase of growth at Stansted Airport

Item 57 **Stop Stansted Expansion** Cllr Rossiter proposed that concerns regarding Stansted Airport be placed on the next Agenda.

**Proposal:** Linton Parish Council supports Stop Stansted Expansion, Decision on response to Uttlesford District Council regarding Stansted Airport by 30<sup>th</sup> June

Item 86 **Community decline** and Charter 88 Cllr Gore proposed that we support Charter 88, bullet points 1 and 3. This was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Cornell agreed to take the 'Sustainable Communities Bill' letter to James Paice to ask for his support.

24 **Matters arising from the Minutes** of 18<sup>th</sup> May not already listed Cllr Cornell reported that a meeting had been arranged with LVC for 14<sup>th</sup>

June at 11am regarding an archive room. If anyone is interested in attending please let her know. Cllr Cornell also reported that the Wacky Races has again been very successful. Congratulations to all concerned. The Clerk reported that the visit to Dalehead Foods has been arranged for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am. Cllr Cornell offered to attend the meeting 'Tackling the growing challenge of congestion in Cambridgeshire' at Shire Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Gore proposed that any members of the public attending a Parish Council meeting should be informed of the protocol of debate prior to the meeting commencing. Agreed by the meeting

25 **Reports from Councilors** (for information only)

There were none.  
The meeting closed at 21.30

**Vegetation, taking over the footpaths**

THE latest complaints the Council is receiving are all to do with hedges and shrubs growing over foot paths, making it difficult for walkers to pass without making a detour or being attacked by vegetation, its even pushed it way in the picture caption.

What you might not know is that its the owner of the

**Do you recognise these**



**growing concerns**

Picture by Wiggles

land its growing from is the person who has to get cut it back, if council gets it done its entitled to get costs back from the owner, The Parish Council is at this moment getting clarification on the procedures to get them cut back.

So if your hedges and shrubs are invading the footpaths please make our life easy and get them cut back.

Chairman

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July 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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