

Remembrance Service

Sunday 13th November
3pm
S' Mary's

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LINTON BRAVES RAIN FOR SIR TREVOR



Opening night: former West Ham and England star Sir Trevor Brooking and the plaque that marked the opening

A BIG crowd turned up to see former England and West Ham soccer star Trevor Brooking open Linton's refurbished sports centre last month.

Despite a rainy evening, many residents and college teachers, pupils and parents came for the opening.

Principal Clive Bush began the night by welcoming the return of Sir Trevor, who had been in Linton in 1992 at the opening of the sports centre, and went on to mention Katrina Lambrou and Mark Liddiard of the Football Foundation.

Mr Bush said he was sad he would not be able to enjoy the refurbished centre because he was leaving at Christmas for a new post, but he was sure that new

principal Caroline Derbyshire would ensure that full use is made of it.

Sir Trevor, who played in the 1974 World Cup, told the audience how pleased he was that he was not only back in Linton but that his former club West Ham has made it back into the Premiership.

He went on to say that he backs the present emphasis on sports in the younger age group and spoke with great enthusiasm about the 2012 Olympic Games, which held a special interest for him as he had already taken part in two Olympic Games. He added that even if you're not participating in an event, being a volunteer will be a great help as 35,000 people will be needed. He said it would be a

great experience and provide many fantastic memories. After the plaque was unveiled, county councillor Victor Lucas presented a large symbolic key to Jill Carter (chairman of governors).

There was a big thank-you to everyone who supported the event, and after the speeches Jack Clapson, an LVC Year 7 pupil, presented Sir Trevor with a college sweatshirt. Both looked very pleased - Sir Trevor with his new sweatshirt and Jack wearing his West Ham shirt.

Although it was pouring with rain, people went to have a look at the new astroturf surface and to round off a successful night, food was served in the newly opened sports centre.

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Fund-raiser Brian on peak form

AFTER his successful ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro last year, Linton man Brian Bonney sought adventure nearer home this year, the Diabetes UK Welsh Fourteen Peaks Challenge in September.

This entailed walking all 14 Welsh summits over 3000 feet high. Brian, along with 20 others trekked from Bangor, over the remote Carneddau range (six summits), the rugged Glyder range (five summits), and finally the Snowdon massif (three summits including Yr Wyddfa, the highest point). In all, Brian covered 50 kilometres.

Diabetes UK is the leading charity working for people with diabetes, funding research and helping people live with the condition. Brian's wife Helen was diagnosed with the condition four years ago and is herself an active fund-raiser for the charity.

Between them they have now raised some £18,000 over the past three years. Every penny of sponsorship money will go to Diabetes UK as Brian has met all his Peak expedition costs himself.

Though the feat is now accomplished, it is not too late to donate - all you have to do is go to the website www.justgiving.com/brianbonney.

Or you can send a cheque, made out to Diabetes UK, to Brian at Tosca Cottage, 28 Horseheath Road, Linton, CB1 6LU.

Helen Bonney



Brian Bonney (left) with fellow trekker, Steve, on The Cantilever near the summit of Glyder Fach

LINTON DIARY

To guarantee entry into this diary please ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office. Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition. You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info

Weekly Events

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

NOVEMBER

1 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
3 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
3 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
5 Farmers' Market, 10am	Linton Village College
6 All Souls' Service, 6pm	S' Mary's
6 Camera club, 10am	Village Hall
7 Parents' Action Group, 7.30pm	Pear Tree, Hildersham
8 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre
8 The Reading Group, 8pm	Dog and Duck
8 Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall
10 SCDC Concert, 2.30pm	Corn Exchange
12 Save the Children coffee morning, 10.30am-12noon	The Guildhall, Church Lane
12 Symonds House Autumn/Christmas Bazaar, 2pm	Symonds House
13 Remembrance Service, followed by Wreath Laying, 3pm	S' Mary's
16 CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
17 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
17 Chalklands Christmas Bazaar, 10am	Community Centre
19 Mothers' Union (nearly new) children's toy and book sale, 11.30am	Village Hall
22-26 Art Exhibition, see page 5 for details	Darryl Nantais Gallery
24 Christmas shopping trip to Norwich, Contact Jacque Wilson for details	Various venues
25-27 Sawston Film Fair, see page 4 for details	Various venues
26 S' Mary's Christmas Bazaar, 2-4pm	Infants' School
26 Friends of Linton Heights 80's Disco for adults, 8pm	Heights School
30 Bookfest Meeting, 8pm	Village Hall

DECEMBER

1 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
3 Farmers' Market, 10am	Linton Village College
3 Linton Music Society Choral workshop, 10.30am	S' Mary's
3 Linton Music Society Concert, 7.30pm	S' Mary's
3 Linton Granta Playgroup and Toddlers Christmas Fair, 2pm	Village Hall
3 Christingle candlelit service 3pm	S' Mary's
6 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
8 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
13 VIP, 1pm	Chalklands Community Centre
13 Gardening Club, 7.30pm	Village Hall

Refuse collection: 14th & 28th November

Recycling collection: 7th & 21st November

Library times: **Monday** Closed; **Tuesday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm; **Wednesday** 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Thursday** Closed; **Friday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Saturday** 10am-12noon.

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Extra copies may be obtained from BP garage on the by-pass.

Too good for jumble ...

THIS month we have some collectors' items for sale. Offers of more than £10 are invited for each of the following items. Wednesday Brownies are offering a large old blue and white meat dish, ornately decorated similar to willow pattern, and a beautiful cut-glass bowl seven inches in diameter and three inches deep.

The Guides also have an ivory glove stretcher on offer for £7 or over. For more information or to purchase any of these items please phone Kate France on 891602, or e-mail her at katefrance@linton48.freeserve.co.uk.

More unwanted items valued above £10, which could benefit a Linton charity of your choice are needed for next month. ACE was delighted to receive £20 from the sale of last month's wildlife videos.

FREE: The village hall is offering eight square tables on tubular metal frames (some damage to melamine tops). Phone Sue Parry on 891001 or e-mail the clerk at lintonpc@btconnect.com

Kate France

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FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

by TONY SMITH

NOVEMBER already. I can hardly believe that summer and autumn have passed so quickly; in fact this year has flown by and once again I am surprised that I can still recall last Christmas so vividly. Surprising too is the number of people who took the time to stop me on my scooter last month and say how they enjoyed my ramblings in the Linton News. Thank you, it really keeps me going, but there again, so does syrup of figs! I really believed previously that there were only eight of us that read this.

I have to include myself in this number, as I have to write this some time before publication in order that Wendy and the rest of the Linton News team may decipher my column so that you all can read it. So by the time it drops through my letter box, it is new to me.

Sue, Steven and I had an invitation to go to my old singing partner Linzi's wedding reception, held at Ravenswood Hall near Bury S' Edmunds. So excited at the prospect of dressing up in her posh togs, Sue started getting ready at four o'clock when we were due to go out at eight.

I had a new jacket made out of a cow, new shirt and trousers, clean underwear, and even socks that didn't fall down under the soles of my feet. Luxury! Sue asked if she could have a jacket made out of animal skin, so I bought her a donkey jacket.

Armed with directions supplied by Linzi, we started off, full of happiness until we hit roadworks where we should have turned off. "Never mind," I thought, "we have Linzi's map."

And that is where it all went wrong. Even with my reading glasses, I couldn't see, so we ended up in a field, in the pouring rain, in the dark, in Stowmarket.

Heading back towards Bury, all traces of happiness gone and divorce looming, we were up a cart track somewhere when we accidentally came across the venue, which I can assure you, was more by luck than judgment. The 50 minute journey had taken well over two and a half hours. A large number of people were outside the hall which I thought strange, as by now, it was still trying to rain, and very cold.

Then the noise hit us. Now, I am partly deaf, so what on earth it was like for the rest of the assembly I can only imagine, but through all my singing days, I have never heard a band make a noise so loud that it made what seemed a solid wall of sound, impossible to speak, think or even stand up properly. We stood in the cold for about half an hour, then came home. Sorry Sue, I know you said it wasn't all my fault, but I do feel bad. I cannot remember the last time we went out.

Now that winter is upon us, many people (a lot more than 10), have asked that I resurrect my super-accurate weather forecasts. So, carrying out essential repairs to my weather station that Andy has hit with the many toys he throws for our dog Katie, here we go.

November brings a mixture of weather for our parts. The first few days will be quite chilly with north-easterly winds, but pressure should rise a little by bonfire night. We may even enjoy an unusually warm front around the 8th but

following this will be rain moving in from the north-west.

Mid-month, it looks as if we will see some heavier rain and quite strong winds and it will be noticeably colder, lasting on and off until the final week, when our first major cold blast of the year will bring some snow to our coastal areas, possibly a few flakes for us.

So until next month, please keep dry, warm and safe, look after yourselves, and one another.

In the purple at the market



Mark Boland with a collection of his work

Picture by Jan Lupton

FOR those of you old enough to remember purple heart sweets, Linton farmers' market has a different kind of purple heart.

You can see them on Mark Boland's stall at the market, showing wonderful examples of his work with turned wood.

Mark uses purple heart wood to make small bowls with a wonderful purple silken finish. He also uses the unusual bubinga, zebrana, brown malke burrs and banksia nut as well as the more well-known varieties of yew, walnut and spalted beech.

Each item brings out the best qualities of the wood and results in objects ranging from bottle stoppers and ballpoint pens to large dishes for table centre displays.

Meanwhile at the November market there is a celebration of Apple Day, the sixteenth year this event has been run nationally. It is held to encourage people to become aware of the demise of orchards and the loss of many varieties of apple. For further information, call:

Jan Lupton
07786456348

All change at gardening club

AT the well attended AGM of the gardening club last month, Alex Todd was elected president following the resignation, after many years' service, of Judy Nightingale.

Bruce Conochie has also resigned from the committee and his place as vice-chairman has been filled by Ron Pitkin. The two retiring members will be much missed but we were pleased to welcome Karen and Dan Johnson and Ralph Robinson on to the committee.

Another change was nec-

essary because we discovered that after many years of staging the annual show in the village hall in late July or early September, these dates are no longer available to the club.

Having decided in recent years that the effects of climate change on growing conditions make the earlier date more viable for sufficient produce, we were forced to settle for 5th August 2006.

This date has now been confirmed so we do hope that exhibitors, judges, members, non-members and visitors will still be able to support

this village occasion.

Business was followed by a produce sale and some excellent slides taken by Bruce Conochie of his summer visits to Coton Manor and Cottesbrooke Hall.

At the meeting on 8th November, the talk will be on the importance of national parks by Simon Odell, a member of the Council for National Parks. We look forward to seeing existing and new members and any visitors who would like to find out what the club has to offer.

Gloria Fidler
891800

Open a book ... and you open up the world

I WAS honoured to present certificates to Linton's young readers who had completed this summer's Reading Voyage. The parish council had supported the project and it was good to see such excellent results; well done everyone.

Books have been very important to me ever since my Mum taught me to read, long before I went to school. Reading, and the excellent library service enabled me to make up for what the education system failed to provide.

I was given the means to educate myself, discover other ways to live, expand my knowledge and to escape from everyday life. I found that horizons were not limited to the place and society you were born into - there was more to life than the limited expectations of a Durham pit village. History, the arts, nature and particularly science, all were there at the turn of a page. The library was essential to my education, and so it remains.

Sharing books can also lead

to unexpected and valuable social contacts - it's surprising who shares your interests or can show you a new topic. My husband's work in tackling reading difficulties has also shown me how people's lives can be changed by opening this door to them.

So let's celebrate and support the opportunities the library offers to all of us on our personal reading voyage, and look forward to next year's project.

Enid Bald

IN BRIEF

Two outings

TWO outings are being organised for people in Linton, primarily but not exclusively for seniors. The first is on Thursday 24th November, a pre-Christmas shopping trip to Norwich. The second is on Tuesday 20th December to see the matinee performance of Beauty And The Beast at the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

For details please contact:
Jacque Wilson 893477
or 07850755269

Action group

DO your children argue with you? Do they argue with each other? An eight week course for parents begins with an informal meeting at The Pear Tree in Hildersham at 7.30pm on 7th November. For details please call:

Jean 07791 1056539,
Lesley 07974881452 or
01440 764960.

Victory peal

LINTON'S parish bells rang out on 21st October to mark the 200th anniversary of Lord Nelson's victory in the battle of Trafalgar. The Linton ringers were part of a worldwide ringing of bells to mark the occasion.

Keith Nightingale 891806

Coffee Time

A COFFEE and biscuits morning will be held between 10.30am and 12noon on Saturday November 12th at the Guildhall, 4 Church Lane, Linton, in aid of Save The Children. For more information, please contact:

Bernadette Milner
290335

Keep in touch

CONTACT details for village PCSO Dawn Brock are as follows: mobile phone 07736 085525; office 0845 456 456; email Dawn.Brock@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Post and email addresses and deadline for letters on page 8
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Wanted: volunteer firefighters, please

Dear Editor
 I am writing to advise you of a problem in your village and to seek your assistance via the Linton News; that is, to encourage the people of Linton to help resolve this problem. It is simply this: your local fire station does not have enough fire-fighters. Because the people of Linton are not responding to our recruitment campaigns, the fire engine at Linton is not available for emergencies for long periods of time. I would quickly add that if someone dials 999 for a fire, a fire engine will arrive but it may come from Cambridge, Sawston or Haverhill not the one that is only a few minutes away at Linton. I am sure that you have in

the village public-spirited individuals who could become part-time fire-fighters. If they are 18-55, live or work within five minutes of the fire station, have excellent eyesight and a good level of general fitness, please, please contact us. The job is open to anyone and we are committed to fairness and equality at work and would welcome applications from all sectors of society. The role of a retained firefighter offers the individual a great deal, including challenging and rewarding work, continuous training and development, being part of a close-knit team, receiving payment for being on call and attending incidents,

serving the local community, increased confidence and self-esteem, job satisfaction, gaining new skills, for example first aid, and fire safety knowledge. Please contact us on 01223 376217 or 01480 444539 for an information pack or visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk You can also visit the fire station on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm to talk to the firefighters who will be there. Please help to keep this emergency vehicle and crew available for as long as possible. It might be your house that has a fire, or you that has an accident.
 Pauline Fawcett, South Cambs district administrator 376253

Drive safely in Linton

Dear Editor
 As a resident in Linton for more than 40 years and living on the corner of Finchams Close and Bartlow Road, I wish to pass on a message to all the drivers who are making the early and late journeys along Bartlow Road. Please drive with care and attention now you have to change your route owing to the new one way system. Already two cats have been killed in this area; a child could be next as they have to cross the road at Crossways to go to Linton Heights school. Thank you.
 Iris Tarver, Fincham's Close

Young thieves so despicable

Dear Editor
 On Sunday 9th October, three despicable little scroats, aged about 13-15 stole the money box and probably three jars of home-made jam from the charity stall in Hildersham. The box was believed to be empty. Part of the description of these three, all on foot, was that one had a black top, one a grey top and possibly all three wearing baseball caps. So if one of your offspring came home with a jar of home-made jam unexpectedly, maybe you could administer the appropriate justice. Unless you live by the same standards yourself! Name and address supplied

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,
 Would you please convey our many thanks to all concerned in making the charity dance such a resounding success. Yet again, those involved with the dance made a great evening even more special by their generosity. A donation of £757 will be forwarded to Papworth Hospital within the next few days. With the tax relief that Chancellor Gordon Brown allows, this donation will grow to £984.10. Again thank you all, Myra and Brian Buttle

Dear Editor
 I am writing on behalf of the staff and patients at Papworth to say thank-you to the people in the community of Linton for their continued support of the hospital charity. We are particularly grateful to Brian and Myra Buttle for forwarding a very generous donation of £757, being the sum raised at the charity dance at Linton Heights School on 8th October. Thank you to all those who organised the event and who took part. I hope that everyone involved had an enjoyable time. The funds raised by the Buttles and members of the local community will go towards supporting Papworth's most urgent needs, for example, specialist equipment. This donation will make a difference to patient care and everyone here values your fund-raising efforts. The next major fund-raising event to be held in aid of the hospital charity is a Christmas carol service at Ely Cathedral, and tickets are available from the fund-raising department at Papworth Hospital (01480 364237). With many thanks and kind regards to everyone for giving their time and their kind donations to this event in Linton.

Fiona Cooper, Papworth Hospital
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Crayfish seen in the river

Dear Editor
 Whilst walking with my children Luke and Jenny on the morning of Sunday 9th October, we stopped on the bridge that links the recreation ground to Granta Leys. This is the usual Sunday morning stop, to look for the trout that are normally loitering midstream. There were no trout this time; however we were treated, to my great surprise, to the sight of four crayfish stirring up the stream bed, notably the area under the blue in-flow pipe. I wondered if these crayfish were a new addition to the stream or, have in fact been resident for some time? Perhaps Darryl could provide some insight.
 Dean Godfrey
 6 Clover Court.

Hearing help

A FREE six-week training course for volunteers to help the hearing impaired starts on 30th January next year, running once a week on various mornings. The Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness (CAMTAD) runs hearing help sessions where volunteers learn to check and re-tube NHS hearing aids and advise on regular maintenance and best listening conditions. For details, phone Sue Hempstead on 416141 or write to her at 8A Romsey Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 3NH.

Relief warden needed

THE Community warden visits older people living in a group of villages towards the South-Eastern area of South Cambridgeshire. Age Concern Cambridgeshire is currently looking for a relief warden to cover planned annual leave and unexpected sickness periods in this part of South Cambridgeshire. If you are interested in this position and would like to discuss it further, please contact Lynne Byrne, Services Manager, at County Office in Chatteris. Tel: 01354 696650.

In support of Tony Smith

Dear Editor
 How I empathise with Tony Smith in his September *From where I'm Sitting* in which he outlined the problems of the state of roads, kerbs and paths around the village causing and continuing to cause problems for so many people. Two years ago I broke my right arm tripping over a seriously neglected patch in the road. It was a bad break and difficult to set, resulting in repercussions which still cause problems. Having said that, my problems are nothing to the poor souls who cannot and dare not venture out. Indeed, I quote Tony Smith: "I care not whose responsibilities the highways are, just find the money and repair the blinking paths and roads - now!"
 Mary Willows Wrigley
 2 Church Lane

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To be revealed: secrets of the Hollywood stars

WOULD you like to find out what really happened between Liz Taylor and Richard Burton or how a drunken John Wayne got carried away in the restaurant car of a train between Denver and Salt Lake City?

Then go to the Sawston Film Festival at Sawston village college next month where film critic Barry Norman will reveal the secrets behind the legends of the silver screen.

This year, the festival will run from 25th-27th November where a big screen will be installed to convert the hall into a working cinema.

The programme for the three days will include events for all the family, with the grand finale being the revelations of Barry Norman, the BBC's film reviewer for 26 years.

Among the tales Mr Norman will tell are how Peter

Sellers betrayed him three times and nearly got him fired, and how he and Bob Hoskins gate-crashed a private club and were welcomed as criminals.

There will be other stories about stars such as Robert De Niro, Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Michelle Pfeiffer, Ewan McGregor, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The festival starts on Friday 25th November when the Sawston Youth Centre will play host to a special event from 2-4pm, called Songs That Won The War, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War.

As well as seeing wartime footage on the big screen, the audience will be able to sing along to favourite wartime songs with Dottie Wayne, the star of BBC TV's *The Good Old Days*. On Saturday 26th

Barry Norman has written and presented four acclaimed TV series on *The Hollywood Greats* and a series on *The British Greats*. In 1989, his 10-part BBC series *Talking Pictures* covered the history of cinema from the advent of sound.



November, a family fun day will be held in the college from 11am and again at 2pm. This will include a clay character-making workshop with Louise Spraggon of Hot Animations (animators of Bob the Builder) and a showing of the film, *Chicken Run*.

Then on Sunday comes the grand finale, an evening with

Barry Norman, starting at 7.30pm in the college, when the stars' secrets will be revealed.

The box office hotline for all of the above events is 712 424. For more information, please contact:

Dan Schumann (Arts Development Manager) on 712825.



Smile please: the Granta Grapevine committee

Picture by Joanne Scrace

Another great year for the Granta Grapevine

THE Granta Grapevine, one of the country's smallest talking newspapers, held its 14th annual meeting on 19th October.

Volunteers record highlights from the Linton News and other features of local and general interest onto cassettes and distribute them to visually impaired members of the community. The Granta Grapevine has been running for more than 15 years, as long as the Linton News.

The meeting was well attended by committee members, volunteers and listeners. Those who came were treated to highlights from the previous year's archives, including an account of riding the Shotover jet boat in New Zealand, a tour of a garden by a charming four-year-old, Elliot, and an interview from the Tenerife astronomical observatory.

These were just a sample of the magazine items which regularly include audio book reviews, historical articles, nature rambles and travel reports.

Chairman Clare Neville will be leaving the team soon as she will be moving to Suffolk. She thanked the committee and volunteers for all the hard work that had made her job easier and more enjoyable.

Clare has been involved with the Granta Grapevine since the beginning and will be sadly missed. The committee and listeners thanked her and her husband John, for their

huge contribution to the newspaper over the years. A new chairman has not yet been appointed.

Agnes Smoothy will be leaving the committee due to ill health after many years of service. Margaret Anderson will take on her duties. Also new to the committee is Roger Lapwood who will be helping with the recording.

The newspaper relies on donations from the public. Treasurer Jo Bevin said the charity was in good financial shape with enough funds in reserve should the recording equipment break down.

The GG committee would like to hear from anyone who wants to help, has ideas for features or would like to receive the newspaper. Please call Mike Crofts on 893619.

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DO put your daughter on the stage ...

HAS your child got the hacting bug? Then Dramawise in Sawston is the place for them.

The organisation started about 10 years ago because many young people wanted to learn about acting and gain confidence.

As well as helping youngsters start on an acting career, one of the best things to come out of Dramawise is that it helps shy children

learn to speak up for themselves and gain confidence.

Quite a few of our youngsters eventually take up the stage as a career and are seen regularly in stage shows, films and television. One of our young players, Kirsty Wright, from Linton, won the best actress award at the Cambridge Festival this year, playing against much more experienced actresses from across the county.

We do have some vacancies at the younger end (age 8-11) for after Christmas. For a brochure, please call 832288.

Frances Brownlie, director LGSM, LRAM, ADB.

Classic time for ACEs

THE annual SCDC concert for the 60+ age group is on 10th November, when we will be *Celebrating The Classics* with the Cann Twins and the Cambridgeshire Youth Orchestra.

ACEs have booked 42 tickets for this and we are running a coach; this is free, as are the tickets, but there will be a collection for the work of the ACEs Social Link.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to get the coach with wheelchair facilities, this time.

We cannot pick up at the village hall as the road is too narrow for a bus to pass the parked coach. So we will meet at the Dog And Duck at 12 noon to leave there at

12.15pm, then pass the village hall to Back Road, picking up at the bottom of Chalklands at 12.20 and by Flaxfields at 12.30.

Then there will be a mystery trip around Cambridge, when we will be at the mercy of our driver, aiming to reach the Corn Exchange at 1/45.

We need to be there in plenty of time as the seats are not allocated. The concert will last from 2.30-3.30, so we should be back before it gets dark.

Contact Sue or Dawn on 891001 to book these events. Lifts are available to and from the pick-up points if needed. See you there!

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Zoo vandals bring shame to Linton

IT is a sad place we live in when some people get pleasure from destroying beautiful things. Over the past couple of years, Linton Zoo's front entrance has been the target of vandals and the most recent incident took place late on Wednesday 21st September.

Lettering was ripped from the wall and the beautiful flower border destroyed. An attempt was even made to rip up the pampas grass.

The entrance is the first impression visitors get of the zoo and the vandalism is not generally something our visitors from far afield would expect of the people of Linton and surrounding villages, so unfortunately the vandalised front creates a bad impression of the area.

As you know, we work hard to help make a difference to wildlife both with the breeding programmes at the zoo and projects we support in the field. Every time we have to spend money on repairs to the front, this takes vital cash away from the wildlife projects which really need it.

The incident is being dealt with by John Haywood, security representative for the zoo. If you saw anything suspicious or have any information regarding the vandalism, please contact Mr Haywood at his office on 07802 404929.

Kim Simmons



Disgraceful: the scene of destruction left by vandals at the entrance to Linton Zoo



The boarded-up window at Mr Billson's shop

More vandals? Probably not

THE boarded-up front window of Billson's the opticians in the High Street looks like another case of vandalism.

But Mr Billson feels it was more likely a case of someone leaning too heavily against the window, breaking it and then not bothering to apologise for what they had done. LNT

Don't miss our church bazaar

GET ready for Advent and the Christmas season at the S' Mary's church Christmas bazaar from 2-5pm on Saturday 26th November at Linton infants school.

There will be something for everyone, including the children, who will be able to see Father Christmas and choose a gift from his bran tub. There will also be plenty of home-made items to buy for gifts or to stock up for yourselves.

Cakes and refreshments will be on hand to keep you going and to take home to those who miss the event.

Children will also be able to decorate their own Christmas cookie or make an ornament for the Christmas tree.

For more information, or to enquire about setting up a stall, please contact:

Dana Mills-Powell 891844 or Glynis Younger 892164

Four artists and an autumn showcase of their work

THE Darryl Nantais Gallery in Linton launches its autumn showcase of contemporary and abstract art by four artists who are based in Cambridgeshire.

The exhibition, running until Saturday 26th November, is an exciting collection of bold, colourful and textural work capturing the imagination and leaving a lasting impression.

The gallery in Linton High Street is open from 10am-3pm Tuesday – Friday and from 12-4pm on Saturday.

Philip Blakely's use of colour fields and textures seeks to stir up long-forgotten thoughts and ideas; the viewer is invited to allow the mind to wander and draw its

own interpretation.

Nicola Collard's interpretation of the human figure is distinctive, using unconventional methods in line and colour. With obvious influence from her fashion and textile training, her work expresses a flair for the fun and the beautiful.

Katherine Fairey's paintings are naive in style, often inspired by the landscape, sea, vibrant colour and imagination. Acrylics are used with collage and other items, including sequins, glass, mirror and silver and gold leaf.

Sue Jones's work draws mainly from the landscape for inspiration, especially stones. Darryl Nantais

New service can do all those little jobs at home

MANY of you not so young will remember the old home help service provided by social services ... those lovely ladies who used to visit our elderly and ill people, often on their bicycles, and do all those little jobs that couldn't be done by anyone else. Unfortunately, like so many services this was disbanded a long time ago and people have been left with very few domestic care options.

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We do undertake domestic cleaning also if that's what you need. We can do weekly, fortnightly or just ad hoc work. So if your family is going away or you just need help now and again, give us a call on 834493 or 0779 068425.

Samantha Menzies

Major changes at the squadron

THE squadron has had a major change this summer with a new commanding officer, Flt Lt David Thompson. Since then, numbers have risen with new cadets starting their training, and some of them attending RAF Wyton for flying experience a few weekends ago.

A number of cadets have represented not only the squadron but Beds and Cambs Wing at activities such as first aid, swimming, football, hockey, rugby and target shooting.

With activities occurring most weekends, ranging from sports events, kayaking, shooting, flying and gliding, to Duke of Edinburgh awards expeditions and training weekends, the squadron is extremely busy.

New cadets (minimum age 13) and new staff are always given a warm welcome so why not come down and spend an evening with us and see for yourself what we get up to. No experience necessary!

Parade evenings are Tuesday and Friday 19.15-21.45hrs at the Youth Centre, Linton Village College

For more information please contact ; Flt. Lt. Thompson or A/Sgt. Thompson 07837 832003

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Saving Fuel – What Is The Minimum Distance.

I wish to get from city A (start) to city G (end). There are various ways I can travel via towns B, C, D, E, F.

Drawing a map, I noted that the distance from cities A to B = 100; from A to C = 50; A to D = 50; B to E = 30; B to F = 90; C to E = 70; C to F = 110; D to E = 150; D to F = 120; E to G = 40; and F to G = 10

What is the shortest distance that I travel to get from A to G? It should be noted that I do not have to visit every town! As this is Europe, consider the distances in kilometres.

Solution to No 10: Whose Round?

AFTER consuming all that alcohol, the answer lies with the editor.

K-Club enters its 8th year

OCTOBER saw the start of the eighth year of the K-Club, Linton's own lottery, with around 280 members signing up. The winners last month were:

1st Prize (£50)

Mrs C E Foster (No.362)

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Battling with a monster ... then cod and chips for supper

THIS is third part of Darryl Nantais' poem, The Heron's Nest. Darryl will return to writing his wildlife column for the Linton News next year

SMALL clouds upon this sailing day by evening clearly blown away. Dragged across this broadest sky and hung out further east to dry. The shadows cast so red and long to the evening they belong. But still the cuckoos lark and the warblers' song announces another day has gone.

To the candlelight a moth spins blindly to the fire's wrath. Whilst lovers burn their pain's desire in some romantic secret mire. Incense smoulders in the myrtle air of love, woven in passionate kindly worlds of doves. Arms outreach to reach the golden beach, and eyes dilate swallowing the jealous universal fate. Spells of willowed sense dictate uncharted seas the mind creates with warmth and innocence to navigate.

And there far island, fair sweetest port, safely docked, immersed in thought. Unbroken silence, numbed and spent upon the sacred lovers' bench. The would-be child from the swollen river flows to quiver in the world unknown. And like the moth brought to the fire, ignited by his blind desires falls pointlessly into the flames, alone.

Bathed in golden light and asked if beneath the stars we'll last. The answer sure as rain, aghast! No guarantee is cast. So up the canopy and zipped where iron stains from water dripped, tint my fingers with burnt sienna, glint in torchlight golden henna. And so the buttons fast are clipped, batted down the hatch and ripped from the outer world, eclipsed.

Cocooned within the Heron's Nest I am the child awaiting breast. Foetal or like pupa lie where nobody hears the baby cry. Umbilical ropes attach this womb to mother earth and all my doom. Protected from my past perdition. Rendered safe in moored position, drained and drunk on said derision. To wake from dream in finest fettle and pass from bed to boiled kettle. To be uxorious is my only crime that wine defies to quell or quench and bury in the trench of time or cut the shameful chord sublime and set sail upon this expedition.

Silence now I close my eyes and wonder where I'll sail tonight. I ponder on which worlds are true, and without full consciousness walk gently through. The cabin now no more a prison as I fly through the rainbow prism. High above the meadows green the turquoise ribbon of the Nene and Linton's Granta can be seen.

Laughing mallards, squeaking coots, plopping crested grebes a hoot! Silent swans, white and mute, gobble down the softened roots. Scratching rats and screeching owls. Eerie calls into the bowels, spreading fear in water fowl where death needs neither spade nor trowel. In the night the water shines with every drop of light it finds. Eyes advanced and eyes adjust to darkness midst the bulrush fluff. Shopping fox and pike alike hunt along the lonely dike, picking off just what they like, stealing souls of river-life.

Nature's loving gruesome twist, killing, feeding to exist. Weeding out the weak and sick. Life is tough and often mucky, dressed to survive or evolved unlucky. Justice has no place from man manoeuvred laws upon this land, and neither does Descartes hand, in I think, therefore I am.

In the shallows clouds of fry swarm beneath a darkened sky. Aggressors by repute so shy fatten or in winter die. Of the tiny creatures there, upon attack take to the air, jumping to escape being meat from sharpened three neat rows of teeth. Leaping up and diving down, swarming speedily around and round. Freedom rides upon a fin, a simple chance direction, or be it better mud to dig, improving chances to grow big.

Spin the silver spoon on line with hidden hooks to eyes like mine. Glint and sparkle in the light, deceiving zander, perch and pike. Note though how the little fish are made curious by this dishless trick, following in heaving shoals to save their pretty tender souls. A tug, a snatch, a bite at last! The line pulled hard and the reel spins fast. The bending rod of carbon fibre whips to play the frantic diver. Heave and haul the monster hard, Magnus Pike the Ouse's shark flips and darts his freedom bid with barbs sinking through his bony lid. My goodness, this fish is big! The Heron's Nest tilts and rocks with fight as fifty kilos pulls with all his might then surfaces in fright the giant wide jaws all pink and white. The bell tolls for the net and lens to bring this round to an end but see him close his massive length rolling with his energy spent. The catch so grand so close to bag so soon to land the trophy badge to wear that swears of hunting skills and stuffed upon the mantles. But hooks declined a barbarous grip when magnus gave a final flip, splashed and leaped three feet or more releasing hooks and line and lure. And so exists this fishy tale, no proof exists, no real scale, no picture here to prove the glory, save this ascending story. Like all goals that came within one's grasp, condensed and transient not to last. The mind and soul be better served to let things be as well observed. And he tormented by his rage to see poor magnus in a cage or on a shelf to satisfy his grotesque needs must be aware that all the creatures show desire, fear of capture, pain and fire. Freedom is their one criteria despite our natural cafeteria. And though in words as written here no creature scratched a word of fear, from out of this muddy drink held in my hand I think I saw on numerous occasions a captured fish give me the wink. The eyes they say are windows bold and through them see the little souls, for eyes that sparkle blind or not speak in ways beyond our world where secrets seep to be unfurled. Health and love and hate and ills from all our eyes come tiny spills. And so it's time to reel in line and fold away my rod. Hang up my hat for the night is due, and eat some chips and cod.

One last chore remains before I've safely earned my grub. To scrub in vain, to clean the floor and vanquish all the mud. No orders came so quite insane, expectant of torrential rain. So swabbing deck with cotton mop this burden battered river slob abruptly caused all play to stop. Aye aye the call upon thine eyes like blindness sets without a blink. I spy the crafty heron grey from the 'Nest' my floating clink. Ten feet away within my mote, a young bird drags the doomed and dying roach. 'Tis sure the time to feed encroached and grow with universal anecdote.

Camera club stages Linton's own pictures at an exhibition

THE Camera Club held Linton's first photographic exhibition for many years last month.

The event coincided with warm and sunny early autumn weather and was well attended with a steady stream of visitors to the village hall throughout the

day.

There was particular interest in Garth Collard's collection of early pictures of the people of Linton with many recognising faces from the past.

Thanks to Richard who provided and manned the digital camera corner and

to Tracey and Julie at the raffle which raised £70.30 for the Alzheimer's Research Trust.

Thanks too to Jean, Carol and Janet for home-made cakes and liquid refreshment, to Alex for advertising and to everyone who helped make the event a success, particularly Ron Pitkin who kept the troops together.

For the 6th November camera club event, the subject is portraiture, so members are encouraged to bring a smile along with their cameras.

For details about the club, try our website www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk or contact Roger Lapwood on 891104 or Ron Pitkin on 891845.

Mike Crofts
893619

Still going strong after 90 glorious years

ON 16th September 1915, the formation meeting was held. A resolution was proposed that the Women's Institute in affiliation with the Agricultural Organisations Society be formed, to help revitalise rural communities and involve women in producing more food for the war weary country. That was the Llanfairpwll WI in Anglesey who have just celebrated their 90th anniversary, and the start of the WI.

Hildersham WI (who are not quite so old) were transported back into history when their guest speaker for September, Andrew Westward-Bate, explained how Hildersham and Abington were named after two Viking settlers, Hildrick and Abba. We were shown maps and photographs as far back as 1797 with the original field layout, moving on to the development of land and

houses over the years to the present day.

We were fascinated to see and hear about the two Hildersham mills, with a photograph of the windmill in 1904 in a sad state of dereliction, as were many of the houses in the village and how beautiful they look today. It was interesting to see how the Linton/Hildersham boundary runs through the water mill and the changes it has gone through, plus the people who lived and worked it.

Andrew enthralled us with his love and vast knowledge of the area delivered without notes. Members and guests had a very enjoyable evening.

The next meeting will be at Hildersham village hall on 21st November when M^r Keith Day will talk about Addenbrookes past, present and future. Visitors welcome.

Pamela Parrish

Cruising the canals

LINTON WI took to the water last month when they heard all about cruising on canals in narrowboats.

M^{rs} Jessie Salter from county headquarters visited Linton with the county vice-chairwoman to tell members about the intricacies of locks and barges, with slides to illustrate the subject. After her talk, she was thanked by Vera Weatherly.

The next meeting will be on 1st November when Becky Proctor will talk about shopping memories of Cambridge.

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New history season is launched with the Mary Rose

THE fascinating history of Henry VIII's flagship, the Mary Rose, was the subject of the first talk of the Linton History Society's new season.

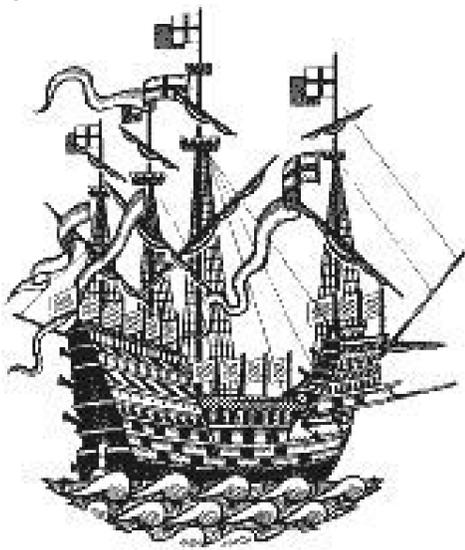
It was given by Brian Sutton, who was involved with the project to raise the wreck of the Mary Rose after its rediscovery in 1968.

The Mary Rose's story began soon after Henry, who had come to the throne in 1509, realised that England's strength would depend on sea power and that his navy was seriously under strength. So he embarked on a full-scale programme of shipbuilding, including the Mary Rose and the Peter Pomegranate.

Little concrete evidence exists as to where and when the Mary Rose was built. However, it has been assumed that it was built in Portsmouth and by December 1511, it was being fitted out and taking on ordnance in the Thames. Over the next 14 years, the Mary Rose gained a fearsome reputation and a proud and illustrious list of battle honours.

But then, nothing. It all went quiet for the Mary Rose until 1545 when, with war once again threatening, a huge French fleet of more than 200 ships entered the Solent. The English fleet that defiantly challenged them had a mere 80 ships and the first day of the battle consisted of a long-range exchange of fire, with little damage on either side. But on 19th July 1545, as the French started firing again, disaster struck and the Mary Rose heeled over and sank without warning.

To this day, there is confusion over exactly what caused the disaster. Whatever the reason, by midnight on 19th July, one of England's finest ships and 500 English sailors lay at the bottom of the Solent.



The Mary Rose is seen in all its glory before its mysterious sinking

Then in 1968, thanks to the dedication of one man, Alexander McKee of the Southsea branch of the British SubAqua Club, the wreck of the Mary Rose was eventually raised and conserved.

Earlier, at the annual meeting, the society was told that its secretary for many years, Pat Genochio, was planning to take a back seat for a while.

Chairman Garth Collard expressed the warm feelings and gratitude of the whole membership as he presented her with parting gifts.

Andrew Westwood-Bate

Walking through the history of Abington

ABINGTON historical group member Jennifer Hirsh visited our historical society and took us on a 'Walk through the history of the Abingtons' via old maps and many slides depicting the growth of the villages from the 1600s.

A few of the present buildings go back to those dates. With a multitude of slides, we travelled through Little Abington seeing how the remaining old buildings have changed, how so many have disappeared, and learning about who lived where.

Many tales were told, gathered from villagers of long-standing with memories of the old buildings. Originally Little Abington had more houses than Great Abington. The population per house was much greater than today – up to seven or eight people living in a tiny cottage.

Sadly time ran out so a walk through Great Abington will be postponed until another date in the programme for next year. The society's next meeting at 7.30pm on 15th November in Linton village hall, is a return visit by Mary Goddin, one of the Cambridge College Blue Badge Guides, who will talk on Cambridge Colleges: Past, Present and Future.

Andrew Westwood-Bate 892430

Here are more faces from the past for you to identify



VISITORS to the camera club's October exhibition showed plenty of interest in Garth Collard's 'Faces from the Past,' and helped him to identify more Linton people.

The picture above shows Holttum's grocery store staff. Although the van has R. Holttum & Sons painted on the side, it is possible that the store was actually owned by the International Stores when this photograph was taken.

Picture from the Cambridge Collection



TWENTY six men each with a bottle of beer wait by the coach for the Crown's day out. M^{rs} Doreen Norton has the original picture and she can name nearly every one on the outing. Her father Herbert Smith is in the middle row fifth from the right. M^{rs} Norton thinks the outing was in the 1950's and can identify people with the name Wright, Outlaw, Fitch, Neal, Ellis, Claydon, Street, Parker, Casbolt, Pearson, Camping, Arnold, five people called Hill and the landlord of the Crown, Campbell Parker.

If you know the names of Holttums staff or can explain the occasion of the first picture, Garth would be delighted to hear from you on 892395.

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THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

DEVELOPMENTS, like change in general, can often be disruptive and we have had our fair share on the college site over the last few months. Our evening and weekend customers have also had to cope with closing roads and parking problems. Things do move forward however and in so doing they usually improve as you reach certain milestones in the process.

We were able to celebrate one such milestone in October when Sir Trevor Brooking opened the new sports facilities at the college. This was Sir Trevor's second visit to LVC; he came in 1993 to open the first sports hall extension, and it was a real pleasure to meet him again. He signed autographs and spoke at length in his relaxed and unassuming way to the many young people who had come to see him as well as to all the other guests who joined us. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate the partnership of the college, the Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Football Foundation that led to the development, and it was equally good to see so many people of all ages using the facilities.

Those who were there could not help noticing the building work on the new netball and tennis courts as they made their way to the all weather pitch and these courts will be completed by the end of January. After that, work will begin on the new road entrance and that is scheduled for completion by the end of August. Granta School then opens in September and the rebuilding of the College begins shortly after that.

We have to realise though that we have been lucky. Our project has been completed before the capping of the district council and although we will suffer from the cuts that capping will cause, the capital grant is spent. It is the arts that could suffer badly though and given the sterling work our Arts Development Manager, Dan Schumann has been doing in Linton, that would be a great loss. We have already had numerous events in the village as a result of Dan's work and many more are promised.

The college is working on a 'club school' for dance music, the first Linton Children's Literary Festival is planned for next May, The Linton heritage trail will be established and a Linton Drama Society for adults developed. These are just the beginning, but if the cuts reduce funding for the arts in south Cambridgeshire all this momentum will be lost. If you have a view on this, I am sure Councillors Batchelor and Smith would be pleased to present it to the District Council. We must all do what we can to keep the good things going.

Clive Bush

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- S/1788/05/F M^r & M^s Naylor, 17 High Street, Linton. Extension.
- S/1808/05/CM Cambs CC and the Governors of LVC, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton. Retention of 1x5 bay mobile building to provide changing room facilities until 30th September 2006.
- S/1815/05/LB M^s M D L'Angellier, 28A The Grip, Linton. Alterations - Conversion of existing kitchen to bedroom and replacement of single storey bedroom and conservatory by new extension comprising lobby, boot room/WC, utility room and kitchen.
- S/1870/05/F Highcliffe Properties Ltd., 12 Back Road, Linton. Erection of 2 houses and 4 bungalows following demolition of existing bungalow.
- S/1885/05/F J O'Dell, 94 Chalklands, Linton. Extension
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The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Street lighting and the arrival of electricity in Linton

I RECENTLY dined out in Castle Hedingham and was astounded to find that the main street was not illuminated at night. Coming out of the restaurant to find the way to my car was just like returning to Victorian times when most villages, including Linton had no street lighting.

Before the establishment of Parish Councils in 1894 the Linton Vestry looked into the possibility of providing some form of street lighting in Linton. The Parish church magazine of 1892 refers to the illumination of Horn Lane on Sunday evenings to enable worshippers to attend church services. A Parish meeting was held in the British Schoolroom in Market Lane (the Shepherds Hall today) in November 1895 when it was decided that the Street Lighting Act of 1833 should be adopted and the streets of the parish lit.

M^r Tusting Holtum presented plans to the Parish Council in January 1896 setting out the locations of 39 lamps in the village. The lamps had copper heads and were of the Duplex make, a Tilly type lamp in a glass frame. They were to be fixed on oak posts or attached by brackets to houses. An old bracket can still be seen on the wall of number 4 High Street. The post had an outside lever so that a rod could be used to extinguish them.

The lamps were to be positioned between Linton station in the Cambridge Road and Emson's farm in the Bartlow Road. Green Lane and Mill Lane were each allocated just one lamp each. Tenders were sought for the purchase and erection of the lamps and the contract was to be completed within 28 days. Quite a contrast with the speed of project completion today! There were three local bidders for the lamp contract and it was awarded to the lowest bidder, Edwin Burgess of Linton at a cost of £35-15s-0d. M^r Burgess owned a building and undertaking business located on the present day Paintin's site.

The new lamps were fuelled by oil and the contract for supplying the best grade was initially awarded to M^r Holtum, but then went to Alfred Backler in 1897. He supplied Water Lilley Brand oil for 6d (two and a half new pence) a gallon, and by 1905 was supplying the delightfully named American Tea Rose Brand priced at 7d per gallon. Sweet Talk News is now operating in the shop where M^r Backler ran his grocery premises.

The first lamplighter was John Gimson and he was paid 2/2d (about 11p) a day for the task. This was the same as the average daily wage of an agricultural labourer at the time. His duty was to fill and place the lamps in their standards at dusk and collect them at 11pm. The lamps and glass lamp cases were stored in the lower section of the Old Market Hall (often called the Oddfellows Hall). This building was finally demolished in 1953.

Lighting up times were dependent on the



A 1904 postcard shows lamps at Chaundlers and Fullwells

weather, the time of year and the state of Parish finances. With the Zeppelin air attacks on East Anglia in World War One, the Parish meeting decided not to light the streets for the duration of the War. After the peace settlement of 1919, the newly formed Linton Womens Institute advised the Parish Council (hereafter called the PC) on the best locations for the 15 lamps which the village had decided was all ratepayers could afford.

The lamplighter from 1919 until 1922 was Charles Jaggard and he must have found it rather difficult to gear his work schedule to the constantly changing instructions of the PC. He was paid 1/6d (seven and a half new pence) per week for the reduced duties and no lights were lit in the winter of 1920. The exception to this rule was that four lamps were lit on Sunday evenings in Horn Lane and Church Lane from 6 until 9pm. The PC instruction for the winter of 1921 stated that there was to be no lighting in Linton if it was a moonlit night!

Given this unsatisfactory situation, M^r Gowlett put forward a proposal to introduce electric lighting. He owned Linton Mill and his steam turbine could be used to generate electricity to light one mile of streets in the village. However, on carrying out a full costing his proposal was found to be too expensive.

Another suggestion was that the streets should be illuminated using the powerful generator of the Linton Laundry. This business was located at the present day number 96 High Street and went bankrupt soon afterwards, so the suggestion was never taken up. The PC was keen to support almost any scheme which did not involve them in providing the money. In 1921 they asked the County Council to whiten the kerbstones since Linton had no lighting in the winter months!

By October 1922 winter lighting was re-started and the late Charlie Salmon was appointed as lamplighter on a wage of £1-15s-0d (£1-75p) for a seven day

week. He continued in the job until September 1934 and I discussed the lighting process with him. He lived in the Rookery off the Cambridge Road. He said that he could start at the Greenhill and install all the street lamps in the glasses inside ten minutes! He used to collect the lamps in the morning using a hand trolley, and clean them on a bench in the Oddfellows Hall. By 1929 only 11 lamps remained in use, and they were all of the old Duplex type.

Eventually, the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Electricity Company brought electricity to Linton in 1934-1935, but the PC still tried to soldier on with its outdated oil lamps. By March, 1938 electricity cables had been laid to most parts of the village and the electricity company were able to offer the PC a more affordable street lighting scheme. The company would install thirty 100 watt lamps, which would give out a two hundred candle power light directly beneath the lamp. The system would be controlled by an automatic time switch positioned in the premises of M^r Culling, the butcher (at the ex-Barclay's Bank site). Lighting would start from half an hour after sunset until 11pm each evening between October 1st and April 30th.

The total installation cost was £125-12s-0d and the Parish meeting voted by nine votes to two to accept the terms. However, a staggering 44 people abstained. The lamp pole colour scheme was agreed, the first four feet of each post was painted green and the rest was finished in aluminium. The agreement was finally signed by the PC in May 1938 and D^r Palmer switched on the new street lamps on 1st October 1938. The old lamps and surplus posts were sold off in November 1938. Within a year Linton was once again in darkness when the street lights were extinguished for the duration of the European War.

I wish to acknowledge the research of the late Frank Jeffery which helped me in the writing of this article. I have received numerous phone calls about the photographs of Linton school children published in last month's edition. There are a still a few names to find so please continue to contact me on 892395.



A postcard from 1918 showing lamps at 96 High Street and the Bell.

Postcards from
Garth Collard's collection



Parish Council Matters

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Just a Quick Note from the chair

HAVING been the Chairman since May, I've been told that it's high time that Parish Matters had another article! Deciding what to write about is an extremely difficult task. Since having the extra pages in the Linton News, all councillors (or in the case of 'Working Parties' the Chairman of said party) are having the opportunity to voice their views and/or decisions. Please remember that all Parish Councillors are volunteers. Who give up their limited spare time for the benefit of the village, with the back up of the Clerk and her assistant.

Roundup

The major project has been traffic and the one-way system, this is now in its final stages and it is just a case of tying up loose ends. I should imagine some of which will have been cut a little short. BUT enough of traffic and going one-way, have you noticed that the village centre is not sign posted? Well neither had I! I was informed of this some time ago, however it was not at the forefront of my concerns so unfortunately it had been forgotten, only because I know where Linton and the village centre is so it's autopilot all the way home. Since I have come into office I have been re-

minded both verbally and in writing, so I am now in the process of making enquiries with regard to whether this can be achieved and in which direction I should go. Some research will be needed with regard to contacts. Perhaps I can achieve this before I step down?

Bugging Me

Another task that I (as in we the Parish Council) have is the completion of the Mil-



The Jubilee Stone awaiting refurbishment

lennium Stone and the unenviable task of keeping the twenty one trees alive, one tree for each sponsor.

Originally there were nine name-plates inserted, with the names of some of the sponsors engraved on, over time these have slowly disappeared. The nine squares still exist but alas no

name-plates. We are in the process of planning to rectify this, we have two options open to us, these being either a stone or a brass plaque made with the sponsors names on, this will then be set in the Millennium Stone. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to you if you were one of these sponsors, the delay has been due to the difficulty in finding people to undertake

the work. **Problems** The cemetery in Back Rd is presenting us with a problem with regard to changing Health and Safety regulations, in particular loose and leaning grave stones. Due to the very nature of a cemetery, the grave tenders are often difficult to locate, es-

pecially those not resident within the village. But watch this space, the co-ordinator of the cemetery will be able to give an update on this at a later stage.

Pleasurable

For the eagle eyed amongst us, you will have noticed the appearance of two replacement dog-bins. Having established that we have made the correct choice we have ordered replacements for the other locations around the village and we are eagerly awaiting their arrival.

Budget

Elsewhere in the Parish Matters you will find a report from the Finance Chairman, Simon Alper, regarding the Precept. Simon Alper, who has taken over this position from myself, has the task of setting the budget for the next year. Please read his article with interest and contact him if you feel your group or cause could benefit and you are Linton based, put in a bid giving us as much information as possible with regard to what you require the money for. Not all bids are successful however you may be.

GDP, Chairman

Cambridge Master Composters

THE Cambridgeshire Master Composter Programme is recruiting more volunteers this year!

You may now be familiar with the Master Composter Programme, which has been appearing in some Cambridgeshire Parish Magazines since 2001. The Programme is being run by the County Council, working together with all the District Councils and HDRA Consultants, to promote home and community composting.

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What is 'Precept'?

EACH year the Parish Council holds a Precept Meeting in January to decide how much money will be needed to run the parish in the following financial year. The year runs from April to March and the funds are collected along with your council tax by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Setting the budget for the money the village needs is called the 'Precept' and is used to run the amenities and services that the Parish Council are responsible for, such as grass cutting in the public areas including the cemetery and recreation ground, repair and

maintenance of equipment on the recreation ground, the benches and litter bins throughout the village, as well as the work done by our village custodian, Colin Tofts, to keep the village neat and tidy.

The money also goes to run the council office in the Village Hall where Sue Parry and Dawn Newman are a good point of contact between residents and councillors. They liaise with other council authorities, such as the District Council and the Highways Authority, over issues including planning, village maintenance and local concerns. They are also

responsible for the administration for the cemetery and cajole councillors like myself to do their bit for Parish Matters.

However, Precept is not just about keeping what we already have going, it is also about considering new projects to improve the fabric of the village, or to help organisations who work in the village in aiding different resident groups. At the Precept Meeting in January we want to have your ideas about how the village could be improved or how we could help fund the needs of your group.

In previous years for example, we have been asked to look



Stanton's Lane Bridge project decided at Precept

at replacing the bridge at Stanton's Lane – a very big project that could not be funded from Precept but to which we

will contribute as and when the main funding is found. We help Linton Action for Youth (LA4Y) and the Air Training

Corps (ATC) and Activities and Care for the Elderly (ACE).

So if you have a project that will benefit the village and its people, please write to me at the Parish Council with some details and as much idea as possible of how much money you need before the end of November, and we will consider your project at our Precept Meeting; but remember, your idea will have to be paid for as part of your council tax and we as councillors must consider whether the extra Precept can be justified, so not all ideas will be successful.

C^{llr} S Alper,
Finance Committee Chairman

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MINUTES of Linton Parish Council Meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 1st September 2005 at 8^{pm}.

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th August were agreed and signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes of 4th August not already listed. C^{llr} Urwin reported that County Council had received 1,055 responses to the traffic questionnaire. The overwhelming majority were in support of the Phase II one-way system becoming permanent.

Consideration of the Minutes of the Planning and Finance meetings held on 4th August 2005 were considered and agreed.

Reports from Co-ordinators: Open Spaces - C^{llr} Clay reported that the footpath from Bakers L^a to Horseheath R^d had now been cut. BT had not yet repaired the base of the litter bin in Horseheath R^d. Clerk to contact again.

Recreation Ground - C^{llr} Kenyon reported that the bank bordering LVC required cutting. C^{llr} Batchelor reported that 2 street lamps beside the path up to the Drop In Centre are not working.

Cemetery - The Clerk had received a request for a rose bush to be planted and plaque to be placed in the cemetery. Councillors could not agree to the planting as this could set a precedent. The resident will be contacted and advised to write to PCC who may have an area in the Churchyard.

Rights of Way - C^{llr} Rossiter met with M^r John Cooper to discuss Rivey L^a, foot bridges at the ford and cemetery and other footpaths that required attention. M^r Cooper has reported the bridge repair to the bridge maintenance department. As previously reported in the Planning Minutes of 1st September the right of way behind LVC should be re-sited through the woodland belt thereby avoiding the new stiles. This has been agreed with the farmer/landowner and is currently under review by CC ROW Officer, M^r John Cooper.

Venture Playground - C^{llr} Hammett reported that the toddler swing had been removed as it was in urgent need of repair. The Clerk reported that a representative from Anglian Playgrounds had visited the site today and would supply an estimate for the repair or replacement.

Leadwell Meadow - C^{llr} Cox reported that he was still very unhappy with the grass cutting contract. As previously reported the

contract will be simplified and the contractor asked to report when the work is completed.

Parish Plan - Nothing to report.

Glebe Land - C^{llr} Rossiter was pleased to report that the Glebe Land was very tidy and being used. A volunteer will repair the oak post and rails and only charge for materials used.

Churchyard - C^{llr} Gore will arrange a meeting towards the end of September with the working party and the PCC.

All items from Correspondence Sheet 5 (Aug) 2005 were noted. Of particular interest:

Item 12 - Letter from Herald Contractors
Item 21 - Letter from Environ-



The Glebe Land, tidy and with a new seat

ment Agency in response to our letter. Clerk to write asking for the 15 properties to be identified.

Item 25 - Moore Stephens - letter regarding annual return

Item 26 - Notes of phone call regarding grass contract

Item 29 - Letter regarding WI seat. Clerk to write to M^r Fairey asking if seat could be resited further back.

Item 38 - Letter regarding overhanging branches

Item 40 - Stop Stansted Expansion - letter of support to be sent
Item 43 - JA Perry letter regarding Hadstock R^d and cemetery. Comments to be forwarded to Hadstock PC and C^{llr} Gee.

Item 44 - email from H Greenhalgh regarding turning area

Report regarding progress on replacement of Stantons L^a Bridge. C^{llr} Bald had previously distributed a detailed report. She had met with Stephen McGee, Bridge Engineer, Claire O'Neill, Safer Routes to School, and David Lines, CCC. The proposed new bridge will be steel and cost in the region of £15,000.

Cambs County Council has agreed to pay for the removal of the old bridge and installation of

the new. The Parish Council have set aside £1,000 and Safer Routes to School will pay the remainder. Any further modification and funding for landscaping will need to be raised. The only foreseeable problem will be the re routing of cables which cross the river. The work is expected to take 2-3 days. Councillors congratulated C^{llr} Bald for her hard work on this project

Report on Clerks Course and recommendations for consideration

The Clerk had previously distributed a detailed report for consideration. The Clerk was requested to gather further information from Councils and CALC on the advantages of gaining Quality

MINUTES of the meeting of Linton Parish Council, held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 15th September 2005 at 8pm

During Open Forum, M^r Peter Dixon conducted the Annual Draw for the 'K Club'. C^{llr} Smith had received a complaint from a resident with a severely disabled family member. It was proving difficult for them to access various parts of the village because of metal barriers. C^{llr} Smith had passed their concerns to the Local Disability Forum. CCC will be contacted to ascertain the barrier sizing required for disabled access and barriers will be checked

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st September 2005 required one amendment: Item 82



Barrier in Camping Close

(iv) line 1 should read church and not cemetery. The minutes were approved and signed.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on 1st September 2005 not already listed.

Under Item 86 the Clerk had previously distributed an email from CALC for consideration regarding some of the questions that had been asked.

C^{llr} Urwin gave an update on the one-way system and had previously distributed a report. She reported that on 12th September 2005 the South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee had met and agreed to make the one-way system permanent.

A Police Report had not been received. C^{llr} Hickford reported that he had spoken with PC Addison-Atkinson who had informed him that Dawn Brock, the new PCSO, had been on holiday for the last two weeks. PC Addison-Atkinson had been very

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busy with barn fires in a surrounding village.

C^{llr} Smith gave a lengthy report on the issues and implications for SCDC regarding capping. She also reported on the increased problem of travellers and the impact on Cambridgeshire. C^{llr} Smith reported that contrary to reports the Papworth Trust is still intending to build a second bungalow on

had suggested that it be called Cooper's Court. Item 7 - CCC - fax regarding blocked drains. CCC had agreed that drains in the village were overdue for jetting. This should take place annually in March but had not yet been done. The Clerk had requested that she be informed when the work had taken place.

Item 10 - M^{rs} Brazier - letter re



Paynes Meadow behind schedule

Paynes Meadow. She reported that the new road at Paynes Meadow is taking longer than scheduled because the services already laid were not at the correct depth.

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1st September 2005 were considered and noted.

All items from Correspondence Sheet 6 (September) were noted. Of particular interest:

Item 1 - Acknowledgement of Councils' comments by BT regarding their proposal to make 3 payphones cashless

Item 2 - Zurich Municipal - permission requested to reply to a third party regarding the Councils insurance policy. Councillors agreed that permission be given.

Item 4 - SCDC - Request for development off the High S^t. This had previously been discussed at the planning meeting. During the mid 1800s the Grayston family who were barrel makers (coopers), ran their business from this site, which is adjacent to the Crown public house. Councillors

traffic

Item 12 - M^r Cheesmur - letter re junction of Back R^d and Symonds L^a. C^{llr} Potter reported that the brambles were due to be cut later this month. Councillors did not agree to the brambles being removed. A note would be put in the grass maintenance file to review the situation annually.

Item 18 - T Smith - email regarding Paynes Meadow. C^{llr} Smith had already covered this issue in her report.

During Matters Arising (for information only) C^{llr} Potter reported that a path sweeper had recently been in the village. It was unknown whether the sweeper was from CCC or SCDC. Councillors were requested to look out for it and report back with any information.

Under Item 98 (item 7) C^{llr} Rossiter proposed that we request from the Scrutiny Department at SCDC and CCC a detailed list of the services allocated so that it could be checked if the work was being carried out. This was agreed.

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