

Bowls roll-ups
start 2-4pm
Wednesdays
see page 5

Over 2,350 copies
distributed
free in Linton,
Hildersham,
Hadstock &
Bartlow

THE LINTON NEWS

May
2014
Vol. 28 N° 2
Publication date
Monday 5th May

E & E PLUMRIDGE
Design & Print
41 High Street
Linton
01223 891407

Established 1987

www.linton.info e-mail lneditor@linton.info

Haverhill plans affect A1307 and Linton

RECENTLY several people have approached the editor with concerns about the planned developments in Haverhill and their effect on the A1307 and Linton. The following is what I have gleaned from those plans.

Linton residents need to be aware that they only have until 30th May to voice any concerns to the Suffolk council before their Local Plan, called St Edmundsbury Vision 2031 (see below) is adopted.

Suffolk's plans may well impinge on villages such as Linton, as Haverhill is in Suffolk but very close to the border with South Cambridgeshire and on the main A1307 route from Cambridge.

The government has required county councils to prepare a Local Plan for sustainable economic growth. This includes a requirement to build houses and suitable infrastructure, such as roads and water supply to support the economic growth and should be based on co-operation with neighbouring authorities.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has consulted with its parish councils and has already completed its local plan which is currently with the Government Inspectorate before going to the Minister for approval.

The housing developments in their local plan are mainly at Sawston, Cambourne and the Bourn airfield.

The plan does include building a few extra houses in Linton within the village envelope. The small number was mainly because there would not be good enough traffic links for a large amount of extra housing in Linton. So no changes to the A1307 were proposed in the plan.

The St Edmundsbury Vision 2031 is Suffolk's Local

Plan and is not as far advanced as Cambridges' Local Plan. Vision 2031 indicates that there will be further expansion of Haverhill.

It seems Haverhill may be building many more houses, and development of the Research Park at Hanchett End has already started. In addition there are rumours that there may soon be more HGV distribution hubs adding to traffic movements on the A1307.

Vision 2031 does not consider the impact of development in Haverhill on the A1307 to be a problem. (Haverhill section 7-19 in the plan says that "the A1307 is not a problem ... be aware that the main pinch point is at Linton.")

So it looks as though there is no transport strategy as such for the A1307 at the moment - either from Suffolk or (South) Cambridgeshire.

Moreover transport strategies should be based on accurate traffic flow and currently there is no traffic flow data between Cambridge and Haverhill. The data is due to be collected later this year. When done this may show whether or not we need improvements to the road at Linton.

Any transport strategy for the A1307 should be tackled on a regional basis - Cambridgeshire and Suffolk are now talking, Essex needs to get to the table too, because the expansion at Saffron Walden may also send traffic along our A1307.

The concern is that the developments outlined in Vision 2031 will indeed affect traffic flow on the A1307 and the quality of life in Linton, yet this has not been taken into consideration by Suffolk council.

Linton Parish Council and Action 1307 (a group of parish councils near the A1307) have

repeatedly raised objections to the St Edmundsbury Local Plan for this reason.

There may well be objections to the Vision 2031 on the grounds that it has not considered the impact of development in and around Haverhill on the A1307 and thus the effect on the quality of life of residents in the surrounding areas as well as Haverhill itself.

There are many proposals being put forward to ease traffic on the A1307. Building a new road between Haverhill and the A11 at Worsted Lodge following the line of the Roman road; building a park and ride; creating a bus priority system; and a dual carriageway along the old railway line are only some of them.

These would inevitably incur a cost to Cambridgeshire, since they are within its boundaries and may need to be funded by more house building. That in turn could open up more development in our rural area.

All these changes could have a profound effect on the villagers living near the road or its replacements. They need to be fully considered by all those concerned before Suffolk goes ahead with Vision 2031. So be aware, if you have any concerns with Vision 2031, objections by parish councils and individual members of the public, must be in by the end of May.

If you would like to comment on Vision 2031, please use the links from the website at www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/vision2031 or contact Annette Feeney Programme Officer, St Edmundsbury Borough Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 3YU, Email: annette.feeney@westsuffolk.gov.uk or Phone 01284 757369

Editor

Our de luxe pavilion is now opened

AFTER over three years in the planning, the pavilion extension and refurbishment was opened by J W (Bill) Coad Chairman of Cambs FA, and Life Member of The Football Association on Saturday 29th March.

The Chairman of South Cambridge District Council was introduced by Robin Williams Chairman of Linton Granta Football club and addressed the residents and members present, commenting on how pleased he was that SCDC were able to award a grant towards this community project.

Brian Manley then thanked all the members who had helped in the planning and hard work of the preparation involved before we could even start the building work, including the fund raising at the Monday Bingo sessions and other functions. Particular mention was made to David O'Dell LGFC Secretary who had prepared a very comprehensive Business Plan and submitted various applications, with the assistance of Paul Poulter, to the different funders. This ensured the facility was over 80% funded by grants from The FA, Football Foundation, Sport England and Budweiser. David's hard work



Bill Coad, opening the new facility.

Photo by Roger Lapwood and attention to detail ensured we were successful in obtaining these grants.

Thanks were also made to the Parish Council, including Sue Parry PC Clerk, who assisted in the submission of the funding bids, and Graham Potter.

The building was then officially opened by Bill Coad who spoke of the time he played at Linton when it was

still a wooden hut with only one shower for each team. Later in the 80's new changing rooms were built and later still the bar and function area was added. After some 25 years it was now time to update the facilities to come in line with the current regulations, and to provide an amenity that would benefit the whole community.

The pavilion will continue be used by Linton Cricket Club and The Linton Bowls Club who were both consulted in the planning stage of the project.

Members, residents and guests were then able to view the refurbished dressing rooms and the extensions including the new toilet facilities, fully fitted kitchen and the new storage area. Light refreshments were supplied by Mandy, Christine and Lesley and many ex players enjoyed reminiscing over earlier playing days. This new and much improved amenity for the community has been well received and already local groups are making good use of it, and other functions are being planned. Enquiries and bookings should be made by contacting Alan O'Dell on 01223891726 or by e-mail alano@virgin.net or lintongranta@btinternet.com

Brian G Manley

Winner plays the classics



Samson Tsoy at the piano

Picture supplied by Linton Music

A WINNER of the Haverhill Sinfonia Soloist competition 2012, Samson Tsoy is based in St Petersburg and has been recognized in many international competitions.

His programme includes works by Beethoven, Schumann's *Fantasy*, plus Musorgsky's virtuoso and popular masterpiece *Pictures at an Exhibition*.

The concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th June at Linton village college

Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 71 High Street, Linton, (Tel. 893480), from Linton Post Office or from Saffron Walden Tourist Information Office (Tel 01799 524002 or www.saffrontickets.com)

For more information, contact lindabird@waitrose.com or info@cambridgesummermusic.com or phone 893600

Linda Bird

Drop in to the children's book festival



THE Linton Children's Book Festival has already kicked off with History's Alive! held on Camping Close on Sunday 4th May.

The main Festival is still to come, on Saturday 10th May and Sunday 11th May.

Whilst the Festival is free for all families, we recommend booking sessions so that you aren't disappointed on the day. Please check the website: www.linton-bookfest.org to see which sessions still have seats available.

If your favourite authors are shown as sold out, there will be a limited number of seats still

available on the day for drop-ins, so do come along. There will be lots of other things happening that do not require booking - drop in sessions with book illustrators, the Cambridge Museum, Linton Scouts, Linton Youth Music and Linton Jazz, arts and crafts for the kids, and Dave the Minion posing for photos!

You'll also be able to get books signed by authors in the Heffers bookshop that will be on site in the LVC library.

There will be hot and cold food available on site as well, so we encourage all families with budding or avid readers to come along and enjoy the day with us.

Ron Ragsdale

Too good for jumble...

THIS month we have a John Bransmead upright piano on offer. It has an iron frame and has been regularly tuned. The owner insists "It must go to a good home." There is also a sturdy plastic cat basket 19in long, 11in high, 11in wide; an oval wooden garden table and chairs in need of some TLC.

Further items available are the black leather swivel office chair in good condition; the Lexmark printer (all in one) - not for use with Windows 7; the mans bike Incisor Virus, 26 x 1.95 wheel, good condition; a childs table tennis table + balls + net; a small snooker table on a frame; 12 stacking metal chairs with black padded back & seats; a pair of new ladies green Matlan linen blend trousers size 16; a pair of unworn ladies TU navy trousers size 16R, the Hewlett Packard Deskjet 930C printer with set up disk and a black plastic dustbin.

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

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

Farewell to our rector and his wife

ST MARY'S will be saying goodbye to Steve and Jo Griffiths at their last service at 10am on 18th May. Since Steve and Jo came to St Mary's in 2007 they have both become loved members of the church family, so it is with sadness that we say goodbye, but with an amazing sense of pride and gratitude as we consider the blessings that they have brought to Linton. Steve originally served as Honorary Assistant Priest under the previous leadership and was then engaged with ministry during the interregnum before his appointment as Rector in 2009.

St Mary's has undergone significant change with Steve leading us, and this has built a healthy foundation for us to be able to continue to work with St Mary's as a Mission-Shaped Church. Many of you

will have taken part in the Listening Exercise back in 2010, gathering your thoughts and feedback to create our Mission Action Plan in January 2011. The Mission Action Plan has subsequently underpinned all that we have achieved over the last four years. We have completed more than half of the 95 Recommendations for Growth in Mission and Ministry and started work on 15% more. There are too many achievements to list, but some of the headlines include setting up Marks of Mission Reference Groups, Development of Lay Ministry, Community and Ecumenical Links, Schools Work; Children and Youth Work; Placement opportunities for Ordinands,



Steve and his wife

Photo by Ruth Keys

Fresh Expressions of Church, Development of other worship services, Pastoral Care and Social Engagement. All of this has seen the church grow; the average number of congregants per week has increased by 236%.

We wish Steve and Jo all the very best, and give thanks for the time you have invested in us.

Sue Filby



Plans for new beginnings at Linton Heights



ON 2nd April, our wonderful pupils presented poems, stories and songs on the theme of new beginnings at our Easter celebrations at St Mary's Church. The services were touching, particularly for the families of our Year 6 pupils, who were clearly contemplating their future move to Linton Village College.

The summer term is the most exciting in the school calendar as there is so much going on. However, the summer term can also be a little unsettling for the pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 as they and their families prepare for new beginnings. The good news is that the transition between the Infant School, Linton Heights and LVC is planned very carefully and has been shown year-on-year to support the pupils

successfully as they move onto their next phase of learning and personal development.

In the same way that Caroline Derbyshire and her team are currently preparing new beginnings for our Year 6 pupils, the team at Linton Heights is doing the same for the Year 2 pupils and their families.

Our Year 5 buddies are so looking forward to helping their Year 2 charges settle in. A shared project, visits to Linton Heights and an invitation to an end-of-year performance are all planned. Parents and carers will also be invited to the school for a new parents' meeting (20th May) and an open school (20th June). We look forward to welcoming you all.

Jennifer Malone,
Head teacher

Bid for Prime Minister's £50million Challenge Fund for General Practice

YOU may have seen in the newspapers in mid-April that some GP practices have received a share of a £50m fund. The purpose of the fund is to enable practices to extend opening hours from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week and to implement innovative ways of consulting such as the use of Skype.

Sawston Medical Practice and Linton Health Centre submitted a joint bid but were unfortunately unsuccessful. Our plan was to extend opening hours from 8am to 8pm across the two practices with our patients being able to attend either practice for pre-booked appointments. We also aimed to provide an urgent service to our locality group of practices during those hours. We were disappointed that our bid was not successful as it is incredibly difficult to extend opening hours without additional investment.

However, our discussions with Sawston have not been wasted. There is a clear government agenda for practices to work together in collaboration/federations/mergers in order to improve access to services. We will continue to talk to our closest neighbours in order to be well prepared for the future.

Do remember that each practice has been providing some extended hours surgeries for some time. At Linton we now offer appointments every Wednesday evening to 8pm, plus some Saturday mornings 8.30am – 10am and some early mornings starting at 6.30am. These sessions are all for pre-booked appointments only – there is no facility to see urgent cases during these extended hours.

Dr Wheeler & Partners

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING

Explore the magical world of watercolour painting with an experienced artist, in the comfort of your own home. For details, please contact: Susan Mackenzie (01223) 891521 or: sjhmac2@yahoo.co.uk

Springfield House B&B

14/16 Horn Lane, Linton
River views from bedrooms & guest lounge
Tel: 01223 891383
www.springfieldhouseinton.com

Singing Lessons

Sarah Rosewell
BA (Hons) Music

Individual singing lessons available for all ages and abilities

Whether towards exams or purely for pleasure

- * CRB Checked
- * Based in Linton

For more information contact: Sarah on 01223 894861

Email: sarahrosewell@hotmail.com

Rural Magpie
A Store of 'Rescued Treasures & Hand-Painted Furniture Pieces'
Call our online store to find an eclectic mix of affordable fine quality one-off pieces of period moderns and vintage finds from ceramics and glassware to hand-painted/repaired furniture as well as beautiful pieces of jewellery.
A hand-painting furniture service is also offered, call for a quote.
We buy and sell and can source items for you.
www.ruralmagpie.co.uk
Contact: 01223 894293 or sarah@ruralmagpie.co.uk



Step into stories at summer fair

LINTON Infants PTFA will be holding its biggest annual fundraiser, the Summer Fair from 5-7pm on Friday 6th June.

Our theme is stepping into storybooks so be on the lookout for some storybook inspired stalls and decorations.

There will be lots on offer, from bouncy castles and wiggle cars to face painting, tombola, live music and much more.

We will also be running a raffle, so for a chance to win some fantastic prizes please call into the infant school office to buy your raffle tickets.

Dinner is taken care of too with a BBQ, snacks and a Mad Hatters tea party.

Please join us for a fabulous fun filled evening for all the family.

Linton Infants PTFA Committee

Another chance to clear jumble for Guides

LINTON District Guides are holding a jumble sale at Linton Infant School on 17th May to raise funds for the various Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in the Linton catchment area. The district buys camp equipment, helps towards the cost of training and uniforms for new leaders and organizes events for the girls.

We are a registered charity and try to be self supporting. Gifts of jumble will be gladly received in the hall from 10am. The sale starts at 2pm.

Kate France 891602

Could you be a community champion?

THE fire service needs volunteers in your village.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Champions scheme has been running for two years and now more volunteers are being recruited. The champions promote fire safety in their communities by attending local events to promote fire safety, talk to local groups and organisations and also refer vulnerable people to CFRS for home fire safety visits.

So could you help your community stay fire safe?

Find out more by contacting Rachael Brown on 01353 865037 or email Rachael.brown@cambsacre.org.uk.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in May – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm and the smoke alarms of the vulnerable and elderly in your neighbourhood.

Leanne Ehren, CFRS Media & Communication Officer



Bartlow three-counties walk Sunday 4th May

THIS year we are offering four walks through beautiful local countryside. The 13½-mile classic three counties walk, six and nine-mile 'Family Routes' and the popular 1½-mile Junior Nature Trail for under 10s, with a Nature Quiz and woodland games.

We hope to see our regulars returning to join us and of course we welcome first-timers to an event that is a top family day out in a good cause.

We start between 10am and 11.30am from behind the pub at Bartlow (CB21 4PW).

As ever, we have tweaked the route to freshen it, reinforced the en-route hospitality, and back in Bartlow we will have the usual après-walk activities including food, drinks, great music and plenty of activities for the kids, including a bouncy castle.

For more details visit: bartlow.org.uk – ask at Linton Health Centre – or call me on 891732.

Graham Howat, Walk Organiser

KELVIN SCHOOL OF MOTORING

DOE ADI and MIAM Pass Plus
Instructing for 35 years!

For bookings
01223 892263



16 Back Road
LINTON

www.kelvinschoolofmotoring.co.uk

ProClean

Your Complete Cleaning Solution

- *Carpet Cleaning *Rugs *Stain Removal
- *Car Valeting *Caravans *Motor Homes
- *Upholstery Cleaning *Stain Protection
- *Floor Cleaning / Scrubbing / Sealing / Polishing
- *Pressure Washing of Patios Paths & Driveways
- *Domestic Cleaning * Top Ups & One Off Cleaning
- *Gutter / Fascia Cleaning

*Contract Office Cleaning (Flexible Options)

TEL: 890433 Mob: 0777 375 8355

74 Bartlow Rd, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4LY

Police report: Eleven garages broken into

FOLLOWING my last report in April alerting everyone to the fact that sheds and garages in the villages were being broken into, I am sorry to say that between 6pm on 7th April and 9am on 8th April, 11 garages were broken into in Finchams Close. Out of these garages only two had things stolen from them. Locks were damaged on most garages. Three BMW wheels, including tyres, were stolen from one garage and other items were stolen from the second. We are appealing for witnesses to come forward if they saw anybody acting suspiciously between those times. It is pretty certain that all these crimes were linked and our forensic team has been out to the location.

Garage and shed break-ins tend to occur from late evening to early morning. We have received reports that a male was seen in the area on Thursday 3rd April, taking photographs near the garages. If anyone has any further information regarding this male, please let us know.

Please try to make sure your outbuildings are as secure as possible. Contemplate buying a shed or garage alarm as a security measure. These can be obtained from most DIY stores for less than £15.

On April 3rd between 11am and 9.15pm a bungalow in Crabtree Croft was broken into via the rear door. It is not known at the moment whether anything was stolen. On the same day at about 3pm two males banged on a door in Balsham Road. No offences were revealed but the resident was a little shaken by this.

Between 3pm on 8th April and 10am on 9th April a victim was at a house party in Back Road, Linton. Their vehicle was parked outside the

location. Somehow access to the car was gained which was locked and secure. An i-phone5 was stolen together with a wallet. It is believed the keys were taken from the party to gain access to the vehicle and then put back. This crime is being investigated.

At around 11.50pm on the A1307 in Linton a male was found in possession of cannabis and has been dealt with accordingly.

Around 2-2.30pm on 16th April an offender stole from a store in the High Street. Fortunately the person was apprehended and dealt with when the police arrived.

Speed checks will continue over the coming months. Please note that where possible we do try to conduct speed checks at peak and rush hour times. However, this is not always possible due to work loads and the number of villages we cover. In light of this, you may see us conducting speed checks at different times during the day so that we are at least getting to most villages.

We urge you to continue to report any suspicious activity in your area on the 101 number or 999 when it is happening. Please do not report suspicious activity via e-mail systems as there can be a delay in officers receiving this information. Reporting incidents on the 101 number enables an incident crime to be raised immediately and officers dispatched to the area as soon as possible.

Our next surgery will be held at the Police Station, situated at Linton Fire Station in the High Street on Saturday 31st May between 10am and 12noon. This is a chance for you to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

PCSO Leanne Fisher

Jellybeans' Thursday playgroup

JELLYBEANS is a new fun playgroup for children aged four and under in Linton. Starting on 1st May. Come and join us from 9.30 – 11.30am every Thursday morning in the church hall at Linton United Reformed Church, Horn Lane.

There will be craft activities and a variety of play activities to keep your little ones happy. Home-made refreshments are available and it will be a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Rosie Komodromos and Lucy Kemshell 890056

LONG & SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION

COTTAGE & CONVERTED BARN

HOLIDAYS, WEEKENDS BED & BREAKFAST

WEST WRATTING CAMBRIDGE, CB21 5LU

T: 01223 290492
www.bakerycottage.co.uk

Made to Measure

CAPRI BLINDS

- * Verticals * Roman * Roller * Pleated
- * Venetian * Wooden

CALL NOW FOR

free quotation - free measuring - free fitting
Blackout blinds in a range of colours always available

Tel: 01223 894020
www.capriblinds.co.uk



Domestic & Commercial Inspection & Testing

All aspects of electrical work covered

gandwelectricaltd@gmail.com

07795 595856
07775 853866
01440 420603

GLENWOOD BOLTS & SCREWS LTD

www.glenwoodbolts.co.uk



SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY FASTENERS, FIXINGS & SILVERLINE TOOLS

Unit 2 Lintech Court
The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton
Cambridge, CB21 4XN
Tel: 01223 892095 / 893931
Fax: 01223 894122



Little Hands Nursery School Linton & Bartlow
Three Hills Farm, Bartlow
Cambridgeshire

Little Hands is a private Nursery School specialising in quality preschool care and education for the under fives and offers

High staff to child ratio
Good Ofsted report

Sessions can be booked flexibly throughout our nursery day 08.30am-4.30pm during term time

We accept nursery funding giving
15 hours per week of free funded nursery
for all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds
Optional Holiday Clubs also available

For further details contact:

Readers write...

Post and email addresses and deadline for articles are on this page. All letters for publication must have a full name, address or phone number to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited. Opinions are not necessarily those of the Linton News.

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

OUR only letter to the Editor this month was from Mrs B Walker (née Street) who wrote in response to Garth Colard's article on ice cream which appeared on page 6 of the March issue.

We were delighted with the response and so we let Garth off his writing duties this month and have printed Mrs Walker's letter as an article instead.

Editor

OUR THANKS

Errata

IN the letter from Mrs Jackie Hughes to the editor in the April issue thanking a paramedic for checking her and her sister after a car accident, the paramedics name should have been Jamie Norman not Jamie Norton as published.

Apologies to Mrs Hughes and Jamie Norman

Editor

Mr Potter entertains the gardening club

BRYAN Thurlow thoroughly entertained the gardening club by bringing the engaging Mr Potter, a Suffolk gardener born in 1900, to life. He described events throughout his life including going to London to see King George V in his coronation procession and visiting the RHS Chelsea flower show in the 1930s.

Mr Potter gained his first employment as a gardener at the tender age of 13 due to winning the children's miniature garden category at his village show, with a moss hedged knot garden on a turkey platter. Perhaps he'll give inspiration to this year's junior entrants to our village show?

Mr Potter described the changes to the garden throughout his lifelong guardianship of it. He mentioned the sudden fashion for white gardens after a newspaper article by Vita Sackville West, although admitting to preferring his version in the twilight when it seemed to glow. A sombre note drew his tale to a close as he described how his career ended when the garden became filled with bungalows.

With perfect timing to inspire us for summer, on Tuesday 13th May, Deborah



Mr Potter or Brian Thurlow
Photo supplied by gardening club

Hart will demonstrate her skill with stylish containers and hanging baskets. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome to join us.

The plant sale will be from 10am-12noon on Saturday 10th May at 3 Mill Lane. Do come and enjoy treating yourself to locally grown plants or wonderful cakes and produce. Donations of plants, produce or cakes would be most appreciated and may be delivered to 3 Mill Lane on Friday. Thank you.

Kirsten Newble
lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Drilling down to the past

theWI LINTON WI held their Annual Meeting on 1st April. President, Treasurer and Secretary's reports were presented and approved. Cynthia Norris was elected as President for the next year and the Committee were returned en-bloc.

Dr Louise Sime was the speaker. She is a scientist for the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge. A video showed how the expeditions are equipped with vast amounts of scientific instruments, and the conditions they work under.

We were shown how the ice cores are drilled down to unbelievable depths, producing evidence of conditions 800,000 years ago, and the effects of climate change on wild life and people. Predicting the future is essential for humanity and the economy. World leaders need the best scientific evidence for their international reputations. Much valuable evidence is obtained by these cores for the future and the world at large.

A most interesting and informative talk. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on 6th May, the speaker being Professor Patrick Smith on *The History of Adenbrooke's*.
Tricia Lewis

A house for the poor and the prisoners

THE Linton and District Historical Society talk for May will be *In & out of the Workhouse*. The workhouse often evokes the grim Victorian world of Oliver Twist, but its story is a fascinating mix of social history, politics, economics and architecture.

Linton had a workhouse from around 1724, while the Linton Poor Law Union was formed on 18th June 1835. Its operation was overseen by an elected Board of Guardians, representing the 22 surrounding parishes. The union workhouse that we are all familiar with is now called Symonds House and was built in 1836/7 in Workhouse Lane, as seen in the 1840 Linton enclosure map. The poor law commissioners authorised an expenditure of £5,878 on construction of the building which was designed to hold up to 230 inmates.

During his nearly 40 years as a Linton doctor, William Mortlock Palmer was also the medical officer at the workhouse.

At the outbreak of the Great War on the 15th November 1914, the north wing was converted to treat wounded soldiers and soon 22 wounded Belgians arrived. It was closed in March 1915 as it was felt completely inappropriate to treat wounded British soldiers in the workhouse. In May 1917, the workhouse reopened as a POW camp, eventually housing 100 prisoners with 35 army guards.

If you would like to hear more, do come and listen to this fascinating talk with an old friend of Linton, Liz Carter, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th May in Linton village hall.

All are very welcome.
Andrew Westwood-Bate

G. DYE & SONS
GENERAL BUILDERS,
GROUNDWORK & MAINTENANCE,
CONSERVATORIES & UPVC WINDOWS, KITCHEN & BATHROOM REFFITS
ALSO INTERIOR & EXTERIOR DECORATING
REFERENCES AVAILABLE
39 The Grove
Linton
Cambridge
CB21 4UQ
Tel: 01223 892089
Mobile: 07961 342887
georgedye738@btinternet.com
Free Estimates

LINTON VILLAGE MOTORS
(situated in Great Abington opposite Granta Park)
www.lintonvillagemotors.co.uk
Tel: 01223 830550
• MOT testing
• All makes of vehicles serviced and repaired
• Tyres at competitive prices
• courtesy car provided
• Polite and friendly staff
Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5.30pm Sat: 8.30am-12.30pm

Small Gifts
Watch batteries and straps fitted while you wait. Jewellery repairs including sizing and polishing.
All repair work carried out on the premises by a professional with 40 years experience.
We stock a selection of:
Silver Jewellery • Photo Frames • Collectables • Toiletries • Greeting Cards • Gift Wrap
61 HIGH STREET, LINTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB21 4HS
TEL: 01223 894225

THE LINTON NEWS Next Publication 2nd June 2014
DEADLINES for ADVERTS Monday 12th May
NEWS ITEMS Wednesday 14th May
ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING MANAGER
Limited space on waiting list for Linton businesses
Changes to ads can be sent to: Judith Rouse
email: adds@linton.info
ITEMS FOR THE EDITOR
Can be put in the Linton News Box in the Post Office
Editor: Fran Armes email: lneditor@linton.info
Phone 891517
For distribution queries contact: Kate France 891602

LINTON DIARY
For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office, failure to do so could mean non-entry to the diary here. You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info. Call 971797 for an audio version of the Linton News
Details of items in bold type may be found in this edition.

WEEKLY

Conkers childrens' centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays.	VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Tuesdays, term-time	Library
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Table tennis club, 8pm Thursdays term time only	URC
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, 2-4pm Tuesdays	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Jelly Beans playgroup, 9-11.30am Thursdays	URC
Computer buddies, 2-4pm, Thursdays	Library
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays	CC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

MAY 2014

4 Book Festival History Day, 11am	Camping Close
4 Bartlow three Counties Walk, 10am	Rearpub
5 Farmers' Market, 9am	LVC
6 Linton WI, 7.30pm	LVH
7 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
10 Gardening club plant sale, 10am	3 Mill Lane
10 Linton children's book festival, 10am	LVC
11 Linton children's book festival, 10am	LVC
11 Lighthouse, 10.15am-12noon	URC
12 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
13 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
13 Gardening club 7.30pm	VH
14 Community Navigator, 10am-12noon	HC
15 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
17 District Guides jumble sale, 2pm	Infant School Hall
17 Balsham Singers' concert, 7.30pm	Holy Trinity Balsham
18 Messy Church, 2.30pm	St Mary's Church
18 Walking Group, 11am	Church lane
20 New parents' meeting, 6.30pm	LH
20 Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
21 Cambridge Hearing help, 9.30-12noon	HC
22 European and District Council Elections,	VH
31 Police Surgery, 10am-12noon	Police office, Fire station

JUNE 2014

2 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
3 Linton WI, 7.30pm	VH
4 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
5 Linton Lunch club, 12 noon	Red Lion
6 Linton Infants PTFa Summer Fair, 5-7pm	LI
7 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
7 Linton Music, 7.30pm	LVC
8 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266
KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LI Linton Infant school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall.
Library times: Mon closed; Tue 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
Linton refuse collection: 6th and 19th May, 2nd June
Linton recycling collection: 12th and 27th May

AJB FENCING
www.ajbfencing.co.uk
Fencing - Decking - Gates
All Groundworks
Free Quotations
Quality Service
01223 894795
07813 070542
andy@ajbfencing.co.uk

DACRE LONG
Local Painter and Decorator
66 Chalklands, Linton
Professional work to highest standard for over 15 years
Trade and Private Customers
Free quotes with written specification
Phone 01223 893176 or 07837513837
Discounts for Senior Citizens

Linton Complementary Health Centre
2b Bartlow Road, Linton

- Acupuncture, Peter White; MSc, MBACc
- Massage, Peter White; MSc, Dip. Massage
- Shiatsu, Cindy Faulkner; BA, MRSS
- Chiropody, Sharon Bennett; M.Inst.Ch.P
- Counselling, Debbie Soar; NNEB, Dip.Couns

Telephone: 01223 891145
Web Site: www.lintonhealth.co.uk

Acupuncture and Massage in Linton
Some of the conditions acupuncture can help ...

- sports injury and tension
- back, knee, hip, shoulder and elbow pain, rheumatism
- fertility optimisation, IVF, pregnancy and menstrual
- headache and migraine, stress
- high blood pressure and circulation conditions
- anxiety and addictions

Peter White MBACc, MSc, MBACc.
Call: 01223 891145 for an appointment or free assessment
Email: enquiries@lintonhealth.co.uk

In your own time



Rob with his Ebook *Close of Play*

Picture taken by Sarah Hurcum

ROB Linsdell's day job is in market research but he had always enjoyed writing short stories and poetry and had also written an occasional column on sport for the BBC, so it was only a short step to starting his first novel in 2009.

Snatching time between work and family life (Rob is married to Nikki and they have two young children, Isla and Jack) the first draft was completed in 2011.

After eleven re-drafts and receiving polite and positive feedback from 40 or 50 agents Rob decided to self-publish in March of this year. His novel

Close of Play combines two of his passions, cricket and World War 1.

His imagination is vivid and aggressive and he finds writing both cathartic and self-indulgent. His next project will probably be an anthology of poetry, quite a different genre from the novel.

At the moment *Close of Play* is only available as an e-book, but you can find out more about it on Facebook and Twitter and download it via Amazon.

We wish our Linton author every success.

Sarah Hurcum

Darryl has designs on a piano

TUCKED away in a corner of Linton lives artist and framer Darryl Nantais who we know well from his recent *Country Diary* articles.

Not many people know that as well as framing and painting (his paintings can be regularly seen in the Darryl Nantais gallery) Darryl puts surface designs on pianos for a local firm which specialises in building, restoring and enhancing pianos.

These designs can be classical or Chinoiserie. Some of the grand pianos come all the way from China, have designs put on them and then are returned to China.

Recently Darryl has been helping to restore the guilding and lacquering inside a local church.

Darryl is also responsible for the village sign which is currently receiving a face lift.

This illustrates that in Linton all is well with arts and crafts.

Richard Read

Linton village cricket club opens for the season

THE batting is about to re-open for Linton Village Cricket Club for the 2014 season.

Senior outdoor nets have already started at the excellent facility provided by LVC. The nets are open to anyone aged 13 years or above, whatever ability, on Thursday evenings from 6pm-8pm. The club would be delighted to see new players or those looking to return to the game after a break.

LVCC runs three Saturday teams and a Midweek XI to cater for all levels of experience and expertise. Why not come along and give it a try?

The juniors re-started training for the summer on 22nd April with seven squads this season, including one girls' team, catering for age groups from U15 down to U10s.

Anyone interested in joining can e-mail the club via our website <http://lintonvillage.com/>



One of last year's teams celebrating a victory

Picture taken by David Donnan sunny afternoon or evening in Linton, than to watch one of your local teams in action on the recreation ground?

play-cricket.com/ or contact Esther Cox our Registrations Manager at esther.cox01@gmail.com

The newly formed social committee is already planning several family orientated events for the summer and details will follow shortly. What better way to spend a

Why not come along and support the teams and enjoy the facilities of the newly refurbished pavilion while you're there?
Esther Cox, LVCC Committee

Look after your eyes, Macular degeneration disease

MACULAR degeneration (MD) is a group of diseases that affects the central part of the back of the eye which is responsible for fine detailed vision, for example reading and TV. It is usually an age-related disease and it is very rare to have it below the age of 60.

There are two types of MD dry and wet. The dry type is a slow progressive disease picked up early with regular eye checks by your Optometrist, whereas the wet type usually comes on suddenly.

Early symptoms of MD could include difficulty reading, seeing people's faces or a distortion of straight lines, for example door frames, window blinds etc.

Your Optometrist can pick up the early signs of MD, small yellow freckles at the back of the eye called Drusen. Your vision may not be affected at this stage, which is why it is important to have your eyes tested regularly.

Currently dry MD is not treatable but wet macular degeneration is, if it is caught early enough. So if you notice a sudden loss of

vision or distorted vision, you should see your Optometrist as soon as possible.

You are at a higher risk of developing MD if you have a family history of MD, smoke, or are obese. However, eating certain fruits and vegetables, eg kale, spinach and prunes and oily fish (Omega 3) can reduce your risk. You can also help reduce your risk by wearing sunglasses outside to prevent exposing your eye to ultra violet light.

In the past few years, investigations and research indicate that specific supplements may help to slow down the rate of progression of this disease. Although MD can cause serious visual loss it will never make you completely blind.

If you are affected by visual loss due to MD there is help available. Your Optometrist can advise you about special magnifiers to help you, or refer you to your local low vision service.

An eye check for the over 60s is free with the NHS.

Claire Symonds, BOptom (Hons) MCOptom
Billson Opticians

Maudy's Guests
Pet Sitting
House Sitting
Doggy Daycare
Dog Walking
07883185426
www.maudyguests.co.uk

For All Alterations to LADIES' or GENTLEMEN'S CLOTHING
Ring **HEMLINE**
Tel: 01223 891034

Springfield House B&B
14/16 Horn Lane, Linton
River views from bedrooms & guest lounge
Tel: 01223 891383
www.springfieldhouselinton.com

A TOUCH OF NAILS
GELISH MANICURES & PEDICURES
PERFORMS LIKE A GEL APPLIES LIKE A POLISH
Call Michelle on 07866 017 801
supcik@talktalk.net
HORSEHEATH

diddi dance
Fun pre-school dance classes for girls and boys encouraging confidence and coordination in an action-packed 45 min class
Coming to Strictly Dance Studio after Easter
Free entry to Spotted Giraffe
Contact Rachel 07815 197189
rachel.betts@diddidance.com
to book your free trial

BED & BREAKFAST
Mrs Monica Clarkson
4 Harefield Rise, Linton
Tel: 01223 892988
Quiet modern bungalow
Families welcome
No Smoking

SQ CAR & VAN SALES
FOR SERVICE & QUALITY
Cars & Vans Bought To Order
Finance Available From 12-60 Months
Extended Warranties Available From 12-36 Months
All vehicles come with MOT, Service, Warranty
All Vehicles Are HPI Checked
Please Visit Our Website For More Information
Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4YP
Call Steve on 01223 892128
07970 485587
www.sqcarandvansales.co.uk
E: sqcarandvansales@hotmail.com

N. CLAXTON
Painting & Decorating and Property Maintenance
FREE ESTIMATES
Tel: 01223 893487
Mobile: 07724073045
e-mail: n.claxton925@btinternet.com

MALLYON & DONALDSON
Linton
Specialising in both Modern and Traditional building methods.
Tel: 01223 891267
Mob: 07941 220868
All contracts finished to a high standard.
Reliable service. Local references available.

NRS CARPETS
HOME SELECTION
FREE MEASURING & ESTIMATING
All types of flooring available
Tel: 01223 893634
Mobile: 07885 173113

TRIPLE FITNESS
AMAZING GYM DEALS
Best ever! check out these great offers...
GYM BUDDY £20 per month
NEW! STUDENT MEMBERSHIP
£45 FOR A DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP
* STANDARD MEMBERSHIP FROM JUST £22.92 per month *
YEARLY, MONTHLY AND PAY AS YOU GO OPTIONS AVAILABLE
01223 89 11 64 joe@triplefitness.co.uk
www.triplefitness.co.uk

McKenzie & Haywards Garage LTD
MOT by appointment while you wait
Servicing, Collection & Delivery Service
Unit 3 & 4, Lintech Court
The Grip Industrial Estate
Linton, Cambs
CB21 4XN
Tel : 01223 894140
Fax : 01223 890035
mhgarage@btconnect.com

TIM PHILLIPS & Co. Accountants
Established 1991
Independent, specialist service for:
**Small Business • Self Assessment
Personal Taxation**
Free initial consultation – no obligation
EASY, FREE PARKING
Copley Hill Business Park, Cambridge Rd., Babraham
Off A1307 between Wandlebury and Babraham
Tel: 01223 830044. www.tpaccounts.co.uk

Nina, Carl, Nicola and Sue welcome you to
BOYZ 2 MEN BARBER SHOP
Fully air conditioned
LATE EVENING 'TIL 8:30PM
Wednesday
Traditional Hot towel wet shave
no need to book an appointment.
Special rates for senior citizens Tuesday - Friday only
113^a High Street, Linton
Tel: 01223 894481

LINTON COUNTRY MATTERS

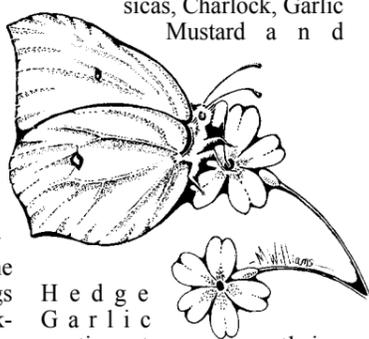
Text by Julia Napier. illustrated by Maureen Williams



Butterfly days are here again

ON 24th February the first yellow butterfly came wandering through my garden, the Brimstone (see illustration), harbinger of spring. Brimstone is the older name for sulphur, and comes from Old English, bryne, burning and stone. My butterfly, like the ones you have seen, will have been hibernating tucked up among the branches of its food plant, purging Buckthorn, and other shrubs, throughout the winter. The Brimstone, is the longest lived of all our butterflies, emerging from the chrysalis or pupa in August. You can see it on the Roman Road, nectaring on the flowers of thistles, knapweeds and burdocks until cold days send it into hiding. The upper wings slide down behind the under wing and the insect hangs upside down under a twig, looking like a withered leaf, come frost, snow or wind. Insects do not freeze to death.

The female Orange Tip appears white at a distance, but it has dappled grey-green lower underwings like the male. Now that so many marshes and water meadows have been drained, increasing floods downstream, the main food plant of the Orange Tip, Cuckoo Flower, is a rare delight. Barrington common is a happy exception to this generalisation. However, the wild brassicas, Charlock, Garlic Mustard and



Hedge Garlic continue to thrive along verges and hedges. When at rest the Orange Tips settle on the flower bud of any of these plants, slide their upper wings down and rest, visible but perfectly camouflaged, on the greenish white flower heads of these plants. Close on the heels of the Orange Tip come two other whites: the Small White and the Green Veined White. The Small White needs no description. The female lays her yellow eggs singly on

the underside of cabbage leaves or artfully tucked inside the plant. The Green Veined White is hard to distinguish in flight, but when it settles you can easily see the pattern of veins on the wings. Do not accuse them of eating your cabbages. They are "Innocent, your Lordships". The caterpillars eat the same wild brassicas as the Orange Tip. They are most commonly seen near Garlic Mustard in a lane, inspecting a leaf and then flying off to find a somehow better plant.

May brings the Large or 'Cabbage' White, which gardeners hate. The black, yellow and grey larvae which swarm over cabbages and nasturtiums are protected by their mustardy smell. More welcome is the silvery Holly Blue, skipping along your hedge, rarely settling, never basking, looking for Holly, of course.

And now, in full strength, come the Vanessids: the Peacock, the Red Admiral and the Small Tortoiseshell, together with the first cousin of the Fritillaries, the Comma. You may have seen them on sunny winter days, emerging briefly from sheds and attics but their story is for another day.

See www.frfd.org.uk
 Julia Napier
frfdjin@freebie.net

Roll up, roll up

LINTON Granta bowls green, situated in the recreation ground, was severely damaged by the floods that affected Linton in February. The banking around the green was damaged and the all weather carpet itself was left in a bad state. However the banking has been repaired and the carpet cleaned so we are all ready to start the new season.

If you have ever fancied trying your hand at bowls, why not make 2014 the year to start. We have now commenced the weekly roll-ups on a Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm. With the use of an all weather carpet and access to the new pavilion facilities, this is an ideal opportunity for you to try this popular game.

The club has a qualified coach who is happy to provide coaching on most evenings and weekend afternoons. Equipment can be borrowed from the club. The only requirement we ask is that users of the green wear flat shoes or trainers. The coach, Andy Eagon can be contacted on 893309.

If you are interested in joining us then please come along to one of our weekly roll-ups. Alternatively you can contact me on 890047 or Brian Beavis on 893391 for details.

Laurie Boniface

POT POURRI 110

Can you make a fraction ?

GIVEN the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1, 3, 4, 7 can they be arranged to make a fraction that is one-eleventh? ie: 1132/74453 (which is a fraction using all the digits).
Solution to 109 - Non Magic Square
 One solution of a 3x3 square is as follows:-
 3 4 5 Thus no row, column or diagonal is equal.
 2 1 6 NB. The 2x2 square cannot be formed in this 9 8 7 way.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambridge Past, Present & Future (Cambridge PPF) events at Wandlebury and Coton in May

SATURDAY 10th May, 11am - 4pm: May Celebration and Tree Festival at Wandlebury.

See heavy horses at work and watch craftsmen ply their skills. Be entertained by maypole dancing. Dress as a Green Man or May Queen, and join in the crafts. Bring a picnic and stay for the day.

SATURDAY 24th May, 11am - 12.30pm: Local reptiles and amphibians.

Join Cambridge PPF's experienced field teachers for a guided stroll around Wandlebury searching for common frogs, toads, newts, lizards, slowworms and grass snakes. This event is aimed at adults and older children. Booking essential. HALF-TERM Wednesday 28th May, 10am - 12.30pm: Bees and wasps.

Learn all about our helpful bees and wasps and how they live and work together at Cambridge PPF's Wandlebury Country Park.

An educational walk and talk will be followed by related craft activities led by the charity's experienced field teachers. Event suitable for children aged five and above. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Coton Country Reserve 10th anniversary celebration

WEDNESDAY 21st May from 5pm onwards.

Guided Walk and exhibition at the barn: 5pm to 7.30pm:

Guided Walk and Beacon: 7.30pm to 9.30pm: Join Cambridge PPF for a walk to Red Meadow Hill followed by a hilltop quiz and the lighting of the charity's celebration beacon.

For more information: email bookings@ccambridgeppf.org or call 243830 extension 201.

Hildersham news in brief

THE Hildersham Village Hall Trust Quiz Night will be held on Friday 9th May. Tickets are £8, to include supper at half-time. Please bring your own drinks and we'll provide the glasses. There will also be a raffle with some great prizes.

All welcome - come along and join a team or bring your own team of up to eight people. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm prompt. For tickets, contact Jill on 893596 or edheale@btinternet.com.

THE Hildersham Lecture will be held at 7.30pm on 30th May in Holy Trinity Church.

Dame Mary Archer will speak on The History of Grantchester. Entry £5 or £10 family ticket, including refreshments.

THE Hildersham Art, Craft and Music Festival. Further details for this weekend are now available: the festival will open on Saturday June 7th with an exhibition of art and crafts in Holy Trinity Church from 2 - 5pm.

A service of Songs of Praise will take place at 10.45am on Sunday 8th June followed by a concert at 3pm when there will be further opportunity to see the exhibition.

If you would be interested in contributing in any way please contact Cathy Myer on 892848 or catherinemyer43@btinternet.com by 18th May.

Cathy Myer

Distribution of funds

THE Anderson Trust was established in 1998 as a result of the sale of Church Cottage in Linton, the former home of Professor Charles and Mrs Mary Anderson.

Specifically the money is to promote the Christian religion in and from the Parish of St Mary's, Linton, to sustain the church of St Mary's and worship therein; to promote education for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton, particularly for the benefit of the Church School and of religious teaching in Linton and for any other charitable purpose for the benefit of those living in or resorting to Linton.

At their meeting on 10th March the nine trustees, chaired by Gill Powell, approved the 2014 distribution of £7,225 interest, received from investments, to the following applicants:

- £5,000 to the Beacon Trust towards the salary and on-costs of the Youth Worker
- £350 to St Mary's Messy Church for the purchase of equipment
- £300 to St Mary's Junior Church for musical equipment
- £600 to Chestnut Playgroup for ICT equipment
- £500 to Granta Playgroup for the development of outside play space
- £275 to Linton Youth Music for the organization of a Youth Choir Day
- £200 to an LVC student volunteering for an expedition to Cambodia to help build a new school.

Kate France, 891602

Su Matthews

Back 4 Good Practitioner
 Level 4 Advanced Pilates Teacher
 Back Care Professional

W: www.bodydesignpilates.co.uk
 E: bodydesignpilates@hotmail.com
 M: 07986 692334

Discreet Pest Prevention & Control

A J PEST CONTROL

FAST AND EFFECTIVE
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
 COMMERCIAL - DOMESTIC - AGRICULTURAL

- ⊙ Wasps, Hornets & Flies
- ⊙ Mice and Rats
- ⊙ Fleas, Bed Bugs and Ants

- ⊙ Bird Control
- ⊙ Squirrels and Rabbits
- ⊙ Cockroaches

Based in Linton
 Contact: 01223 530988 or 07855478824
www.ajpestcontrol.co.uk

CHRISTOPHER MARKHAM
 HOME & GARDEN SERVICES

Interior/Exterior Decorating
 Fencing, Guttering
 Turfing, Garden Clearance
 Lawn & Hedge Cutting
 Decking & Patio Cleaning
 Patios & Driveways
 Call on
(01223) 892889
or 07973294946
 No job too small...

KJL Roofing

All roofing repairs, lead-work, renewal of pitched or flat roofs
 New guttering, repairs/unblocking
 Free estimates before any work commenced
 25 years + Experience
Tel: 01223 892542
Mob: 07958 618440

DRIVES & PATIOS

HOUSE EXTENSIONS

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

PAINTING DECORATING

A & T Groundworks Ltd

FRIENDLY SERVICE LARGE & MINI DIGGERS FOR HIRE
 Call Ashley on 01799-520298 - Mobile 07803745637

Designer Drapes Tel: 01223890556

Linton rd Hadstock

For all your Curtains & Blinds give us a call.

- Curtain alterations.
- Free measuring
- Fitting service
- Haberdashery
- Quilting fabrics
- Upholstery service
- Fabric sold by the metre

- PATCHWORK LESSONS
- Mondays and Tuesdays
- Book your place now
- spaces limited
- Sewing machine repair and service
- Remnants and Rollends

designerdrapescurtains.co.uk designerdrapes2@gmail.com

Chapel
 Independent Financial Advisers

SPECIALIST ADVICE ON
 Personal Financial Planning - Pensions
 Investments - Mortgages - Protection
 FREE Initial Consultation - Without Obligation

Ian Cross DipPFS
 01223 892821

E-mail: ian@chapel-ifa.co.uk Website: www.chapel-ifa.co.uk
 De-Salis House, 6 Hillway, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4JE
 Chapel Independent Financial Advisers LLP is a limited liability partnership which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority
 Registered in England & Wales No. : 0C350431



The Derbyshire Post



YEAR 11 embark on their final GCSE exams in May and I was reflecting the other day, as I read their schedule for the coming weeks, how different life is for our 16 year olds to how it was for my generation when we completed our O levels.

Back in the 1980s the exams were squeezed into late May and June. There was no coursework or controlled assessment back then, so what many young people did throughout the fifth year, as they called it in those days, was not an awful lot, until around April time that is.

In April, people who wanted to leave school, got ready to do so and disappeared pretty unceremoniously into early work. Those wanting to stay on in the sixth form then started cramming for exams. This involved sitting at home during the summer term re-reading badly copied down notes and often giving up to sun-bathe or watch daytime television instead. The exams, when they came, were tests of memory and were marked according to grade criteria that were mysterious to us. You just hoped the examiner liked what you had written.

In contrast, the class of 2014 has already completed many of their exam components and faces the summer knowing exactly what hoops the examiner will expect them to jump through. They will not get a study leave, but go to their lessons right up until half-term. They will have revision sessions and exam breakfasts laid on for them. No-one will leave until the last exam and even then most will come back to go to the Year 11 Ball and the year trip. They then begin to attend events at their chosen sixth forms and, although a lazy July will be a deserved break after all of the stresses and strains of the year, they will not have the endless weeks of indolence that we experienced after O levels had finished.

And what of the class of 2014? Well, they are a very pleasant bunch indeed. Because my daughter is in that year group, I have known very many of them since they were infants. They have grown into a charming, close and very able year group. With a bit of luck they will break all previous records with their results. The very best of luck to them.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0218/14/FL Raveedha Care Limited, **44 Symonds Lane**. Single storey rear extension to form 6 new bedrooms and courtyard.

S/0219/14/LB Raveedha Care Limited, **44 Symonds Lane**. Listed building extension to form 6 new bedrooms and courtyard.

S/0450/14/FL Mr Tweed, **126 High Street**. Single storey rear extension.

S/0718/14/VC Hundred Houses Society, **Units 9-15 Cambridge Road**. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) for Planning Consent S/2420/12/FL for erection of 18 affordable dwellings following demolition of 4 no. existing dwellings to increase width of vehicular access to No 17 Cambridge Road, to facilitate access to parking bays 1 to 10 and amend bus stop.

S/0731/14/FL Mr & Mrs Glenn Oglesby, **28 Hillway**. First floor side and rear extension over garage and utility room.

S/0816/14/FL Little Linton Farm Partnership, **Little Linton Farm, Cambridge Road**. Erection of agricultural lean-to to house cattle.



The Way We Were - a follow up to one of Garth Collard's articles

Anyone for ices?



Stop me and buy one

Picture from Garth's collection

Arriving home with the milk, my mother would make a custard using Brown and Polson custard powder. My father had an ice cream bucket made of wood with a container to fit inside.

When the custard had cooled

down it was poured into the container and another contraption was placed inside. In the meantime, broken ice and freezing salt, were placed round the container, topping up with a tea cloth. Next, a handle was assembled to the

bucket and that's when the hard work began, turning the handle round and round until the custard thickened turning into ice cream.

The local lads would look in the shop and call out "are the ice creams ready yet Tom?" Sometimes they would help to turn the handle.

Once the ice cream was ready, my father would use a scoop to place it in small cones and sell them for 1/2d each. Then there were wafers for 1d and 2d - we soon sold out.

My father would take the ice cream to Chapel Fêtes and Garden Parties; the Minister lived opposite us at the Manse.

Yes! I do remember Eldorado coming round. It's so long ago but I thought my father's ice cream was the tastiest and creamiest I had ever known.

Long live our memories.
Mrs B Walker (née Street)
Sawston

The West End comes to Balsham

WHY pay upwards of £50 (and you could still be behind a pillar) to see a West End show, when you can come to our concert and hear us perform songs from the shows for as little as £7? And many of you can walk to the venue and not have to worry about getting the last train home.

The Balsham Singers' next concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th May at Holy Trinity church Balsham will feature songs from *Chicago*, *Matilda* and *Wicked* plus a special arrangement of Bacharach tunes.

In addition we will perform numbers written by Dylan and Lennon and McCartney, plus other songs arranged by our MD John.

Buy tickets in advance for £7 from Balsham Post Office. Tickets will also be available on the night priced £8 with concessions at £7 and £20 for a family ticket. For further information, phone me on 890544.

Be warned, we will very likely raise the roof of Balsham church.

Valerie Hefford

Blood donor collections under threat

THE NHS Blood & Transplant Service has written to existing donors in Linton regarding the future viability of collection in the village as follows:

"The National Blood Service needs 7,000 donations every day to meet hospital demand. Unfortunately, collections at Linton have been declining.

In order to meet local demand we really need to collect over 90 donations on each session. Last year we only managed to average a collection of 74 donations. If we are unable to increase collections at Linton we will, with regret, have to stop coming".

The letter goes on to request that we encourage future attendance. It would be a shame to lose this long-term connection with the blood service and the prospect of travelling to a different venue would also have a negative impact on existing donors.

Contact details for the blood service are 0300 123 2323 or www.blood.co.uk/

John Pearson

Chilford 10k

CHILFORD 10K and Fun Run are back, starting from 10.30am on Sunday 15th June at Linton Village college, with a new route starting and finishing at the college.

With summer time here and the London marathon behind us, it is time to challenge yourself again. Starting on the flat surroundings of the college, runners will go to our own Linton Water Tower, before enjoying the scenery of Chilford hall vineyard, and then getting back to LVC via Little Linton. Such a nice way to enjoy Linton.

Under 16s will have their own Fun Run, with parents allowed to take part too, on part of the 10K route around the college and recreation ground

There will be prizes and mementoes thanks to the generosity of Ashcroft & Sons butchers, The Dog and Duck, Body Design Pilates, Chilford Hall, Kevin Henry and Sweatshop. Not forgetting Saffron Striders, Linton Community Sport Centre and ICENI water.

Funds raised will benefit projects supported by the Friends of LVC.

Online entry: www.entrycentral.com/?festivalID=491

For enquiries: chilford10k@gmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Stephane Toussenal

Calling all musicians to the close

In celebration of the World Music Day, Linton Youth Music are organising a free musical family picnic on Camping Close, Linton on Saturday 21st June.

It's a day for us to celebrate music and an opportunity for musicians of all ages to take part.

If you or your group would like to be involved please contact me on josephine@mjsquare.com or on 01223 893 582.

Josephine Paterson

ClearTax & ACCOUNTING LTD

Quality, friendly accounting services and taxation advice.

Sole trader and small company specialist.

Free initial consultation

The Granary, Yews Farm Yard, Hadstock

t: 01223 894036
e: janine@cleartax.co.uk
www.cleartax.co.uk

LINTON'S LITTLE EXPLORERS

OFSTED Registered & Inspected
Member of NCMA

3 months - upwards

- BREAKFAST CLUB
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
- School Drop-off/ Pick-up service

Emergency or Overnight care
Mon-Fri (subject to availability)
Tel: 01223 894464

MOPS HAIR SALON

HAIR BY JO DENNY
WOMEN | MEN | CHILDREN
CUTTING & COLOURING

41 LINTON HIGH STREET
(BEHIND BOSWELL'S BAKERY)
t: 01223 893 285

B Haylock

Wood Flooring & Carpentry

Supply and installation
Free quotations

Home viewing of samples

Mob: 07734057520
bshaylock@btinternet.com

Linton Cabs TAXI

Pre-book only Linton based taxi service

Airports - Train Stations - Local Travel

Tel: 07958 657300 / 01223 890965
Email: lintoncabs@btinternet.com

Carpentry, Plumbing, Tiling
Door/Window Replacement
Kitchen/Bathroom Refitting

Fencing & Decking
Painting/Decorating
Flat Pack assembly

Property Maintenance

Steve Jackson

stevejacksonltd@hotmail.co.uk

Aerial Upgrades & installations
Satellite dishes installed

Steve Jackson
Office 01223 893896
Mobile 07963 854653

Across the globe, the Kumon Maths and English Programmes advance students beyond their school level.

Contact your local Instructor for a free assessment.

Linton Study Centre
Karen Tumber 01223 893578

A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD

KUMON kumon.co.uk

Watkins Joinery

- FITTED KITCHENS / BEDROOMS / WARDROBES
- CABINET MAKERS
- BESPOKE JOINERY
- DOORS / WINDOWS / STAIRS
- WOODEN FLOORING
- CONSERVATORIES
- EXTENSIONS / REFURBISHMENTS

20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
INSURANCE WORK
UNDERTAKEN

Tel.: 01223 890600 Mobile: 07802 885390
colin.watkins@keme.co.uk



Up the junction

YOU might have noticed changes at the junction of Balsham Road and the High Street.

When he was chairman of Linton Parish Council, Roger Hickford won a Minor Highways Improvement grant to fund better traffic arrangements outside the Co-op. When this was carried out not all of the funding was used, further safety measures could be funded – including the build-out of the pavement to allow safer crossing of Balsham Road, widening of the pavement opposite LIS, etc. These have been helpful and welcome.

However, the change in traffic priority at the junction was not well received. Although the Parish Council had been notified that there were to be changes, they had not received plans from the County Council (CCC) confirming what was to be done.

Soon after the changed priorities, Parish Councillors heard that there were problems. There was a meeting of the Parish Council on the Thursday after the changes, when the problem was raised with the County Councillor.

A safety audit by CCC was arranged and the Parish Council Traffic Working Party met CCC Highways Officers. After hearing of the problems, possible solutions were proposed by CCC, including parking restrictions on the High Street near the junction, additional signage and re-instating the priorities. The last option was agreed by the PC at their next meeting (which was well attended by residents – we hope to see you more often!), and swiftly completed by CCC.

The Parish Council responded to your concerns as quickly as we could, given the timing of meetings and availability of our Councillors. It is hoped that this will now prove to be the safest option for this junction.

Cllr Bald

Parish Council Matters

World War One Commemoration

The inaugural meeting for the World War One Commemoration project took place upstairs in the Village Hall, it was led by local resident Esther Cornell.

The aim of the World War One Commemoration project is to commemorate the war through a variety of village events and memorials. We would like to be able to document our local soldiers who fought and died and also the village in wartime. The project will commence in 2014 and end in 2018. The commemoration will also be aimed at providing an education source and reference for pupils of the village schools as well as all residents, for many years to come.

Many within the village are keen to have a permanent memorial. The Parish Council are already considering a memorial garden in the Cemetery and this is being progressed but we need your ideas for other memorials and suitable sites. Perhaps a bench, a planting scheme, art work, these are just a few examples, we would really love to hear your ideas.

Village events will also form a very important part of the commemorations. Themed weeks were discussed involving the schools in the village. Schools would be encouraged to theme any plays or events on the World War, as well as poetry and songs from the era, perhaps cookery lessons or playground games.

The Rev Dr Steve Griffiths has made contact to ask about Remembrance Sunday. The group agreed that it would be very good to return to the practice of reading the names from the memorial in the Church as part of the service. It was also suggested that during each yearly service from 2014 to 2018, it would be nice to include a few stories about those who died during the corresponding war year, this would be an opportunity for their sacrifice to be recognised and add a personal dimension to the remembrance.

For the Remembrance Service on the 11th November 2018, it was suggested to ask the Church whether it would be possible to have this service on the morning of the 11th at the 11th hour. Perhaps the longer route march through the village High Street, with all groups and societies in the village invited to participate. Esther would also like, for the 2018 Remembrance Service, to identify and invite as many relatives of those who died and are recorded



Picture by Alison Walker

on the village memorial as possible.

Many years ago, Garth Collard had requested that the names of those fallen soldiers who were born in the village but did not appear on the memorial were recorded publicly. Each soldier who died would be researched and the details would be documented in a book and on the website. The details are already on the war memorial website but it was felt that the story behind the men was missing and this should be recorded.

Of course, to undertake such a project will be expensive, funding will need to be sought. It is hoped a book will be produced and published and could be purchased by residents. It is also hoped a Resources Box would be stored in the village and be available for all schools and groups to use. Esther has already been able to obtain the medals of one soldier from Linton who survived the war and also a book of Cockney war themed poems to start off the Resources Box. Any residents that wish to help with documenting the war would be very welcome and any photos or information would be gratefully received.

A website is already up and running www.lintonatwar.org and hopefully a twitter account and Facebook account are to follow.

Cllr Alison Walker

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

Information please

THE soldiers of WW1 and WW2 made extraordinary sacrifices for their communities and as the centenary of WW1 approaches plans to commemorate this are taking shape.

The Linton at War project plans to commemorate WW1 with not only commemoration events but also a book and website detailing those who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2 (including their backgrounds and families), other villagers who fought and were lucky enough to return home and the village and the community at wartime. It is very important that the lessons of wartime are learned from for many years to come.

Could I please ask any family members of WW1 or WW2 soldiers from Linton or any resident who wishes to help with the Linton at War project to contact me so that we can take steps to remember them.

Esther Cornell esther@lintonatwar.org 07792099971

Update on flood prevention

MEMBERS of LPC and practical, knowledgeable residents recently met professional groups to develop a plan of action for flood prevention. We explored the flood plain and historic water courses with the SCDC Ecology Officers and reviewed the river with the Environment Agency. Some of us have pored over a thesis on water flows (supported by LPC) many documents on how our flooding occurred, and flood plain assessments.

We hope to develop a plan of action soon. This could involve using Leadwell Meadows, Pocket Park and fields upstream to hold water temporarily allowing slowed release. It could also involve earthworks to one end of Pocket Park and floodgates where the river flows under A1307. Ponds and ditches in these areas might be re-dug – we await advice.

Smaller works will be helpful – we are proposing to remove earth at the north-east corner of the Recreation ground, lowering the level of that area to form a sump and re-digging the ditch. The soil would be used to reinstate the earth mound near the footbridge. These measures will help direct water past the pavilion onto the downstream floodplain. Some re-establishment of banks, revetment work and silt bank reduction might follow.

As plans develop there will be updates and meetings with speakers, to include suggestions of ways residents can help resist flooding.

We continue to oppose planning applications to build on flood plains, or that affect water drainage and absorption (of course planning officers do not always listen!).

Enid Bald

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JS Tel: 891001

Clerk to the council – Mrs Sue Parry
Email: lintonpc@btconnect.com

Website: www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk

Office hours: Monday 9am–12noon and 4–5.30pm, Tuesday–Friday 9am–12noon
Or by appointment

Dates for full council meetings:

1st and 15th May 5th and 19th June 2014

All meetings held at the Cathodeon Centre commencing at 8pm

LINTON PAVING COMPANY

YOUR LOCAL LANDSCAPING BLOCK PAVING & PATIO SPECIALIST.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
Int/Ext Painting, General Repairs
FRIENDLY SERVICE.
FREE QUOTATIONS
Tel: Andre Jacobs

01223 890060
07765 594398

Local Ironing Service

Fast, friendly ironing service tailored to suit your needs.

Working overtime? Not enough hours in the day? Can't face that stack of ironing?

Economical hourly rate.
Free collection/delivery available.

Call Carolyn on
01223 891762
07961 919374
carolynturner63@yahoo.co.uk

Students 20% off **Special Kids Prices**

THE ROOM

37 Bartlow Road, Linton
Tel: Pippa (01223) 890890

OPENING TIMES

Mon	Closed	Senior Citizens
Tues	9-5 pm	Tuesday & Wednesday
Wed	9-7 pm	Late opening until 7 pm on
Thurs	9-7 pm	Wednesday & Thursday
Fri	9-5 pm	
Sat	9-3 pm	

PLUMBLINE

PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEER
PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE

Including Property Maintenance
Painting: Tiling: Plastering: Carpentry

Call John on
01223 893903

Supcik@talktalk.net
Fully Qualified and Insured

Friendly and Reliable Service No Job Too Small

Yoga and Fitness Classes

- 1 to 1 & Group Yoga Classes
- Outdoor Exercise Groups
- Personal Fitness Training
- Small Group Exercise Classes

Held in your home, village hall or outdoors.

Free first session/consultation

www.maureenhansman.com
maureen.hansman@gmail.com

PJB Maintenance

No job too small

Ground work, Patios, Floor & Wall Tiling, Fencing, Roof repairs, Demolition

CPSC Licence
Free Estimates

Call Peter Belsom on
Mob: 07799 183308
Tel: 01223 891273

The Crown Inn, Linton
fresh produce & accommodation

present's

Welcome in the Summer with our exciting new **Summer Menu, featuring Pimms and Tapas**

Check out our web site for events on the two **May Bank Holidays**

www.crownatlinton.co.uk
11, High Street, Linton, Cambs Tel 01223 891759

STEVE WEBB
Painter & Decorator

Over 30 years experience
CITY & GUILDS CERTIFICATES

Montford Barn
Horseheath
Tel: 01223 893864
Mobile: 07772991373

L.B. CABS LINTON

For all your travel needs

Tel: 01223 892986
Mob: 0771 2420675

Council minutes council minutes council minutes council minutes

ABBREVIATED Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 6th March 2014

Present: Mrs E Bald (Chairman) P Poulter (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Bumstead, D Champion, S Hill, D Lissemore, Mrs N Miller, G Potter, K Wakley, Dr B Ward, Mrs J Wilson. Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council), Mrs K France (Press) was also in attendance with one member of the public.

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Cox, Cllr Mannassi, Cllr Manley, Cllr Walker.

Mrs Jan Bumstead was welcomed to the Council and the signing of her Declaration of Office form was witnessed.

Chairman's Comments:

The Chairman had met with Rob Mungovan of SCDC and others to look at the river and floodplain from Barham Hall to the end of the Recreation Ground, to consider ways to ameliorate flooding in the future. This project might require a topological review of the whole valley. A report from a hydrologist and from the Environment Agency would also be required.

A warning to watch out for fraudulent telephone calls and scams regarding cold callers was issued.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2014

Under item 314/13/14 Cllr Poulter confirmed that he had phoned Uttlesford District Council regarding traffic movements but the person responsible was not available.

The clerk explained that it was proving very difficult and for some aspects of cover impossible to obtain like-for-like quotations for insurance cover. The current claim for the flooding of the bowling green was adding to the problem. Perhaps current provider could be retained for the next financial year, meanwhile a complete review of insurance to be undertaken. Action point to continue seeking cover and Agenda item for next meeting.

Pavilion update:

Cllr Poulter reported that due to flooding the completion date had been delayed until 21st March.

Notes from the progress meeting of 3rd February were noted.

Invitation from Granta FC to the opening ceremony on 29th March. The clerk requested that any councillors wishing to attend should either contact her or the Football Club directly. Cllr Bald gave her apologies due to work commitments.

The Clerk reported that a letter of apology to Mr Hickford was still outstanding from the contractor.

Cllr Potter suggested that the Council purchases crockery, cutlery etc to stock the pavilion. This was met with approval.

Cllr Potter had met with the CCTV contractor who would send in a quotation for new camera posts and for remote viewing facilities from the office.

Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr Poulter reported that the six week consultation period had started. There would be a meeting relating to legal regulations it being a check that the Parish Council's involved were fit and able bodies to carry it out. A public consultation would follow.

Written reports:

Notes from the meeting between the Clerk and CCC Highways regarding the installation of parking bays to regularise parking in the High Street were noted.

Action point to consult with residents and businesses in the High Street for their views – Clerk

It was also noted that a car had been parked over the Keep Clear sign, blocking Meadow Lane for some days.

Correspondence:

Item 10 CCC It was noted that the Council's Local Highways Improvement bid had been unsuccessful

Item 16 NSALG To consider nominations for president. Action point this item was delegated to Cllr Hill to respond.

Matters for future consideration

Cllr Wakley confirmed that he would be issuing a report on Youth provision when a response had been received from LA4Y and the Beacon Trust.

The Chairman reminded those present that the working processes reviews were to be progressed as soon as possible. A

date was confirmed for the first of these – a review of financial issues.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

ABBREVIATED Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20th March 2014

Present: Mrs E Bald (Chairman) Dr B Cox, S Hill, D Lissemore, B Manley, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker, Dr B Ward, Mrs J Wilson. Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council) County and District Councillor Mr R Hickford and Mrs K France (Press) were also in attendance with one member of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8.05pm

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Bumstead, Champion and Poulter, Cllrs Mannassi, Miller and Potter, District Councillor Mrs T Bear.

Disclosure of interest:

Under tem 354/13/14, 71Cllr Manley disclosed a personal interest as a member of Linton Granta Football Club.

Under item 347/13/14 Cllr Cox declared an interest as a recipient of a cheque

Chairman's Comments: Thanks were sent to those who had attended the first working processes meeting. The next meeting would address IT and Communication issues – date to be arranged.

A reminder that a meeting to discuss the A1307 was to be held on 21st March in Haverhill.

The Local Plan had been agreed by SCDC; this was very important news for Linton.

Public Participation:

Mrs France expressed her concerns regarding safety and the new road layout at the junction of the High Street and Balsham Road. Cllr Hickford responded that it was disappointing that there was no change of priority signage but this was in hand. The build out would give better visibility for pedestrians crossing. He felt that the change of priority would make this junction much safer. A third safety audit was due to be undertaken.

Cllr Hickford asked that the status and deadline to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan consultation be clarified. The Clerk replied that an article had been written for Parish Matters, the deadline for consultation had been extended to 23rd April and the SCDC link was also available on the Parish Council website.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2014. Cllr Wakley proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Lissemore and agreed by the meeting.

The written report from District Councillor Bear was noted with particular reference to the Local Plan. There had been considerable opposition to some of the proposed development sites e.g. Waterbeach, Bourn Airfield and Sawston and therefore the vote in favour had been very narrow. A recorded vote had been taken; with Cllr Hickford supporting and Cllr Bear opposing it.

The written report from County Councillor Hickford was noted. The City Deal (mentioned in the budget on 19th March) would provide funding of £500m to improve the A14, A10 and A1307 with particular emphasis on public transport infrastructure.

Pavilion update: Cllr Manley reported that work was almost complete. The opening ceremony would take place on 29th March.

Written reports:

Churchyard Management Working Group. This was noted. Cllr Cox reported that the new trees had been planted.

Insurance renewal update:

Cllr Lissemore proposed that Council continues with their current insurer for the next financial year however as soon as the external auditors report had been received a full review of insurance should be undertaken. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Ward and resolved by the meeting. Working Processes – review of finance procedures – Cllr Poulter. As no report had been received this item was deferred to the next meeting.



The bowling green under water during the recent floods

Picture taken by Daniel Potter

Bowling Green update:

The clerk reported that following flood damage the insurers had agreed to pay for repairs to the Bowling Green and to high pressure wash the carpet. However they were willing to offer this money towards a new carpet. The opinion was that as membership of the Bowling Club had decreased and the cost of a new carpet was in excess of £25k, this cost could not be justified. Therefore Council would proceed with the repairs.

To consider planting in the area of the Village Sign and Swan Bus stop:

Cllr Ward suggested that the Council approaches the Gardening Club asking for suggestions and help to plan planting to enhance the area by the Village Sign and sub station. Cllrs Ward and Cox to action

Landscaping would also be required when the old bus shelter was removed from Parsonage Way.

Correspondence for consideration and discussion:

Request from Mrs A Meeks to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and for Linton Parish Council to contribute as an employer. Cllr Manley proposed that Mrs Meeks be allowed to join the Local Government Pension Scheme and for the Council to contribute as employer. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and resolved by the meeting.

Linton Granta FC request for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Pavilion. Cllr Lissemore proposed that the quotation for £858.41 + VAT from Olive Branch Catering Equipment be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker. A vote took place with five votes in favour, two votes against and one abstention.

Environment Agency response re request to reinstate earth bank on Recreation Ground. As there appeared to be some confusion relating to the section of river bank in question it was agreed to request that an officer from the Environment Agency be asked to visit the site so that proposals could be explained.

To consider the quotation for refurbishment of the Village Sign:

Cllr Cox proposed that the quotation for £190 from Darryl Nantais be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and resolved by the meeting.

Cllr Wakley proposed that the quotation from Anglia Security Systems Ltd for £1798.68 plus a service charge of £199.95 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Manley and resolved by the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Note: Copies of reports and documents referred to in these minutes can be inspected at the Council's office.

the flower boutique

Treat yourself, your friends and family to the **fresh** seasonal flowers. Bespoke design service for weddings and funerals.

41 high street . Linton . 01223 891740
www.theflowerboutique.co.uk

Benten & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants

We are a friendly, well established firm, large enough to deal with most accountancy and taxation matters.

Please telephone for an initial consultation (without obligation)

Abbey House, 51 High Street, Saffron Walden
Telephone 01799 523053
www.benten.co.uk

What Ever Cakes

Offering beautiful bespoke:

- Cakes
- Cake Pops
- Biscuits
- Cupcakes & more...

Baked with lots of love by Keren from her home in Linton

www.whatevercakes.co.uk
Tel. 07580 677006

A & R PLASTERING

All aspects of plastering undertaken:
Plasterboarding
Rendering
No job too small
19 years experience
Free estimates

Mobile: 0774 8627920

easy-drive
school of motoring
Tony Holmes
Grade 6 Instructor

£22 per hour
01223-893346
easy-drive-som.com

CHIMNEY SWEEP

J. L. WIGHT
Guild of Master Sweeps.

Qualified advice
Problems solved.
Certificates issued.

www.camsweep.co.uk
01954 253315
26, Cow Lane, Rampton

The Dog & Duck
63 High Street, Linton
Tel: 01223 890349
Pub & Restaurant
Open All Day, Every Day

Idyllic Riverside Thatched Pub and Restaurant.
Hearty Home-Made Pub Food.
Be Assured a Fantastic Welcome and a Perfect Pint!!

Free pudding with meal on Tuesday,
Fish and Chips Special on Wednesday
Roast all day Sunday

Check us out at
www.facebook.com/thedogandducklinton

MOBILE CHIROPRACTIC SERVICE
GCC-Registered Chiropractor
ALEXANDER M SMITH
01223 967565
SOUTH CAMBS AREA
(Based in Linton)

Effective care in the comfort of your home

- Low back pain & sciatica
- Neck pain & headaches
- Muscle spasm/tension
- Shoulder & Knee pain
- Postural problems

www.alexandersmithchiropractor.co.uk

Barn Owl Accommodation

Three private self-contained annexes all in Linton

www.barnowlaccommodation.co.uk
Call Michelle on 07584 430051