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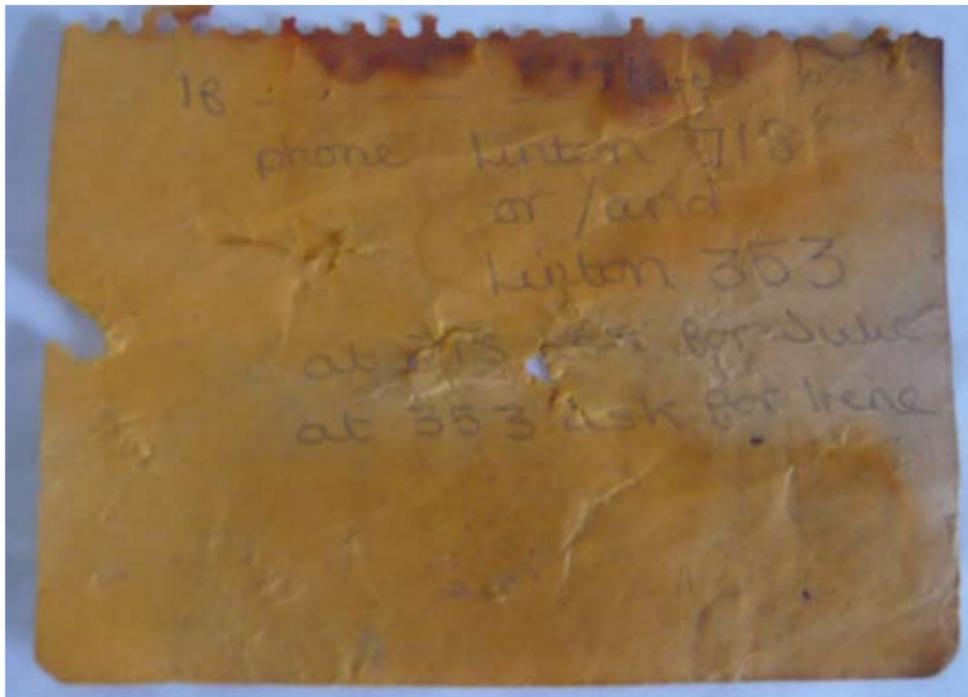
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## Message in a bottle, did you send it?



**A**LONG time ago, (we know it was pre 1970 as that was when the phone numbers became six digits) a message was put into a bottle and thrown into the River Granta in Linton.

After all this time my son, Darren, has found this bottle in the River Granta in

Abington, not very far away but astonishing that it still exists. The bottle was too mucky to keep but the message, yellow with age, reads as follows: If found, well, just phone Julie, Linton 718 or Irene at 353.

If these ladies are still living locally, or if anyone

Picture taken by Wendy Foster recognises the names and telephone numbers, I would love to hear from you.

Joan Swan, 892943

The Linton News would also like to know the story behind this. Please contact me at the address or telephone number on page three.

Editor

## WEA looks at Cambridge colleges

THE WEA is the largest provider of adult education in the country and we pride ourselves on our inclusivity and quality of instruction.

Linton heritage groups have not had the best of starts to the autumn series of talks and lectures. The planned tutor for Linton and District WEA Group has sadly had a heart attack and will no longer be able to take this course. So as a simple contingency plan we will have the spring 2013 course this autumn. Honor Ridout, chairman of the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History

and a Cambridge Blue Badge guide, will inform us all about the history of Cambridge and its colleges.

The course will start at 10am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October and will run for nine weeks. As always we will have a course visit.

The course is described as *An introduction into the History of the University and its colleges, buildings and people.*

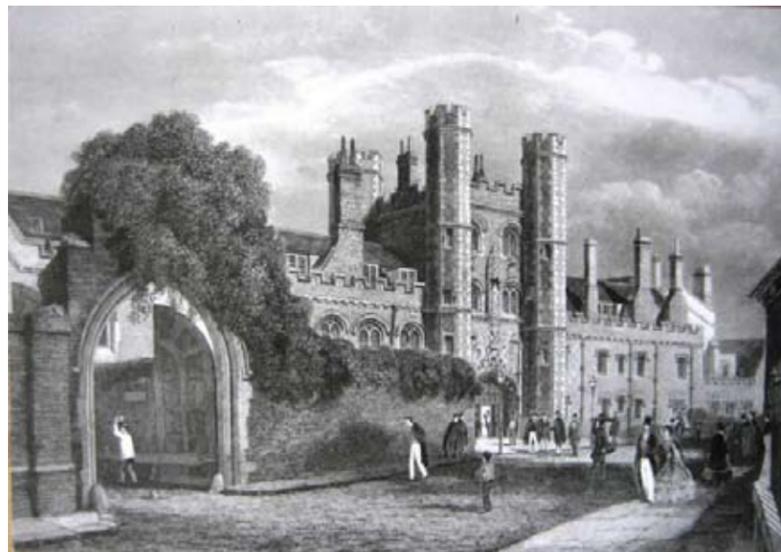
The Cambridge colleges have been the dominant feature of the town for hundreds of years, and have expanded steadily since the first foundation in 1284. The succession of

elegant and picturesque buildings that house their students have become an international draw.

Each college has its own story and this course will explore those stories and why the colleges are important to many more people than their students. Whether you're entirely new to Cambridge and its history, or whether you have personal experience of the colleges, you will all be welcome.

For more information please contact:

Andrew Westwood-Bate, 892430



An historical view of St John's Gate.

Picture supplied by Andrew Westwood-Bate

## In your own time .....

We are delighted to introduce a new writer for our In your own time column. If you have a tale to tell or an unusual hobby, please let us know at the address on page 3.

FANCY popping over to France for breakfast? That's what Rita Boniface often used to say to her husband, Laurence, after obtaining her pilot's licence, at the age of 40, to fly single engine aircraft.

Born in 1934 into a large family in East Dulwich, South London, Rita left school at 14 and started work in an office. She met Laurence at the Court Ballroom, Balham and they married six years later and had two children.

It was when her son asked Rita to go up with him in a plane to view an archaeological site that she knew this would be her passion. She was working in a bank by this time and persuaded her manager, who knew the flying instructor at Southend, to take her up to see crop marks. She dropped everything and started flying. She was earning seven shillings an hour and the lessons were £7 an hour.

After flying Cherokees for 10-15 years she became an instructor because she wanted to pass on to others what she most enjoyed. Unfortunately, a serious flying accident in 2001 saw the end of Rita's flying days but she remains very active with the Air League Educational Trust for aviation promoting scholarships for girls and has received a Certificate of Merit from the Air League, been invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party for her work in aviation and received the Joan Lennox Pendant from the British Women Pilots' Association BWPA, presented by the Duke of York.

Rita still finds time to play bridge and mah-jongg and gives talks on flying to various organisations as well as being busy with her six grandchildren and her little dog Pippa.

What an amazing lady.

Sarah Hurcum



Rita Boniface with Pippa and her certificate of merit

Picture taken by Sarah Hurcum

## Finished any good books lately?

FRIENDS of Linton Library will have its first meeting at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September in the library, on the theme of donating books. James Nicol, in charge of adult stock at Cambridgeshire Libraries, has briefed the committee on the types of books that the library can use, and is particularly interested in:

- Fiction published in the last two years
- Non-fiction published in the past four years
- Popular authors – the library has a monthly list of the most-borrowed authors at Linton
- Classics, where these are under-stocked.

Condition matters. The library doesn't expect books to be brand-new, but they mustn't be worn out, either. The spine needs

to be in good condition, pages need to be tight and not yellowed, and books can't be used if they are dirty...or smelly. "Would you be happy to take this book to bed with you?" was one criterion James suggested.

If you have books that you would like to donate, please bring them to the meeting and we'll have an informal review. There will eventually be opportunities for Friends to help with processing books, and any that are in good condition but not suitable for stock can be included in library book sales, and perhaps also in Friends' book sales. If you'd like to join us, or just to attend a meeting to see if you might be interested, please come along.

John Bald, Chair, Friends of Linton Library.

## Chilford Hall Vineyard wins prestigious awards

CHILFORD Hall Vineyard in Linton has been awarded the prestigious East Anglian Wine of the Year 2012 award by six judges from the East Anglian Wine Growers Association (EAWGA), along with four other trophies and four medals.

The Chilford Hundred Sparkling White 2009 won the trophy for East Anglian Wine of the Year 2012, the Spear Trophy for best sparkling wine and a gold medal, the Chilford Hundred Blush 2011 was awarded a silver medal and the Cants Rose Trophy for best rosé. The Müller-Thurgau Schönbürger 2011 won a silver medal and the Berwick Trophy for best wine from 2011 and the Granta Valley Red 2010 won a bronze medal and the Founders' Trophy for best red wine.

The awards were presented to Mark Barnes, Chilford Hall's winemaker on 14<sup>th</sup> August at New Hall Vineyards in Essex.

EAWGA, www.eastanglianwines.co.uk currently has over 100 members and was founded in 1982 by the late owner of Chilford Hall, Sam Alper.

Glen Mejias, Director and General Manager of Chilford Hall says: "We are absolutely delighted with our scoop and look forward to hosting the awards next summer. Our wine sales have rocketed and our tours and tastings ticket sales have doubled this season, allowing us to expand our offerings to include lunches, afternoon teas and corporate tours."

To find out more about English wine, or to book tours and tastings please contact Chilford Hall on 895600 or email events@chilfordhall.co.uk

## Too good for jumble ...

SPECIAL this month – A road trailer with wooden carry box 6ft x 3ft 6in, an aquarium 76cm long x 31cm high x 39cm wide complete with heater, filter unit and UV light/transformer, BT answerphone Quartet 1500 with instructions and two small brand new ladies travel bags - beige waterproof holdalls 14½in long x 12in high + cosmetic bags.

Still available are the table model Hi-spot minitec patio heater (19in high) with refillable propane gas cylinder and the toner A30 cartridges for a Canon photocopier FC-1/2/3/5/22 or 6/7/11.

Offered for free: Small quantities of polystyrene chips. The inflatable boat raised £10 for Cancer Research and the Proline fridge made £20 for Help for Heroes.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone Kate France 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com.

NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

# A new season dawns

**TRUE**, the summer has hardly arrived but before we know it the trees will be tinged with gold and distraction from the impending winter may well be welcome. So with this in mind here is a taste of what is to come in the new season of gardening club events.

The AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> October will feature a fun quiz and video. The 13<sup>th</sup> November highlights the humble spud as John Walker seeks to broaden our view of this mainstay of the veg. patch. The club will hold its Christmas gathering on 11<sup>th</sup> December where we'll be challenged to make paper flowers and decorations for Christmas.

The New Year soars with Hilary Thomas talking about vertical gardening on 8<sup>th</sup> January. The ever-popular Peter Jackson returns to enlighten us on drought resistant plants on 12<sup>th</sup> February, just in case the dry spell returns! In the nick of time on 12<sup>th</sup> March Chris Day will remind us to get sowing with his talk entitled *Grow your own five-a-day*.

On 9<sup>th</sup> April, as our gardens burst into bloom, Helen Riches challenges us to take a critical look at them, promising that, after a thorough MOT and by following her points, we'll all have perfect gardens. The season's final meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May will feature Julie Dore, who will show how one person's weed is another person's medicine.

We look forward to welcoming you to join us for another fascinating season of talks which all start at 7.30pm in the village hall.

If anyone left an oblong tray or a pair of secateurs in the village hall after the annual show, please contact me and I will arrange to have them returned to you.

Kirsten Newble, 892425, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

## Notice of AGM of Linton Allotment Association

LINTON Allotment Association (LAA) was established on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 with the support of the Parish Council and the guidance of the the National Allotment Society (NSALG) with the purpose of working with the PC to obtain land for allotments. We are a friendly group of Linton residents who want to grow their own fruit and vegetables and to benefit from the exercise, fresh air and social contact that allotments offer.

The Linton Allotment Association will be holding its AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September in the village hall and anyone who is interested in having an allotment in Linton is welcome. When plots become available they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you are not yet on the waiting list and would like to be, do please come and join us.

Membership of the LAA costs £5 of which £2 per person pays for subscription to NSALG.

For more information please contact me:

Rachel Fosberry, 891404, or email Fosberry42@gmail.com

## Linton Heights school celebrates success

*I WAS completely fascinated by the Olympics this summer in a way that I had not anticipated, it was wonderful to feel part of something that had completely captivated the nation and engrossed most people in what proved to be a magical global event.*

*These feelings of elation were similar to those that staff at Linton Heights felt at the end of the summer term. As any teacher will tell you, ensuring success for our pupils is not a sprint; it is a carefully planned marathon. As for our athletes, we are delighted to be celebrating the success of our Year 6 pupils that comes as a result of true teamwork between home and school which focused on the children, as well as a desire to ensure positive outcomes for all.*

*The pupils, their families, their teachers and I can all be very proud of the results shown below. I am immensely proud of the effort put in on everyone's part at Linton Heights to achieve this gold medal success.*

Key Stage 2 SAT Results: (56 pupils)

Maths - 89% level 4 or better (46% level 5)

Reading - 93% level 4 or better (55% level 5)

Writing - 84% level 4 or better (38% level 5)

*This data is above the 2011 national and Local Authority outcomes.*

*(Level 4 is the age related expectation at the end of Year 6; Level 5 is above the age related expectation at the end of Year 6)*

Jennifer Malone, Headteacher

## Conkers children centre has had a great summer



Jayden Smith and Pippa Barnicoat enjoying a Time for Twos session

At the Children Centre we have been having a lot of fun during the summer holiday.

We have put on special summer sessions for one-year-olds Fun at One and another for two-year-olds Time for Twos. These groups follow the Keep Learning Together programme. We aim to make the most of learning opportunities in everyday life at home, having fun together.

The groups are focussed on a particular age level because the topics are related to early development, in an enjoyable way. We are starting a new course in September that will follow a 10-week programme. If you would like your child to attend please contact Debby at the office.

During the summer we have been collecting the results

Picture taken by Debby Jepps of a big survey that we sent out to all families registered with the Children Centre. We wanted to find out what people felt about their local Children Centre, what groups they felt were beneficial and ways in which it could possibly help them more. We are taking the time to look at the responses and look forward to informing you of any changes that have been made as a result of this process.

Our new September *What's On* flyer is now available. If you would like to receive this or find out any more about what the Children Centre has on offer for you and your 0-five year olds then please do pop in to our office. We are normally available Monday to Friday 9.30am-5pm. 893594. Debby Jepps, 893594

## PLODDING ALONG

### An update on police matters

ALTHOUGH crimes have remained low since our last e-cops, there have been a few burglaries in local villages. Please continue to report any suspicious activity in your area. In addition to this please look at security at your own property and make sure that you keep all windows and doors locked when you leave. If you are going on holiday, try and arrange for someone to keep an eye on your property and remove mail collecting at the address. If you would like local officers to give you some advice on security, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PCSO Chris Pulley and I will continue conducting speed checks in the villages and will continue to deal with parking issues outside the Co-op, High Street, Linton and other areas. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, there was a report of a large bang in the Paynes Meadow area of Linton at around 9pm. PCSO Pulley and I are aware of previous incidents in the areas of Paynes Meadow and Rivey Woods. We value this information and would like residents to report any antisocial behaviour in this area and specifically any fires being lit in Rivey Woods, so that we can monitor and deal with these incidents.

PCSOs 7239 Leanne Fisher and 7081 Chris Pulley welcome your feedback and we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible. Please be aware that responses may take longer at times of high demand.

You can ring your neighbourhood team on 101. In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please call 999. For all non-emergencies, general enquiries and to report crime please call 101. To give information anonymously about crime, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Linton Health Centre important dates for your diary

FRIDAYS in September: afternoon baby clinics:-

Immunisations: booked appointments only, no drop-in for immunisations. Health visitors will be available as usual for weighing and advice.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September Alzheimer's Society, 10am-12noon, information and drop-in session.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire 10am-12 noon, information and drop-in session for carers.

13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> October, Saturday morning flu clinics (provisional dates). We will start taking bookings from mid September. Immunisation is recommended for those with:- diabetes, heart disease, liver disease, renal disease, chronic respiratory disease, immunosuppression, pregnant women, carers (note: employers should arrange for the immunisation of those employed as carers), All those aged 65 and over. For more information please contact Linton Health Centre on 891456.

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# Readers write...

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*Anonymous letters will NOT be published but names and addresses may be withheld if requested.*

## A response to last month's letters

Dear Editor,  
An ambiguous passage in Enid Bald's letter last month could have been misunderstood by some of your readers as implying that a group of councillors who stood down from the parish council in 2010 did so for party political reasons. Two of us wrote to the Linton News at the time explaining why we had decided to step down and anyone reading that letter would see that party politics was not the reason. I'd be surprised if most of the other councillors who decided not to continue in 2010 shared my particular political beliefs, but that's entirely their own business.  
Party politics has generally been kept out of parish councils, and rightly so, as Enid says.  
Andrew Gore, by email

Dear Editor,  
On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July, I was out for an early morning jog up the lane from Back Road to Rivey Hill, when a Boxer dog, off its lead, came racing up and repeatedly jumped and snapped at me.  
The owner caught up and pulled it off just as I exclaimed: "I think it bit me!" I think I was in shock, as I had a very brief chat with the owner before running off as quickly as possible, without asking who they were.  
When I got home, I found I had extensive bruising on my upper arms, and a bite wound that necessitated a trip to the Health Centre for treatment. The owner would not have known how badly I was injured. I wanted to write to the Linton News to ask all dog owners, if they are at all unsure of their dog's behaviour, could they please keep them on the lead? Name and address supplied

## Plants – good and bad

**theWI** OUR speaker at the August meeting was Dr Tim Wreghitt OBE, a leading microbiologist and pathologist who, for a few years, manned a stand for the Royal College of Pathologists at the Chelsea Flower Show to raise awareness of their work and to show which plants can be good or bad for your health.

Good plants include lichen, which is helpful in diagnosing hepatitis; agar (red seaweed) from which microbiologists can grow bacteria; cranberries for preventing bacteria and urinary tract infections; tomatoes, proven to prevent prostate cancer. Garlic was given to slaves building the pyramids in Egypt and used in the First World War added to sphagnum moss to treat wounds. We get aspirin from willow.  
Bad plants causing respiratory, food or skin allergies include those with wind blown pollen, wheat (coeliac disease), peanuts, and rubber. Eating fruits such as apple or kiwi can cause an oral allergy (a burning sensation in the mouth) for those who have suffered from asthma in childhood.

The stand at Chelsea one year was devoted to malaria and won a gold medal. Quinine extracted from the bark of the Cinchona tree can be used to treat malaria, which kills 700,000 children each year world wide. Skin chemicals on certain people repel mosquitoes so scientists are working on a way to market these.

This year is National Pathology Year and the theme at Chelsea was urban greening, displaying low allergen gardens. In their golden jubilee year the college stand was honoured by a visit from their patron the Queen.

The speaker at our meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September will be Mrs Brenda Harley on *How I became a reel old sew and sew.*  
Sally Proberts

## OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,  
Through the Linton News we would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbours and the health centre staff for their support following the recent death of our dear husband and father John Milne. We would like to pay particular tribute to the community nursing team who helped to look after John during his recent illness and to Dr Claire Charlesworth who had an interesting first day in her new job, to say the least! We are fortunate to be part of such a close and caring community as Linton.  
Helen Milne, Louise Rogers and Jonathan Milne  
Wheatsheaf Way

## Alzheimer's coffee morning

Dear Editor,  
Carol and Alex Todd would like to thank everyone who helped, supported and donated to the coffee morning and bring and buy held at 29 Hollybush Way, Linton on the morning of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July.  
The sun shone and £670 was raised. An amazing total.  
Alex Todd, 892979

## Barn Owl B & B

LINTON attracts people from far afield, whether attending events at Chilford Hall, visiting the zoo or simply spending time with friends and family. Although the weary traveller can book themselves into a budget hotel, these places sometimes seem a little faceless and the rooms and service can leave a lot to be desired.

Enter Barn Owl B&B who offer guests a spacious family room that is detached from the main body of the house. The business has been going strong for over two years under owner Michelle Rhodes: "I just wish I had more rooms", says Michelle. "On a recent weekend we could have booked the place out four times over".

Operating an informal buddy system with other local guest houses, Michelle will endeavour to ensure that there is always somewhere to stay in the area.

A five star rating on highly respected site Trip Advisor is not something easily attained but Barn Owl has proven itself with this accolade.

"I love meeting new people", continued Michelle. "We have guests from Tasmania to Thailand who tend to eat out and shop in Linton contributing to our vibrant micro economy".

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Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only	VH
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays until October	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays	Ashdon Baptist church
St Mary's church choir trebles, 6.30-7.15pm Fridays	St Mary's
Full choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

**SEPTEMBER**

<b>1 Farmers' market, 9.30am</b>	LVC
1 Adult Education enrolment day	LVC
2 Aztecs JFC Annual Funday	LVC
<b>3 Linton camera club 7.15pm</b>	CC
<b>4 WI 7.30pm</b>	VH
5 Linton Reading group, 8pm	D&D
6 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
6 Luncheon Club, 12noon	White Horse, Withersfield
<b>7-9 Open Cambridge weekend</b>	
8 Tenant open day, 12noon-4pm	Impington VC
<b>11 Alzheimer's Information Point, 10am-12noon</b>	HC
11 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
<b>11 Allotment Association AGM, 7.30pm</b>	VH
<b>12 Friends of Linton Library, 7.30pm</b>	VH
<b>13 ACE coach trip to Southwold leaving, 9.30am</b>	D&D
18 Police Panel meeting, 7.30pm	LH
19 CAMTAD hearing help, 9.30am-12noon	HC
20 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
<b>23 Cambridge Glass Fair, 10.30am</b>	LVC
<b>28 Macmillan coffee morning, 9.30am</b>	VH
<b>28 Macmillan coffee morning, 10am</b>	Nichols Court
29 Tenant open day, 12noon-4pm	Melbourn VC

**OCTOBER**

<b>1 Linton camera club, 7.15pm</b>	CC
<b>2 WI, 7.30pm</b>	VH
4 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
6 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
6 Linton Brownies jumble sale, 2pm	VH

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266  
**Library times:** Mon closed; Tues 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.  
**Linton refuse collection: 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Linton recycling collection: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October**  
KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall  
**DON'T forget to put all your events into the village diary, which is held in the Post Office. Remember to put the event, date, time and venue.**  
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## Lots to do and see at Open Cambridge...

FOR one special weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September, Cambridge will open its doors and welcome everyone to share in its spectacular architecture, art collections, libraries and gardens. Open Cambridge features a variety of free pre-bookable and drop-in events. Walks, talks, tours and exhibitions will highlight aspects of the city's history and rich heritage. Libraries, gardens, museums and historic buildings normally closed to the public will open up for families, local residents and community groups to discover.

Take a dip into the swimming history of Cambridge. Explore some of Cambridge's swimming haunts, and learn about the chancellor who warned scholars bathing in the river would be publicly whipped - and how hundreds of years later the river was teeming with swimmers including Rupert Brooke.

A tour of the Central Science Library promises to be a highlight, as does a behind the scenes tour of the ADC theatre. Combined punting and walking tours of Cambridge and lessons in Victorian party planning, among many more.

We are again pleased to welcome a number of city venues to the programme, with tours of some of the city's most significant historic buildings. For a rare chance to visit several colleges in one day while supporting local charities, consider participating in the Bridge the Gap charity walk taking place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

All activities are free, unless specifically stated. Advanced booking is essential on all tours and is available online at: [www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge](http://www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge).

For information on accessibility and other inquiries, please check the event description or call us on 766766.

## ... and at the Festival of Ideas in October

FROM the nightmare of global conflict and online Big Brothers to dreams of spiritual transcendence, this year's Cambridge Festival of Ideas will keep you wide awake, entertained and stimulated.

The theme of the festival is *dreams and nightmares*. It aims to celebrate and promote the huge breadth of work covered by the University of Cambridge across the arts, humanities and social sciences with experts from across the country taking part.

Speakers at the debates and talks include legendary BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson, China expert Martin Jacques, *Radio 4* Controller Gwyneth Williams and Executive Editor of *The Economist*, Daniel Franklin.

Debates cover issues as wide-ranging as the aftermath of the Arab Spring, the future of the BRICs, the social impact on the West of the rise of China and the US elections. Professor Simon Baron Cohen will take part in a panel discussion on whether neuroscience has been used to promote traditional gender stereotypes.

John Simpson will ask whether, in a world of increasing turbulence, progressive forces will be stronger than repressive ones and if our increasing interconnectedness is a force for good in international politics.

The main day of the festival on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October is packed full of talks and debates for adults and workshops and performances for children, with three acclaimed authors and poets, Lauren Child, best known for her *Charlie and Lola* series; Andy Stanton of *Mr Gum* fame; and legendary Rasta and performance poet, Benjamin Zephaniah.

Events for children continue through half term week and include talks, and handling sessions with slimy hagfish and blood-sucking mini-beasts. On Halloween, the Scott Polar Museum will be sharing close encounters with dreaming explorers, ghostly presences, trails and creative activities, spooky books and film.

The festival runs from Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information and a programme, please call: 766766 or visit: [www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas](http://www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas) Booking opens Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

## Heating oil & gas getting the right measure

*At the time of writing we're having a mini heatwave, so you might not thank me for turning your thoughts to the winter months. But in our British climate who knows how early a cold snap will arrive. Some of you may therefore be considering buying in your fuel for those cold months.*

*In Cambridgeshire, Trading Standards works closely with heating oil and bulk gas suppliers to help them ensure their tankers are measuring and dispensing fuel accurately. This helps to ensure that you, the customer, can be sure you're getting what you've paid for. However, for added peace of mind there are a few checks you can make yourself at the time of delivery, to ensure you are getting the fuel you paid for.*

**Heating oil and bulk gas** - on most tankers there is an automatic ticket printer that records and prints the quantity of fuel dispensed into your tank. You should be given a copy of this delivery ticket. If you want to make absolutely sure it is correct you can take the following steps:

*For heating oil, observe the fuel being dispensed from start to finish. (For safety reasons we do not advise this for bulk gas). Inspect the ticket before it is put in the printer and before the*

*fuel is dispensed to make sure it is yours and that it remains in place until it is printed again on completion.*

*When the ticket is inserted, make sure the meter shows zero.*

*At the end of the delivery, check the reading on the meter is the same as on your ticket.*

*A small number of oil tankers still use a dipstick to measure fuel being dispensed. This is harder for you to check as your own dipstick or sight tube may not be as accurate.*

**Bottled gas** - Bottled gas is sold by the weight of its contents which should be clearly marked on the cylinder. If you want to be sure that you have received the correct amount of gas, you can take the following steps:

*Check the amount marked on the cylinders adds up to the amount on the delivery note and both match the amount ordered.*

*Where fitted, check the plastic seals are in place and that the essential safety information is stamped or painted on the side.*

*If you have concerns or issues with any products that you have purchased, you can contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506 for advice. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.*

*Inspect the ticket before it is put in the printer and before the*

## Votes for women!

WHO could forget the picture of Mrs Pankhurst being carried away from a protest by a policeman? So tiny but so determined. In a fascinating talk to the ACEs, Mary Dicken showed illustrations of prominent Suffragettes, cartoons deriding or supporting them and posters exhorting the right of women to vote by contrasting their virtues with the failings of men. It was a hard fight - starting with peaceful protest, then demonstrations organised with military precision, breaking shop windows (showing the force of toffee-hammers) and chaining themselves to railings. For many, there was imprisonment, hunger-strikes, force-feeding and ruined health. Finally came the martyrdom of Emily Wilding Davison under the hooves of the King's horse - I am related to Emily, and Mrs Franklin had a connection to the jockey. Eventually we won the vote, though the fight continues in many countries. There were good questions (including some from men...) and discussion on the need to use our vote - Linton knows the power of that one vote!

To show no gender bias, we had Ploughman's lunch - served by our splendid ladies, Jan, Linda, Marlene and now Merrie; many thanks to them.

The next event is a coach trip to Southwold on 13<sup>th</sup> September, leaving the Dog and Duck at 09.30, and picking up around the village. Call me on 891069 or Cynthia on 891728 to book. The cost depends on the numbers, so let us try for a full coach. All are welcome.

Enid Bald

## Cryptic clues for Camera Club

SINCE last reporting about the camera club we have been trying to widen our photographic knowledge at our Monday meetings, so we invited Julian and Jason Edwards, professional Linton photographers, to help us with settings for portrait photography. Unfortunately the weather was not kind enough for us to practise outside our meeting place as planned so we were given an informative presentation regarding settings, fill-in flash etc with a background in place for us to practise.

At the July meeting our chairman, Sarah Hurcum had set a quiz with a photographic theme - with a few trick questions. In August, we spent a wet evening tramping around Abington with another of Sarah's quizzes, this time with cryptic clues pointing to various spots in Abington for us to photograph and report back to the next meeting in the Cathodeon building on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This meeting will also be a group therapy session when newer members can ask for advice from some of our more experienced photographers. The theme for the night is *Hats*.

Our annual exhibition will take place this year on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, as usual in the village hall. Doors will be open from 10am till 4pm. Once again we will be displaying our best photographs, all of which will be new to the exhibition. Again there will be a raffle, refreshments and greetings cards for sale, all made by the club members. Put the date in your diary.

For more information about the club go to [www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk)

Tracey Wilson, 891988

## Glass Fair caters for all tastes

BECAUSE of the Chilford Hall blaze, the next Cambridge Glass Fair will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Linton village college.

The Cambridge Glass Fair is more than just that - it is an event which brings together about 100 exhibitors from across the UK and Europe.

Originally founded along with the respected collector and glass expert, Dr Graham Cooley, this fair offers the ideal opportunity to find both antique glass and contemporary studio work - glass from all areas and to suit all tastes.

## A big thank you from Simply Feet chiropody

SIMPLY Feet chiropody has now been open for three months and what a busy time we have had.

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# Linton Country Diary by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



## The saga of Captain Cook and Cyril Nutkins

SOME say they caused the decline of the red squirrel and others say they are not native to these shores and should be shot on sight!

How one may have formulated an opinion, and indeed in the Free World article 19 ensures such a voice, it's interesting to note certain truths misconstrued. Cyril Nutkins is a fine example of his species.

For a while, he came to visit one of his most feared enemies - the human. Possibly orphaned as a kitten, his destiny was undoubtedly to have died of starvation or become food for a crow had he not by serendipity fallen into the hands of a modern day St Francis.

Gently nursed and fed by

day and night, young Cyril slowly gained weight and strength.

Some may have shuddered at the thought of keeping nourished a creature accused of carrying squirrel pox, against which I'm led to believe the reds have no defence, with tooth and claw that could slice like the proverbial knife through butter.

However, in this case, it was the squirrel that chose the man. Prejudices abound upon the greys, yet one may enquire if this is possibly a case of Captain Cook and

measles to Hawaii. More importantly, any decline of the sweet little red bushy-tailed chaps falls heavily on our heads for cutting down their natural pantry.



I encountered young Nutkins

by a tree. The human raised an arm and pointed to the sky when suddenly, as if out of thin air, a squirrel appeared in his hand. With a series of whistles and hand signs, Nutkins obeyed the human

requests.

Then, with a "Go and see Darryl", he leaped on to my shoulder, looked me comically in the eye before a quick tour up and down my body without leaving a scratch. It was over in seconds. Another sign and he returned to the wild. Magical!

Finally, I'm not sure I could say he was grey but I did see an almost black one in the churchyard.

Perhaps, like the pact of St Francis with wolves, we too must provide food enough for our friends of the wilderness, by ensuring we not only replenish our land with trees and shrubs but that they are of the kind that bear the right fruit. Now, where did I see that sweet chestnut tree?

## Singers' new director

**THE Balsham Singers are pleased to announce that we have a new musical director - John Clenaghan.**

John comes from Sutton Coldfield and studied piano and conducting in Colchester and London.

He has conducted choirs in various parts of the UK, performing works by Mozart, Britten, Fauré, Handel and Rutter.

He has also accompanied right across the country including for various musical theatre shows.

John spent 20 years teaching music but is now a free-

lance accompanist, pianist, and teacher of piano, singing and theory.

He is currently director of music at St James church, Cambridge, and conducts various choirs in Cambridge.

John loves conducting all types of music and his aim is to make singing in a group a very enjoyable experience.

We are very lucky to have him and are eagerly awaiting rehearsals which begin on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

We welcome new voices so anyone wishing to join us please contact me.

Jean Mannion, 893595

## Local lamb at Market

LOCAL Southdown lamb will be available from Linton farmers' market from September through to December.

The lamb is the seasonal produce of a small flock of pedigree Southdowns in Weston Colville. Although once the most economically important British breed of sheep, Southdowns fell out of favour with the demand for larger animals.

They are a small, stocky sheep with a famously delicious and meaty rump. They have dense wool that covers the whole of their body down to their knees and most of their



The familiar Southdown

face, giving them a teddy bear look.

As their name suggests, Southdown sheep originally came from the South Downs of Sussex. However, from 1796 until the late 1920s, Southdowns would have been a familiar sight in West Wickham and the surrounding area.

This is because early in the development of the breed, they became the favourite of a local farmer, Jonas Webb, who grew up on his father's farm at Streetly Hall.

Webb won many agricultural shows with his sheep and promoted the breed all over the world. Webb was commemorated by a statue at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. The statue has since been relocated to Babraham.

Melanie Stammers

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**POT POURRI 90**

**The distance between...**

CONSIDER a rectangle with two overlapping circles drawn inside which touch all the sides. If the rectangle is 15 units long by x units wide and the distance between the centres of the overlapping circles is 0.6x units, how far are they apart?

**Solution to No 89 - Prove a triangle in a semicircle**  
From the vertex, draw a perpendicular line to meet the diameter; then from the resultant similar triangles, use Pythagoras's Theorem to show that the vertex angle is always a right angle.

Urania

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Bridge the gap**

THE Bridge The Gap charity walk begins at 9.30am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September on Jesus Green in Cambridge. It is an annual event that gives everyone the opportunity to take a leisurely stroll through rarely seen parts of Cambridge colleges - all for a good cause.

This year, Olympic swimmer Mark Foster will be with us at the start and during the walk. All money raised goes straight to Arthur Rank Hospice and Press Relief, the News charity, and this year we would like to raise £50,000.

The event starts and finishes on Jesus Green, taking in a number of colleges, often into areas not normally accessible to the public, and also gives the opportunity to drop into the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, which opens its doors to all Bridge The Gap walkers. The route is wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

Adult registration fee is £15, under 18s free if accompanied by a paying adult. For details go to [www.bridgethegapwalk.org](http://www.bridgethegapwalk.org) You can register online or pick up a registration form from any branch of the Cambridge Building Society. Call us on 434378

**The world's biggest coffee morning for Macmillan care...**

PLEASE come along and support this annual event from 9.30-11.30am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the village hall. The money raised will help pay for Macmillan nurse time, to help people affected by cancer.

Enjoy a cup of coffee, a slice of yummy cake and a chat with your friends, all for a very good cause. If you would like to help in any way by donating raffle prizes, making cakes or helping on the morning itself please give me a call or drop me an email.

Hope to see you there.  
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**...and another at Nichols Court**

THERE will be coffee and cakes, a super raffle and a bring and buy stall, beginning at 10am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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# The Derbyshire Post



HOW much can bad weather during the summer impact on the village college? Well, the answer is, quite a bit, actually.

We got away with it on some occasions: the June summer soirée remained a pleasant, dry night and we all enjoyed a very high quality concert. Director of music, Chris Charlesworth, has put considerable effort into swelling the ranks of the college choir this year and the result is an impressive wall of harmony.

However, not all events have gone quite as well to plan: the Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Derbyshire was a disappointing washout, with that area of the country experiencing a bout of serious flooding. We had to cancel and reschedule for the autumn.

The Year 11 ball carried on under quite challenging circumstances. The first arrivals made their dramatic entrances in a downpour which meant that the colourful umbrellas matched the number of colourful ball gowns. Linton Jazz, whose music accompanied the arrivals, had to pack away their instruments for fear of blowing up their amplifiers. Fortunately, the rain did not last long and had stopped altogether for the group photograph (it amazes me each year that no two dresses are ever the same) and the opening of the marquee. They still had a very enjoyable night.

Enrichment week, deep learning days and sports day have all required a carefully constructed wet weather plan this year. We just haven't been able to trust the weather reports.

Still, by the time you read this, we will be heading back to school with the summer behind us. Probably in the glorious September sunshine.

Caroline Derbyshire

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/1503/12/DC Mr Matthew Smith, Bidwells, **Greenditch Farm, Balsham Road**, Discharge of conditions 3 (Materials), 6 (Hard and soft landscaping), and 8 (Foul water drainage) of planning consent S/0372/12/FL for replacement dwelling.
- S/1533/12/FL Mr Steve Read, **30 High Street**, Change of use to dwelling at first floor level and alterations to provide bin and cycle store at ground floor level.
- S/1547/12/DC Mr Phil Barnes Camstead/Yelcon Ltd, **12 Back Road**, Discharge of conditions 3, 5, 7 & 9 of application S/0095/12/FL.
- S/1547/12/DC Mr Phil Barnes Camstead/Yelcon Ltd, **12 Back Road**, Discharge of conditions 4, 6 & 8 of application S/0799/12/FL.
- S/1550/12/DC Mr Phil Barnes Camstead/Yelcon Ltd, **12 Back Road**, Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 of application S/0042/12/FL.
- S/1561/12/FL Mr & Mrs Vaughan, **92 Balsham Road**, Extensions.
- S/1564/12/LB Mr Andrew Vince, Chilford Hundred Ltd, **Chilford Hall, Balsham Road**, Demolition of fire damaged listed building.
- S/1572/12/DC Mr Phil Barnes, Camstead/Yelcon Ltd, **12 Back Road**, Details required by condition 13 (infrastructure requirements) of planning permission S/0095/12/FL.
- S/1579/12/DC Yelcon Ltd, **Land to the north of 20 Back Road**, Details required by conditions 10, 11 and 12 (infrastructure requirements) of planning permission S/0042/10/F.

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## The Way We Were by Garth Collard

### How Emson's Farm developed



A view of Emson's Farmhouse as it is today and, inset, the gate in the wall

EMSON'S Farm was part of Barham Estates from the time of the Norman Conquest. In the 18th century it was owned by Sarah Lonsdale until her death in 1807 when it was gifted to Pembroke College.

The first tenant was William Emson, a substantial householder, an overseer and the village constable. The gate to the entrance to the Barham manor pound can be seen set in the flint wall of Number 32 Emson's Close on Bartlow Road.

Stray animals were impounded here until the owner paid a fine to the manor. William Emson died in Hildersham, where he also owned property, in 1849 at the age of 85.

The 17th century farmhouse can be seen in Bartlow Road next to the row of shops. In 1824 the farmhouse was valued at £200 and one of the barns was worth £100. The farmland stretched from

Fincham's Close, through Emson's Close to Oxon Lane and south to the river. It also covered parcels of land north to Borley Wood.

From 1917 until 1939 the farm was rarely occupied, since corn and meat prices were so low due to imports.

Pictures taken by Roger Lapwood

Much of the land was unproductive as 30 acres near the river was marsh grassland and rabbits overran the land near Borley Wood, destroying 15 acres of corn in 1916.

During the great depression of the 1890s the farm was worth £300 but the house only

£5. At a farm sale in 1917 the tenant, George Smith, only had 10 cows, one sow and a few goats, indicating the poverty of the farm.

The house was severely neglected and only let after Pembroke College spent £500 on renovations. Many older Lintonians recalled Mr Peters, a tenant from 1932 until the 1950s, who had a milk round in the village.

In the 1920s Pembroke College sold a strip of land in Balsham Road to South Cambs RDC for building council houses.

More farm land was sold to the RDC in the 1950s for building the fire station, which was completed in 1955.

The college sold the remaining farm in 1954 for a mere £3,400. Land prices escalated and the buyer, Mr Orbell of Clare, later sold a large area of land for the Cathodeon Crystals factory, now the Copperfields estate.

### Can you name these workers?

Once again Garth has supplied us with a picture of people whom he would like identifying. If you know any of these men please contact Garth on 892395.



Linton council house builders from the 1930s to 1950s. They worked for Mr Manning of Cherry Hinton. The man in the centre is Mr Manning

### Linton and District Historical Society



The tented army

Picture supplied by Andrew Westwood-Bate

DUE to circumstances beyond our control, the first meeting and AGM of the Linton and District Historical Society will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th October in Linton village hall and not on Tuesday 18th September as expected. All are very welcome.

September 2012, however, is a very important month in the history of the local villages that have the glacial esker ridge running along the north side of the Granta Valley. It represents the centenary of the start of the pre-Great War war games between the Red and Blue armies that were fought on these ridges. A wide range of dignitaries came to watch including the King and the Kaiser and the results of the exercise changed the way warfare was conducted forever.

The 5th field troop of the Royal Engineers arrived at Linton on Wednesday 28th August 1912 to prepare camps for the Cavalry Brigades.

The local paper dated 6th September 1912 described 'during the past few days a large Canvas Town has sprung up on the outskirts of Linton. The 16th Lancers, 18th Hussars, 4th Dragoon Guards, a Veterinary Hospital, two batteries of the Royal Horse Artillery, 5th field troop of Royal Engineers, and the Signal troop of the Army Service Corps all took up their quarters in the camp'. These huge tented cities sprung up in the fields in many villages.

The mock conflict took place between 16th and 18th September. To find out more you will need to come to our opening meeting on 16th October and read the story in the Linton News as it unfolds over the months leading up to Christmas 2012.

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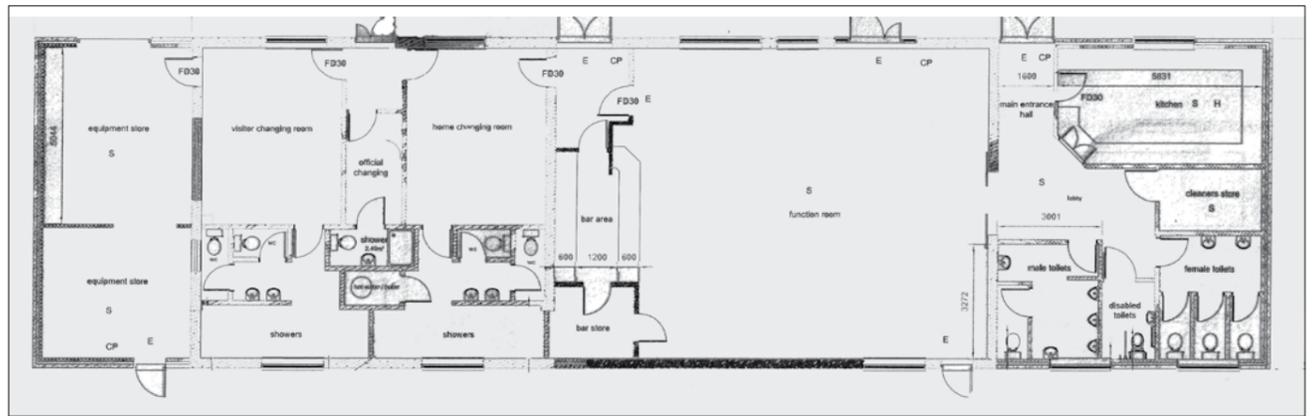
# Parish Council Matters

## Pavilion update

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

THE last article I did for Parish Council Matters concentrated on the sport facilities, or lack of them, in the village compared with other larger villages in the area. The village college allows the village to use many of their excellent facilities but we should not have to rely on their goodwill. There is a minimum requirement for recreational area within a population number issued by the National Playing Fields Association, and Linton falls well short of this recommendation. However in the current climate it is unlikely that some kind landowner will offer any further land that could be purchased by the village for recreational purpose at a reasonable cost to the parish. So we have to make the best of what we have got. With that in mind the pavilion on the meadow is planning to improve its facilities to bring it in line with the requirements of the Safeguarding Children Recommendations with respect to toilets and dressing accommodation. The 1<sup>st</sup> team have gained promotion to a Step 7 club within the Football Association's Football Pyramid, and hence the standard expected by the Football Association (FA) required an upgrade to provide separate toilets for the general public and a separate dressing room with toilet and shower facilities for the officials. This will not involve increasing the size or capacity of the social and bar area, but will improve the kitchen facilities, add disabled toilets and provide new separate toilets for spectators and general public. The dressing rooms and the officials facilities will be refurbished to the standard required by the FA, and finally a storage area built to enable us to remove the two unsightly containers situated on the meadow. The plans have just been approved by South Cambridgeshire district council's planning department, and we will be seeking tenders and applying for grants from various bodies in the near future. The Football Club along with the Cricket Club have currently raised some £10k towards this project. This has mainly been achieved by the Monday night bingo sessions run by the Football Club and the President's Day held last year by the Cricket Club. I appreciate the bingo nights caused some parking problems but hopefully, again with the help of the village college, this has in the main been resolved.

It was hoped to provide a car park for the pavilion just inside the entrance on Meadow Lane. This car park would not have been a tarmac area open all hours, but a hard standing grass area, which would have been opened only for events on the meadow or in the pavilion. This point was not made clear at the consultation evening and unfortunately the plan was subsequently withdrawn without further discussion. This may be an item that could be discussed at a future public meeting along with different access options to



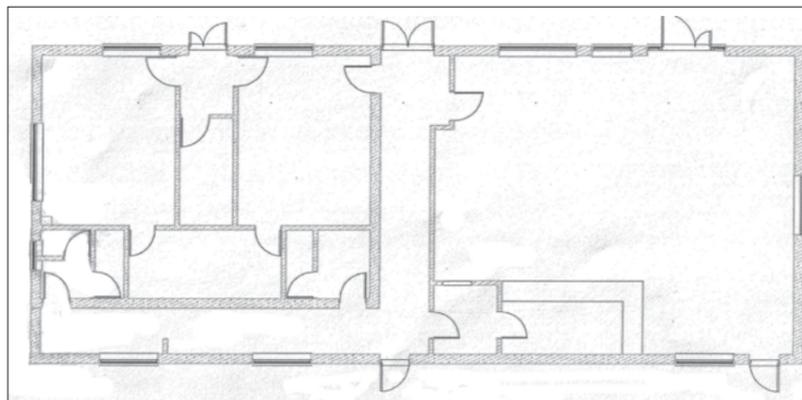
Proposed and existing plans of the pavilion

the meadow.

The meadow has been used for many years for football and cricket and remains the hub of recreational activities for all age groups in the village.

Because of the lack of facilities in the village some give and take is required by all - participants, users and residents alike. In particular is the problem of access for deliveries and servicing of the pavilion. With the new arrangements now in place with the village college I hope that a sensible approach by users and residents will be forthcoming and everyone will respect each others concerns and problems.

Sport is a major pastime for all age groups and Linton should be proud of the many clubs and activities that are available for the residents. As many of you will know my main interest is the football and the Granta Football Club is one of the oldest in Cambridgeshire, being founded in 1878, and has had a very successful run over the last few seasons. Under the managership of Adam Norton the 1<sup>st</sup> team have won three consecutive promotions culminating in winning the Kershaw Premier League in the first season they returned to the top division. Adam won Manager of the Season and the team won the Mick North Club of the Year. The reserve team won their division last season and were promoted to Division 2 of the Cambridgeshire League. The 'A' team was reformed last season and now means the club once again have three teams in the Cambridgeshire League. This could not have been possible without the hard work of the willing volunteers who carry out many duties to ensure the teams turn out each week, and the sponsors - the Crown Inn (1<sup>st</sup> team), Rouse Joinery (Reserves) and Steve Jackson ('A' team). Particular mention should be made to the chairman - Robin Williams, secretary - David O'Dell and the groundsmen - Alan O'Dell and John Richardson, who incidentally came second in the FA's Groundsman of the Year Award. Other volunteers, too many to mention, carry out their duties to ensure



the success of the club continues and provides pleasure and exercise for the participants and the spectators who turn out most weeks to support the teams. In addition the Veterans side provides football for the over 35s and the Aztecs cater for the younger age groups from under sixes to under 16s. None of this would be possible without the numerous volunteers who help to run these clubs.

The other main sport user

of the meadow and pavilion is the Linton Village Cricket Club who currently provide cricket for under 9s, 11s, 13s, and 15s in addition to three senior teams. Again this would not be possible without the facilities on the meadow and the many volunteers who give up freely their time to ensure all the teams have qualified coaches in addition to the many administrative and other duties involved.

This is only the football and cricket side of things and I am aware that many other sports teams and organisations provide exercise and recreation for a large number of our residents, particularly youth. Everything should be done to support and encourage these organisations to prosper, and recognise the many volunteers who help to run them. I do believe that this helps to keep the anti-social behaviour at a low rate compared with other areas in the country, and helps to ensure the youth of the village grow to respect and value the village amenities.

The parish council is here to help and support these organisations and any advice or help required should be directed through the parish clerk in the first instance.

The superb performances at our Olympic Games are still fresh in our memories and we should ensure that the legacy of the games will be built on throughout the country. I hope Linton residents will embrace the spirit of the Games and encourage and support all sports activities within our village, in particular the many volunteers who give up their time freely to coach and organise the sporting activities available. Well done to all of you, on behalf of the parish council a big "Thank You", you are the unsung heroes of sport in Linton, keep up the good work.

Cllr Brian Manley

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# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Present:** Mrs E Bald (vice chairman), Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, D Penfold, G Potter, P Poulter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Six members of the public were also present.

**Apologies:** Councillors Hickford, Champion, Manley, Mannassi and Wilson. Also Mrs K France (press).

**Disclosure of interest:** Under the allotments items Cllr Walker declared a personal interest as an employee of Camgrain of which Mr C Fairey was a director.

**Public participation:** A resident of Did-Dell Court raised the matter of a statement in the chairman's report to the annual parish meeting. It was confirmed that this had been written by the chairman and had not been discussed by the parish council. Matters relating to the elected status of the council were clarified.

**Reports from co-ordinators:** Open spaces and environment: The clerk had issued a report on extra maintenance areas required in Paynes Meadow. Before a decision could be made as to whether they should be added to the current contract it was necessary to ascertain who owned the land and whose responsibility it was to maintain them. Cllr Bald reported that the newly planted trees were growing well but one had been damaged. Tree works and fencing were due to commence the following week.

**Cemetery:** Cllr Bald reported that several complaints had been received regarding the grass cutting and general maintenance of the area. Trees had been killed or damaged by herbicide used at their base, some had mower and trimmer damage, others had been affected by weather conditions. Quotations for some remedial tree works would be sought, as would compensation for damage caused. Tree damage and quality of work would be brought to the attention of the contractor and a meeting to discuss this would be arranged.

**Venture playground:** Mr Walker reported that he was delighted that AmeyCespa had agreed to grant the total requested, so the whole project for additional play equipment could go ahead. When the equipment had been installed an official opening ceremony would be arranged.

**Churchyard:** Cllr Cox reported that two working parties had cleared rubble from around the area where the wall had been rebuilt and other parts of the cemetery. The skip kindly paid for by the parish council had now been removed.

**A1307, traffic and recreation ground parking:** Following a co-ordinators meeting Cllr Cornell had issued a report. She advised that meetings would be held quarterly in future. Cllr Cornell proposed that council contacted the county council to request the following work be undertaken.

- White line replacement as follows:  
Fairfield Way / Parsonage Way  
Symond's Lane corner, moving traffic away from listed building and wall  
Broken white lines at the bottom of Hillway to extend across Hillway and around the corner almost past Swan House Junctions of Symond's Lane and Back Road  
Chalklands where it branches to Paynes Meadow - may need solid lines as it is rather dangerous  
Keep clear box junction at the bottom of Joiners Road just before Dovehouse Close  
No left turn on the health centre access road into Coles Lane.

Road surfacing as follows:  
Meadow Lane  
Flaxfields - the developer was supposed to make good any damage after building works but they have not.

To forward to the county council for action the removal of unnecessary signage as follows: The 15+ posts and signs on and near the High Street that duplicate the yellow lines (no longer required).

Yellow lines (new scheme) at Symond's Lane / corner of Hillway to be sent to county council for formal costing. The scheme has been approved by the traffic working group.

To send a letter of concern to the county council regarding

dangers of the A1307, particularly HGVs coming off the road on Cambridge Road and near to Linton village college.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and resolved by council.

Regarding the A1307, Cllr Cornell reported of the need to prepare and review the evidence based on the data held as part of the growth plan for St Edmundsbury.

This data would also be relevant for input into the Neighbourhood Plan, as part of the Localism Bill.

Council would also request traffic survey data from Icen Homes.

**Written reports from council representatives:** The clerk reported that a padlock to the Meadow Lane gate was missing and she had reported it as stolen.

**Correspondence received for discussion and decision:** On the county council consultation on Transport Strategy for Cambridge and South Cambs Cllr Cornell reported that it was important to respond as follows: 'That the growth of St Edmundsbury had not been included in the consideration of traffic in the greater Cambridgeshire area and was not a regional view'.

Mrs K France had written with concerns on the possible renaming of the Cathodeon Centre. It had been clarified by Cllr Champion that the Cathodeon Centre was in no danger of a name change. A name was simply required for the community hub. It was felt important to retain the Cathodeon name.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Present:** R Hickford (chairman and district councillor), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter, P Poulter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were also in attendance together with five members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors Penfold and Wilson.

**Disclosure of interests and dispensations:** Under the allotments item Cllrs Walker and Cornell disclosed a non Pecuniary Interest and left the meeting during discussion and decision.

**Public participation:** Mr David Walker presented a cheque for £1065 raised by the 'Dangerous Dads' sponsored bike ride to support the purchase of new play equipment. A letter of thanks would be sent to David Graves, on behalf of the group, to thank them for their amazing efforts. Thanks were also extended to Cambridge Community Foundation and AmeyCespa for their funding support. Mr Walker was again thanked for his tireless work on the project.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July:** The clerk reported that the environment agency had removed a fallen tree across the river in the Glebe land. They would also be attending to a fallen tree in the river behind Granta Leys.

Under the A1307 item, Cllr Cornell reported that since the previous meeting another accident had taken place opposite the junction with Joiners Road. A street light had been demolished but thankfully there had been no injuries.

**Report from the county councillor:** Cllr Batchelor reported on the resurfacing works taking place in the village. Cllr Batchelor reminded everyone to sign up for the high speed broadband.

**Reports from the district councillors:** Cllr Bear reported on the changes to the sheltered housing warden scheme. The use of the Chalklands community room was under review and it was hoped that this would soon be available to more users.

Cllr Hickford had issued a detailed report. He had contacted Greene King to find out their future plans for the Dog & Duck public house. This concern was due to the turnover of management and the high costs associated with managing the establishment which seemed to be a hurdle for anyone staying any length of time. The couple there at the moment were employed by a management company. One major problem in attracting couples was the lack of living accommodation. Greene King was also open to negotiations on the tenancy costs. They were looking to

get the Dog & Duck back up and running, being a major village amenity, within three to four months. There were no plans at all to change it to a residential property.

Cllr Hickford had asked what considerations South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) planning department was giving to the growth of Haverhill with respect to the A1307 corridor. The response was: "SCDC has yet to engage with this plan preparation process but could do so later this year, if an input is justified, when it will hold a further consultation round. The plan provides development sites for the growth already committed to Haverhill in their adopted core strategy (4,260 new homes between 2009 and 2031) with an emphasis on sites to the north west and north east of Haverhill. Cambridgeshire county council made representations concerned with the transport impacts on the A1307 and Linton in regard to their draft core strategy in 2010. In this respect the core strategy inspectors report contains the following reference: Concern has been expressed at the implications of the additional growth at Haverhill on traffic on the A1307 to the west of the town towards Cambridge which has higher than average accident levels. Policy CS8 identifies improvements to the route as one of the strategic transport priorities. I note the statement of common ground between the Borough and Cambridgeshire and Suffolk county councils. I consider that while the detail of particular measures on the route has yet to be decided, the principle of proportionate contributions to improvements, perhaps via the Community Infrastructure Levy, is an acceptable way forward".

This council also made representations on the core strategy, measures were supported to make Haverhill more self-sustained and reduce traffic onto the A1307. Council also requested a strategy be developed in partnership with the county councils, as well as district and parish councils, to address issues on the A1307. As far as Cllr Hickford was aware South Cambridgeshire does not otherwise have an official position on the growth of Haverhill and is not undertaking any active work on the issue at the moment. It is interesting to note that regarding the large number of sites at Linton which have been proposed in response to the strategic housing land availability call for sites process, the county council as highway authority has generally commented as follows: "The highway authority has severe concerns with regards to the accident record of the A1307 and therefore before the proposed scheme comes forward a detailed analysis of access points onto the A1307 will need to be completed".

**Paynes Meadow grounds maintenance:** The extra areas of grounds maintenance in Paynes Meadow were considered. The clerk confirmed that she had requested an emergency cut. Cllr Manley proposed that the quotation from CGM Ltd for £149+VAT be accepted and added to the annual contract. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion. A vote took place with eleven votes in favour and one abstention. Proposal carried.

**Village Hero Award:** Nominations for the SCDC Village Hero Award were considered. A vote took place with Mrs Susan Anderson gaining the most votes. Mrs Anderson would be contacted to ascertain that she was a willing participant.

**Consideration of how council could best engage with the village and neighbouring parish councils in the consultation process to the Local Development Framework (LDF) and if this could be linked to the formation of a village/local plan:** Cllr Poulter spoke on how the parish council could best engage with the village and neighbouring parish councils in the consultation process to the LDF and if this could be linked to the formation of a village/local plan. He said that there was a real danger that Linton and Haverhill could be joined up by development. It would be beneficial to all if the parish council worked with neighbouring parishes to formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. The parish council must also review its communications strategy and set a budget to meet threshold criteria. It was agreed that Cllrs Poulter, Bald, Champion, Wakley and Walker would have a preliminary meeting to discuss the remit.

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