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Dads and tots, 9.30am

Camera club, 10am

VIP group, 2pm

9,10 Haddenham steam rally, 10am

Camera club, 11.15am

Parish council meeting, 8pm

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Historic churches bike ride, 10am-6pm

ACE trip to Clacton, 9.30am Friends of St Mary's lunch, 12noon

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SEPTEMBER

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

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S Cambs housing surgery, 10-11.30am, Tuesdays, VH (FF) Story Time, 2.15-2.45pm, Tuesdays Library

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Take up thy pew and drive

AT 5.15pm on Monday 31st July, local man Jock Mackenzie arrived at my house to warn me that a double container lorry intending to make a delivery to the church had been unable to negotiate Church Lane and had parked by the old Swan Inn. I phoned the church warden, Pam Richardson, who hurried to the scene.

At 5.30pm Jock returned to let me know that the lorry driver (a young Pole who had driven from Poland with the chairs) had started unloading them on the side of the High

I too hurried to the scene. Several very large boxes lined the pavement and there were still another 20 to be unloaded!

With the kind permission of the young man behind the bar in the Dog and Duck, I made a phone call to Paintin's ... they were the only people I could think of with a large vehicle ... and then another call was made to Arthur and Linda Read.

Within minutes we had Richard and Rosemary Read's private car, two large cars with trailers driven by Arthur and Linda, and Giles Cox and sister Liz, and, thanks to the young lady from Sarah Chamberlain's flower shop, the use of their little red van. Then last but not



Pam Richardson (right) checks the boxes containing the chairs outside Swan Cottages

Pictures by Caroline Connell

least, Paintin's large black van, kindly driven over from Haverhill.

Matthew Paintin and another young man and various other people helped load up and unload at the other end and by 7.05pm the boxes were safely stacked at the back of the church.

It's at moments like these that you realise the great joy of living in a village where the sense of community is still alive and well.

On behalf of the rector and churchwardens of St Mary's, I would like to thank all those people who in a variety of ways saved the delivery of our new



The chairs take their final ride to the church

chairs from going completely pear-shaped, and also say thank you to all those villagers who stopped and expressed their

concern as the situation unfolded. Lesley Gore, Licensed Lay

Minister, St Mary's Church

Cambridge glass fair, 10.30am Hadstock music festival, 7.30pm

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OCTOBER 1, 3, 5, 7 Hadstock music festival, 7.30pm **WI, 7.30pm**

Luncheon club, 12.15pm Parish council meeting, 8pm

Village Hall The Crown Cathodeon Centre

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Too good for jumble ...

TO start the new season, offers of £10 or over are invited for a

portable netball post, a Morphy Richards bread maker with

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Plenty of goodies to look at ... and an unexpected hug

DESPITE the adverse weather conditions – don't gardeners always complain – of prolonged rain followed by prolonged heat and drought, there was another magnificent display at the gardening club's show this year. Some unusual plants arrived including a blue/purple bellflower which swells like a balloon (hence its common name) as it grows, and a pittosporum whose white-edged green leaves give the impres-

Although there were slightly fewer adult entries than last year, there were more welcome exhibitors, and the children really excelled themselves with 68 entries from 17 youngsters. Holly Bowie, a new entrant, won the age seven and under cup with the most points, including a first for a huge strawberry plant grown from seed. She then audaciously entered the fruits in the adult strawberry class, unfortunately the only entry so she had no competition! Her brother Adam was a runner-up with Sam Clayton in the age eight to fourteen group which was won by Molly Gibbs, who has made a great contribution in recent years. Bella Gale and Clare Crossland were joint second in the younger group.

Our stalwart exhibitor Les Moulton won the most firsts, to noone's surprise, for his vegetables, beautiful gladioli and huge pot plants, while Val Spencer won the Jubilee Challenge cup for her white currants. With no challenge from Peeky Carver who was unable to compete this year, Carol Todd and Karen Johnson reigned supreme in the baking section. Committee member Dan Johnson bravely says he will try again despite a somewhat unsuccessful currant loaf!

Jenny Purves's unusually-coloured flower arrangement in a shoe was declared best overall flower exhibit, and the names of members Maurice Smith, who managed to produce apricots, Jan Sheppard, Susan Anderson, Ros Pink, Rosemary Harrison, Ron Pitkin and Leslie Allison cropped up more than once as winners or runners-up in the other sections. Many eye-catching subjects appeared in the photo section won by David Champion, but there was a moment of excitement when Enid Bald hugged a surprised Alex Todd, our president, when he presented her with the Endeavour cup for vegetables and fruit; a trophy given to someone who has not previously won a cup in that section.

Obviously, all these calculations must be done in record time, and a great deal of effort is put into this by those who man 'the chart'. In fact there are numerous people helping on the day and beforehand, and this year things were made easier by the several extra pairs of hands who volunteered, or perhaps were pressed.



Jenny Purves receives her cup from president Alex Todd

Picture by Mike Crofts

Thanks are due to everyone who played a part – those you see and those you don't – all ably steered by our tireless show secretary Susan Anderson. The club can indeed be proud to have staged another successful show, and a big thank you goes to the many visitors who came to view and take refreshments.

The summer break is nearly over and we look forward to seeing present members and newcomers at the AGM on 10th October and on the second Tuesday in each month for, we hope, inspiring and informative talks. Gloria Fidler 891800



See Camera Club: Page 4

Holly

Adam

Bowie,

two of

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winners

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Ron Pitkin

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What a

feast: a mouthwatering display of seasonal vegetables

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

'M not a cyclist, more a walker and a driver but I can understand that, if you are one of the many people who do cycle round the village, the introduction of the one-way system in the High Street was an unwelcome change. Having to go up Coles Lane or use any of the alternative routes must seem a waste of time and energy. However, a couple of incidents lately have both concerned and annoyed me.

As we all know, the footpaths on the High Street are barely wide enough for two people to walk side by side, and in some places it has to be single file, yet when I was walking down there a few weeks ago I was confronted by two cyclists who were coming towards me on the footpath. In this situation we both have a problem: do I step off the pavement and risk being mown down from behind, or do they veer into the road probably having to go round a parked car, and risk a head-on clash with an approaching vehicle? Moreover had they met with an older, less agile person, or someone with a wheelchair or in a mobility vehicle the result could have been a nasty collision on the pavement.

More recently, when approaching the end of the one-way system at Coles Lane in my car I saw in front of me several cyclists who appeared to be racing up the hill and coming the wrong way into the one way at the narrowest part. There was certainly no room for a car and them at the same time, and though they succeeded in getting through the gap before I got there, they were putting themselves, and possibly me, at risk. No doubt it was exciting for them, but it was an excitement I could have done

So this is just a plea to all those on two wheels to think twice before falling into the temptation of 'bucking the system' and doing a quick pedal up the High Street, whether it be on the path or in the road. Nine times out of 10 you will probably get away with it, but at some point there is going to be an accident. Could you not consider a new version of the old adage and think that it might be 'better to be safe and push than ride and be sorry'?

Do you have a anything that you would like to moan about? If so write and let us know and we may publish it.

A fare deal on bus passes at last

on the 1st October, entitles concessionary bus pass holders to free travel on all local bus services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough after 9.30am on weekdays, and all day at weekends.

This includes the Cambridge park and ride service.

This new scheme was achieved by the city, county, district councils and the bus operators, who strove for a fairer way of spreading the funding.

This scheme will run until 1st April 2008 when the new national free scheme will be introduced by central gov-

Bus passes are available from your district council

A NEW scheme, due to begin offices or from local post offices in your district.

There is also news on the Linton to Newmarket No 46

Please note that it now departs Linton High Street as

> Weekdays at 8.45am; Saturday at 8.18am;

and arrives in Newmarket **High Street:** Wednesday, Monday,

Thursday and Friday at 9.40am; Tuesday at 9.33am; and Saturday at 9.23am.

Return times to Linton are: Weekdays at 12.20pm; Saturday at 12 noon.

Trisha Bear 892656 **SCD Councillor**

cllr.bear@scambs.gov.uk

Flu vaccination clinics at the health centre

7OU may already know Y that the manufacturers of flu vaccine have had trouble 'growing' the vaccine for this year's flu season. The delivery dates to doctors' surgeries have been delayed and this makes planning the clinics extremely difficult. The vaccine will, as usual, be prioritised by the government for those aged 65 and over and those under 65 who have particular risk factors.

As the Linton News goes to press, we still do not have a definite delivery date. As soon as we have a guaranteed date, we will organise our usual three Saturday morning clinics. Watch out for a poster at the health centre or the post office advertising the flu clinics and

then either call in or phone us (after 10.30am please) to make your appointment.

Flu vaccination will only be offered to those patients who are 65 and over, or those who fall in to one of the 'at risk' categories. Please do not ask for vaccination if you are under 65 and are fit, healthy and have no particular risk factors as we will have to refuse.

Please also be prepared to come to a Saturday morning clinic. We are very grateful to our staff who give up part of their weekend to provide these clinics, as it really is the only way that we can vaccinate 2500 people in such a short space of time

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Dad, spend quality time with a bacon sandwich and your tot

DADS and Tots started as a spin-off from Tots in Tow, the parent and toddler group meeting on Wednesdays at the village hall. All dads with pre-school children are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a bacon sandwich on Saturdays September, 7th October and 18th November from 9.30-11 am. Spend some quality time with your child. For more information, contact:

Sarah Thorne 891952

From Africa to Clacton in one easy leap

SO, you are faced with a mass of New Guinea tribesmen, in uncertain mood, clad in feathers, mud masks and not a lot else. You need to get to the other side of the throng and there is no clear path, what do you do? You send the wife in front brandishing her handbag, of course! It works every time.

Alex Todd was the speaker at our ACEs lunch on 16th August, accompanied by the intrepid Carol who was in charge of the slides. He told us many fascinating and amusing tales of their adventures, the triumphs and tribulations of life in Sierra Leone, Zambia and Papua New Guinea – a real treat for those who have not ventured to such exotic climes (some have not got as far as Durham...!) It is amazing just how varied and interesting are the lives of those in Linton, and what an impact they have made on

There were about 40 at the lunch; holidays reduced the numbers, but still a good audience. Thank you to Jan, Cynthia and Janet, who wielded the soup ladles, Linda, Joan, Hazel, Pam, Leslie and all who helped in so many other ways – a grand team.

Our special thanks go to the Theatre club, who have so kindly donated £500 to our social funds – we will decide with them what special event we will have as a tribute to their unstinting work for the village and its culture.

On 13th September we have a coach trip to the seaside. Clacton is the preference this time, as there is something to do no matter what the weather, and it is easier walking. We leave the Dog and Duck at 9.30am, picking up along Back Road at Chalklands and Crabtree Croft soon after that. Please book by calling Sue/Tina on 891001 or Enid on 891069.

Successful K-Club approaches ninth year

LINTON'S own lottery will soon be entering its ninth year and now is the time to join if you are not already a member. The K-Club was launched in 1998 to raise funds for Linton Action for Youth, or LA4Y as it is better known. It has raised almost £14,000 to date, but this year we would like to expand club membership to around 400 in order to increase its

fund-raising potential. It costs £12 for a year's membership, which runs from 1st October to 30th September, with over a half of the total 'take' going towards prize money. Indeed, this year's star

prizes will amount to no less than £800, to be drawn in September. Look out for local publicity announcing where this

You can pick up a K-Club application form from either of the village newsagents or the post office. Failing that, ring me on the number below or email me, and I'll ensure you get as many as you need.

Please help us to build on the success of this fund-raising initiative in order to maintain our youth and family support activities in and around Linton. So don't delay, fill in your application form now and send it to me at 7 The Grove in Linton and I'll make out your personal membership card for the new K-Club year to 30th September 2007 – all for just

Peter Dixon 890220 K-Club Promoter **Email Peter** @peterdixon.freeserve.co.uk

The lucky winners for August

THE winners of the August K-Club monthly draw were:

1st prize (£50) Mrs S A Gillon (No 151) 2nd prize (£25) T Rossiter (No 233)

 3^{rd} prize (£10) Ken Head (No 068).



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Pets get sunstroke too

people not feeling the effects of the extreme heat wave we were experiencing at the time of writing this letter. However, most of us have the advantage of finding somewhere cool or shady to escape these unusually high temperatures and we can shed some clothes if neces-

Not so for the many dogs shut out in gardens for long periods, often with very little shade, especially during the midday heat, or confined indoors until the owner returns often after eight hours or more. The same goes for many lonely and forgotten rabbits and guinea pigs tucked away in sweltering hutches at the bottom of gardens.

Unfortunately the RSPCA are powerless to act at the moment. But, from April 2007 the new Animal Welfare Bill will

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I doubt if there were many hopefully address many of these issues to reduce animal suffering by enabling preventative action to be taken before suffering occurs. The vast majority of pet owners and others involved with the care of animals have nothing to fear from this legislation. This Bill is aimed at those few misguided people who do not properly fulfil their responsibilities for the animals in their care.

I would ask people please to think carefully before leaving their pets for long periods, especially during the hot weather, and if it cannot be avoided, to make sure that they have adequate shade, plenty of clean water and in the case of a single dog that they have something to play with during the long boring hours they are left on their own.

Christine Ellis Dolphin Close

Plastic cap plea

Dear Editor Just what is it about the request Please remove caps written on the side of the plastic recycling bins that is so difficult to understand?

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Dear Editor

Further to the letter from Mr and Mrs Carder in the June

OUR THANKS

On behalf of the family of Margaret Dunster who sadly passed away in April, I would like to thank the friends and relatives who kindly made donations in her memory to the British Heart Foundation.

Margaret was well known in the village and had worked for some years at Linton Village College.

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Carder and neighbours of Crabtree Croft.

The sum of £243 was raised in her memory.

Many thanks to all. Nora Marlow Hillway

Dear Editor

I write regarding the recent Mick Goodman memorial cricket match.

Two evenly matched sides played in the true spirit of the game in which the football club were the victors. Monies totalling £262 were raised for the oncology unit at Addenbrooke's hospital, and many thanks go to Harriet Goodman and her family for their efforts on the day and everybody who helped out to make this annual event a success.

Ted Wright Linton FC

See report on Page 6



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Musical boxes and a pink garden party



Margaret Clark and Eileen Impey admire one of the more unusual musical boxes

Picture by Bel Griffiths

MUSICAL boxes were the topic for the talk given by Doreen Whitelock at our August meeting. Doreen brought along part of her large collection of boxes and passed them around for us to examine. They were wound up and played their various

tunes on the way round.

Doreen told us a little of the history of musical boxes which can be traced back to 3000BC, starting with bells and continuing with church bells in 1400AD such as St Clement Danes. In 1760 along came the chiming pocket watch and in 1800 snuff became popular; because of this the aristocracy wanted more elaborate boxes for their snuff so musical movements were added resulting in the boxes we are familiar with today. An interesting talk, and the sound of all the boxes playing their various tunes as they were passed around was

an amazing experience. The business side of the meeting followed the usual format. Mention was made of the pink garden party which was held in June's garden on 24th August.

A report on a walking tour,

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refreshments.

A straggling group of walkers in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. (It must have been before lunch as it is not raining!)

one of the courses available during the Cambridge federation visit to Denman college in July was given by Wendy Foster. Three of our members enjoyed a walk entitled The hidden footpaths of Blenheim Palace despite very hot weather and torrential rain.

A coffee morning held by Margaret Clark raised £26 for Cycle Cuba, an undertaking which will raise funds for Denman college, and a request was made for volunteers to man two teams for the quiz night on 3rd November. The evening ended with a musical quiz and

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Picture power from the camera club



Double take: peas and a potato make an impressive mouse Picture by Mike Crofts

It's your move ...

THE South Cambs chess club came into being in 1976. After playing in various locations, the club moved to Linton and became the Linton chess club, holding its meetings in the church hall. After many happy years, flooding both above and below and, finally, rats eating through the electric wiring forced us to move to the village hall in 2000.

We are now delighted to announce that from 5th September, we are moving into a smashing new venue - the Cathodeon Centre. This means that we will have much more space and as a result we are looking for new members. If you are the least bit interested in playing chess, please come along and talk about it to the chess club members.

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also players like myself - I lose more often than I win but I get a lot of pleasure by playing this fascinating game. We are interested in players of any standard, including beginners, so please come along and see us. We will not charge a membership fee until you have had a chance to try us

Our first meeting at the Cathodeon centre is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September and we will be there every Tuesday evening from that date onwards.

On 19th September, we are planning to hold an open evening. There will be opportunities for visitors to play a quick game and there will be a "simul" (one player against all-comers) by one of our best players. Tea and coffee will be available.

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Photographers among the prize winners at annual show

THERE was a strong representation of Linton camera club entries in the photographic section of the gardening club annual show.

Many of these submissions were rewarded with prizes and acknowledgements. The members were also very active at the show, taking many pictures three of which we feature here.

At the August meeting, after viewing digital images from some previous awaydays, members discussed their plans for the club's exhibition.

Last year our efforts were rewarded by the large number of visitors who attended, many of whom commented that they felt they should have paid to come in, but the club has agreed that there will be no entry fee.

As part of the exhibition, Garth Collard will have his own section to display historical photographs of Linton, giving villagers another chance to talk to him and identify the people in the pictures.

There will be home-made cakes and a raffle in aid of the Alzheimer's Research Trust, so visitors can show their appreciation by supporting our chosen charity. The exhibition has been booked for Saturday 14th October at the village hall.

A change has been made to this month's awayday. On Sunday 10th September, the group will now be visiting the Haddenham Steam Rally. The main attractions will be working demonstrations of ploughing with heavy horses, threshing and wood-sawing.

More than 500 exhibits include old-time fair rides with steam-driven gallopers, fire and rescue and subagua and marine model displays.

We will be meeting in the Coles Lane car park at 10am. New members are most welcome. Contact Roger Lapwood 891104 for any last minute changes of plan.

We are very lucky to be invited to visit photographer Conrad Webb on Sunday 17th September. We are meeting at the Coles Lane car park at 11.15am.

To find out more about the camera club, see our website www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk

Maureen Williams



Flower power: Lian Watkin and her granddaughter Bryony admire one of the exhibits at the show



It's a small world: a miniature garden is created in a tray

It will be a fair to remember

THE organisers of the Cambridge Glass Fair are very pleased to announce that an exciting and long-awaited book, Michael Harris: Mdina Glass and Isle of Wight Studio Glass, is to be launched at the next event on 24th September.

The Guild of Glass Engravers and the Contemporary Glass Society as well the Glass Association and the Glass Circle will be present to welcome new members and to talk about their respective organisations.

Officials from Ely Stained Glass Museum will also be promoting the museum's work within the cathedral and offering their range of courses in stained glass making.

In the main exhibition hall, you will be able to find Georgian stemware, stunning continental glass such as Lalique, Daum, Moser and Gallé, stylish Venetian and Scandinavian glass of all periods

and other collectable 20th century and earlier pieces. Paperweight collectors will be well served as there will be several specialists present. For the widest and most spectacular

selection of antique and collectable glass, this fair should not be missed. A visit to Chilford Hall can be a day to

remember, particularly if you manage to find that special piece to complete your collection or to decorate your home. Music will be provided by solo guitar-

ist Jerry Harrison who will be performing during lunch in the restaurant/bar area in the great hall.

The fair is open from 10.30am-4pm. For further information, please call 07887 762872 or visit our website www.cambridgeglassfair.com where you will find details and much more.

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The teddy bears' picnic went down a treat



Teddy bears, children and carers all enthralled by a story read by Anna McMahon

TF you had down to the library on 15th August, you'd have been sure of a big surprise, as there

was a mass invasion of bears arriving for a teddy bears' pic-

They all brought their owners, who also brought their mums and dads. There were 26 children and 14 parents crowded in to have a wonderful time listening to stories, singing songs, making crafts and eating biscuits, all with a teddy bear theme.

Many thanks go to Hilary Crooks, Anna McMahon and Sarah Stratton

who organised the event, and have led regular Tuesday af ternoon story tim.

sessions. Hilary and Anna are stepping down and the library service is very grateful to them for all their hard work. If anyone would be willing to Picture by Roger Lapwood

volunteer to take their place on a rota, library staff would be delighted to hear from them, so that the necessary steps can be taken. Just call in during opening hours.

Story times are tremendous fun for small children (and adults) and are an excellent opportunity for parents to introduce their youngsters to the library.

But we do need help from volunteers to keep them going. Linda Pearson, Supervisor Linton Library

Hadstock stages its first music festival



This line drawing of the church was taken from an image donated to St Botolph's by the late artist's family; unfortunately we do not have their name.

THE Friends of St Botolph's Hadstock, in association with the Guildhall school of music and drama, have held a series of highly acclaimed fund-raising concerts in the church this year.

As a result of the success of these concerts and at the suggestion of Hadstock resident, Bernard Lanskey, who is the assistant director of music at the Guildhall school, the friends of St Botolph's have planned the first Hadstock music festival.

All concerts will take place in St Botolph's church, a beautiful and simple building with remarkable acoustic qualities set in the heart of the village. The concerts are:

28th September: Felicitas Fuchs and Bernard Lanskey – an evening focusing on 19th century Vienna.

1st October: Cambridge Voices – spirituals, Hadstock, Cambridge CB1 6NU folk songs and close harmony.

3rd October: Guildhall school brings highlights from the 2006 Paxos international music Festival.

5th October: Aki Sauliere, Bernard Lanskey, Felicitas Fuchs and Daniel Tong – an exploration of the world of the Schumanns

7th October: Bernard Lanskey, Aki Sauliere, Felicitas Fuchs and Raphael Bell; Brahms and the summer of 1886.

As usual tickets and information will be available from Saffron Walden tourist information office, Market Square, Saffron Walden. Tel: 01799 510444.

If you would like full programme details you can visit our website: www.hadstockchurch.org, contact us by email at hadstocker@aol.com or by post Yew Trees Farmhouse, Linton Road,

Chips with everything at our club

devices containing them are increasingly part of everyday life for many of us. When things go wrong, we turn to handbooks, friends and long queues for telephone support. When all else fails the local tip beckons. There is another source of help. Linton IT Club.

Derek Birch set up the Linton IT Club to provide assistance to those who had been born before the silicon chip had been invented, and who needed a caring introduction to the world of mice and e-mail.

More than 100 local people have been through the door of Linton Senior IT Club to start.

COMPUTERS and electronic the Cathodeon Centre and many have gone on to buy their own computers and installed their own software. The club has also provided help with printers, digital cameras, graphics software, websites, and even GPS equipment.

Now after over five years Derek is handing over the helm but continues to be the group founder, whose vision brought the Cathodeon trustees, the library service and a grant from Help the Aged together, to provide the equipment, space and connection to the outside world, which allowed the A big thank you Derek.

The group renamed itself Linton IT Club some years ago to reflect the fact that we now try to help all adults with computer related problems.

Those who come for help frequently stay and provide help for other visitors. We never know all the answers. If you need assistance or you have time to help others, come along to the Cathodeon Centre on a Tuesday night between 7-9pm – we would be pleased to see you.

By the way we don't fix fried chips!

Mike Crofts 893619

An afternoon for toddlers



ARE you the mum, dad, granny or carer of a baby or toddler?

Do you need something to do on a Tuesday afternoon?

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We are a small and friendly group who meet from 2-4pm every Tuesday afternoon during term time in Hadstock village hall, next to

It is a great way to make new friends or simply to let the children burn off some energy while you have a relaxing cup oftea. We currently have about 10 children from Hadstock, Ashdon and Linton aged between five months and four years and would love to see some new faces.

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The sound of leather on willow is still heard in Linton

rial Match: 9th July

DESPITE the competing attractions of the Wimbledon men's singles final, FIFA world cup final and the Flying Legends airshow at nearby Duxford, Linton village cricket club and Linton Granta football club were well supported in their efforts to raise money for charity in memory of one of their dearest friends.

A cracking game of cricket, with more than 450 runs scored ensured that the crowd were richly entertained, with Linton Granta football club regaining the trophy it lost to the cricket club last year.

After a quick tea, the sides turned around and the LVCC reply began. The captain on the day will confess to a touch of sentimentality in allowing Ollie and Ben Priestley to open the innings together in Ollie's last match with us before he moves on to new challenges in the West country. Sadly, the gods chose to mock this grand gesture, sending both brothers back to the pavillion without scoring.

The LVCC chase was always going to be challenging, but it was only the contribution of Allan Campbell which made the game as close as it was.

The game was competitive, but played in a great spirit, as befits a proper friendly. Mick would have loved it. A total of £262.50 was raised for the oncology endowment fund at Addenbrooke's hospital. Thanks to everyone involved for their support.

The Mick Goodman Memo- President's Day: Sunday 6th August.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with, participated in or supported President's Day.

A special thank you to the Hoskin family who visited from Oxfordshire for the game; it was lovely to see you. Also to Mark Gooden who paid for his participation with torn elbow ligaments after a tumble in the field. Get well soon,

The batting highlight of the day was once again a brutal innings from Allan "Big Al" Campbell. It was only Allan's selflessness in giving away the strike in the last over that prevented him from securing his second Sunday century of the

On the bowling front it was a joy to see the spinners Josh Newman and John Richardson operating in tandem. It would be disingenuous of me to highlight the age gap between them; but suffice it to say it was a classic case of the master and the apprentice in harmony.

It was also really encouraging to see that 13-year-old Sam Dew was by no means out of his depth, picking up the last two wickets for only five runs.

The weather was kind to us, the cricket was friendly but competitive, and we managed to raise £468.70 towards club funds. This represents a huge contribution towards helping us keep cricket alive in the village, so once again, thanks everyone.

Hans Pinkard



The evergreen Mick Morris opening the bowling for the President's XI

Picture by Hans Pinkard

POT POURRI (21)

The radius of the 'square'?

IMAGINE a circle inscribed inside a square where the circle touches all four sides. Now if a small rectangle was placed between the circle and the boundary of the square, in the bottom right-hand corner, such that the rectangle's corner just touched the inscribed circle, and if the rectangle height was taken as y cms and the distance from the left-hand side of the outer square to the rectangle was x cms, what is the radius of the circle in terms of

Solution to No 20: What are the ages?

The trick is to break the number 36 into its products and then use the products as a sum, eg $36 = 9 \times 2 \times 2$ or $6 \times 6 \times 1$ which sums to 13 in both cases, and the clue states which of these it must be, namely (iii) giving the ages as 9, 2 and 2.

Safina has a new partner

WHAT a busy time we have had at the zoo these past few weeks.

We now have a new addition to our lion family. Zuri was born at West Midland safari park and being a different bloodline from our pride he will make a perfect partner for Safina, the lion cub born here in November. Zuri is Swahili for 'handsome one', which we are sure he will be.

On 17th August Zuri was photographed with Louise and Jamie Redknapp and Steve and Donna Collins who were visiting the zoo to help promote an African Wildlife fund-raising campaign. Keep your eyes on some very highprofile national magazines for the full story.

Thanks to everyone for the used stamps. Please keep them coming, especially foreign stamps which are of higher value to the dealers. All of the money that we raise aids our



one' arrives at Linton zoo. He will make a perfect partner for Safina, the lion cub born at the zoo last year

Zuri, 'the

handsome

Picture by Kim Simmons

conservation fund.

There are lots of keeper talks, animal feeds and activities on at the weekends and throughout the school holidays; most are designed to get you much closer to the animals than normal. For up-todate information, visit our website www.lintonzoo.com or telephone 891308.

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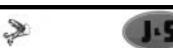
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An update on police matters

THE next police surgery will L be at 3pm on Tuesday 19th September in Linton library.

Possession of cannabis

In recent weeks we have dealt with a number of parties where one or more people were found with cannabis in the Linton area. To clarify, the drug is not legalised and will always be dealt with appropriately. If you are found in possession of a small amount of cannabis on the first occasion, you will be given a street warning where a police officer will complete a form which you will have to sign and will take the cannabis

If you are then caught again you will be arrested and further action will be taken. Please be aware that if you are stopped and found to have cannabis this will be recorded.

If you believe there is drug dealing/taking in any area, please let us know. We will ensure that action is taken and all individuals involved are dealt with appropriately. We already regularly patrol hotspot areas and will check any suspicious vehicles.

Distraction burglary

Unfortunately these despicable crimes continue to target the elderly.

Please look out for your elderly/vulnerable neighbours and think as you answer your front door. On the most recent occasion a man entered a home in Castle Camps at lunchtime. He walked in through an open back door, offered items for sale and then took money from the elderly victim.

If you see anyone suspicious in your area, please get a description and registration number of any vehicle and call the police.

You can contact your local neighbourhood team on 0845 4564564 and ask for PC Addison-Atkinson or PCSO Dawn Brock.

You can also register for E-Cops at www.cambs. police.uk/signup/ecops or call our mobiles: (PC A-A 07740 734974 or PCSO Brock 07736 08552) when we are on duty.

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To report an incident or crime, please ensure you report through the control room on 0845 4564564 as this will create an electronic record which we can access, or it can be dealt with by reactive -officers if we are not on duty.

Dawn Brock PCSO 7051

LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

The rescue and rearing of Romulus and Icarus

JNDER the spell of cricket-rasping hot and stormy weather, the martin's nest had cracked, dried and crashed to earth. Inside were four, four-day-old chicks, cushioned by the capsule lining; their future uncertain. Karen Ennew knew she must act quickly, raising the alarm, so when David Urwin called I sped off to the rescue. Despite an extensive search, we

found only two remaining. Romulus and Icarus were transported in a small box together with some of the nest-building material and foetid guano to my home.

I have hand-reared dozens of birds in my life but never housemartins. These miniature peregrinelike creatures feed on the wing, late evening and early morning, so mealtime and preparation was to be a constant job.

I began by grinding catfood with a pestle and mortar. With the aid of a small plastic syringe I managed to prise open their beaks, and pump a little of the food mixture and water down their gullets every two hours. I knew from experience the first 24 hours were going to be critical, but they were soon gulping on the nozzle for more, and survived. In fact they were doing rather better than myself.

Upon the fifth night I'd fallen asleep during feeding time and awoke to find the twins nestling in the hair on my chest and oh dear, there were other things too, not to mention feather mites; fortunately harmless to humans.

A week later I began adding crushed insects to their diet, caught in the fishing net usually at night around the buddleia, and spreading feeds to every three to four hours. Fellow artist Yasmin could see the black tell-tale rings around the eyes of a nursing foster father, and kindly offered to relieve me of my parental role for a night. Two days later, exhausted and grumpy I accepted and was grateful for a wonderful dreamless slumber. By now their downy fur had turned into deep blue feathers, wide wings and tails. White markings developed, so with thumb and index finger I would preen them daily, while playing a recording of house

The twins, as I affectionately called them, had already imprinted upon me, shuffling into the palm of my hand should I lay it nearby. I was careful not to risk any long-term behavioural response so Romulus and Icarus were kept in the semi-dark for much of the time. For me, despite some sleep deprivation, life went on pretty much as usual. This meant the birds were by my side whilst I worked, came with me to visit clients, friends and even relatives in hospital. They also went on a trip down the Ouse.

These two tiny birds brought such joy to countless people who marvelled at the miracle of their beauty and life. Twice daily from this point on I would stand for 20 minutes with a bird in each hand like scales and balance with rising and falling arms. This caused them to exercise their wings with a flap-flap on the downward stroke. Romulus was the stronger of the two, suddenly refusing my special mixture via the syringe, accepting only live insects from my fingers.

On such a day while teaching the birds in St Ives, Romulus unexpectedly took flight and vanished. Icarus however, stayed for another four days, by which time he also refused the feed in favour of live insects. Now I knew he too was ready to leave, so that morning, stuffed with dozens of bluebottles, grasshoppers and mosquitoes, he was raised high in my palm outside my home and whoosh! Up, up and away he took to the skies. At first his flight was awkward, fluttering noisily around and around, but then he gained velocity, turning, spinning and stalling before swooping over the rooftops and low to the ground.

Neighbours stopped to watch as Icarus came to rest a couple of times, whizzing close by I glimpsed him picking off flies on the wing. Still higher he flew to spiral and glide until we lost sight of him, but that evening I saw 20 or more circling overhead and somehow knew he was there, free, and with his own kind.

The lady on TV praised God for her fighting son, whose warring death she believed rewarded him with paradise. I wish she could have seen the miracle of Romulus and Icarus and known the paradise on earth. Though all our lives are valuable, and goodness knows that nature is inexplicably cruel enough, for all the bombs that fell in August I saw not one mention of the animals maimed, killed or displaced by our futile wars!

Darryl's country diary should return to page 8 next month.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Change of day

PLEASE note that South Cambs housing surgery is changing its day from a Wednesday to a Tuesday. It will now be held from 10-11.30am on alternate Tuesdays upstairs in the village hall. Just call in.

Sue Parry, clerk to Linton parish council



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As well as enjoying the ben-

AS well as triggering an influx

of individual members, the new

fitness suite at the village col-

lege sports centre has added an

extra dimension to the activi-

ties of the sports clubs meeting

The clubs, having patiently endured the disruption of the

rebuilding programme, are

now reaping the benefits. Members of the Monday

men's keep fit club, for in-

stance - now enjoying its sec-

ond decade at the sports centre

have gained enormously

from the sheer variety and

quantity of equipment now

efits of the new fitness suite, the other elements of the Monday club's activities have continued as before; the circuit training, then the basketball or racquet sports to end the active part of the evening. The club still finishes in the time-honoured way with a beer, proving that they take keeping fit seriously, but not too seriously.

Members' ages currently range from 30s to 60s. Some of the founder members, who were already in their forties or fifties when the club began, are still as active – and nearly as fit – as when the club was first formed, and show no signs of giving up. The new facilities have certainly rekindled their enthusiasm, and it's probably the only time you'll find 20% of the parish council at the sports centre.

Fitness centre brings clubs a new lease of life

By using the centre for just one evening a week, the various clubs offer a way to enjoy its benefits for a modest outlay. With winter approaching, people find that indoor fitness facilities are particularly attractive and being part of a club makes it more fun.

Bob Hammett (891372) has all the details of the Monday club, but new members are welcome simply to turn up after 8pm any Monday.

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WHEN I took over the Linton Village College headship in January I began to get particularly interested in the original 1937 listed building. It is now in a state of considerable disrepair; bricks need repointing, the windows are rusted up and need refurbishment (the Crittall windows would cost around £1 million to restore, I am told), art deco design features need bringing out and some of the interior function rooms are in drastic need of a facelift. The Pegasus room, which used to house the village library is a gorgeous semi-circular shape, but is poorly heated and badly panelled. It is now used primarily for community ICT classes because it is too small for even the most modest school class. The Chilford room, which was once rather grand and attractive is tatty; flooring and panels need replacing so that it would feel like a sophisticated adult work space and the community common room needs equal amounts of attention.

The college has never had the funding to attempt such restoration and there are other complexities too: this building has been the main thoroughfare of the college and as such has needed to be fit for modern teaching purposes (hence the covering up of original features like the wooden and stone flooring which made an unnecessary amount of noise in the corridors).

The new building scheme brings with it all kinds of possibilities for our listed building, however. From 2010 it will no longer be the main school entrance and will become a student support area and the adult community rooms can be returned to the Broadening Education partnership for their original purpose. I have recently been in discussion with the Linton historical society and the parish council about establishing the village archive in the Pegasus building; this seems a wholly appropriate use of this community facility and it pleases me to think that the room will once more be a library (of sorts).

As for the restoration, the county council is backing this notion and beginning to examine the size of the project through the county architects, Mouchel Parkman. The money to support these ventures however, will need to come through bids and fundraising endeavours, one of which will be to the Heritage Lottery. We would hope to refurbish so that the completion of the heritage project is in line with the completion of the new building. In order to do any of this we will need expressions of support from the community.

If you are in favour of the Linton village college restoration project, I would love to hear from you. Please email caroline.derbyshire@lvc.org with an expression of your support. I can use all such evidence in the Heritage Lottery bid.

Caroline Derbyshire Principal

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S/1463/06/LB A Flynn, 75 High Street, Linton. Internal and external alterations – removal of partition between kitchen and lobby, removal of kitchen window and replacement by glazed French doors with small double glazed window and installation of double glazed window in former lobby door opening

S/1475/06/F Mr and Mrs Read, 4 The Furrells, Linton.

S/1506/06/RM Dr and Mrs Parry-Smith, Land at 99 High Street (Access via Back Road), Linton. Dwelling. S/1616/06/A Greene King Pub and Partners, The Moats, Little Linton. Sign.

S/1618/06/F Mr and Mrs P Fowkes, 5 Green Lane, Linton. Replacement dwelling.

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Successful slimming with Tracy

TRACY Stressing, who became a Slimming World consultant after losing 80lb (nearly six stone) herself is thrilled to have helped so many members.

The Linton group, since Tracy took over as the permanent consultant in March this year, has lost a combined weight of more than 600lb, which is more than 42 stone. She also has another Slimming World group in Trumpington.

Tracy said: "My groups are amazing and I am so proud of all my members to have such incredible weight losses. I am really quite lost for words and, as my members will tell you, this is a situation you will rarely

Tracy, who has been at her target weight for a year now reached the semi-finals of the Consultant Slimmer of the Year competition run by Slimming World. She was shortlisted from hundreds to the semi-finals of 30 consultants.

"I was honoured to have got through to the semi-finals," Tracy said. She won a bottle of champagne suitably engraved, and a certificate. Her members were so thrilled that she had got this far that they signed a good luck card for her.

Tracy has just organised her "Target member of the year" competition and a new contest for "Young slimmer of the year". This is the first time that this has been run and the results were fantastic.

Tracy's Linton Slimming World group meets at the Cathodeon Centre at 7pm every Monday evening. If you would like to join or want more information about Slimming World, please contact:

Tracy Stressing 01763 247252

This month you will find Darryl's Country Diary on Page 7; he will return to Page 8 next month.



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The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Linton losses on the Somme during those terrible months from July to November 1916

THIS year marks the 90th **1** anniversary of the battle of the Somme when more than 115,000 British and Empire soldiers died during the fivemonth battle, and casualties on all sides exceeded one million.

On 1st July three Linton men were killed near Albert in the first wave of General Haig's offensive - Rowland Clarke, 25, of Townsend's Cottages (once opposite the Waggon and Horses pub), George Fitch, 28, and George Shore, of Horseheath Lodge. Telegrams informing parents of their deaths reached the village within three

John Kemp who lived in the High Street was badly wounded on that day and lay in a field until it was dark before crawling back to our trenches. The first finger of his left hand was blown off and the others were shattered. He sustained wounds to his left arm and hip, and numerous bullets were lodged in his legs. He survived.

The battle raged on into August and three more Linton men were killed near Pozieres on 8th and 9th August. They all died in the same compact area during a German counterattack. Edward Noakes, 30, was a horsekeeper before the war and lived in the Grip. Frank Norton, 25, lived in the Balsham Road and had only been at the front for six weeks. Harry Goodwin lived in the Grip and was only 24. He was declared missing and his despairing parents only received official news of his fate two months later.

On 18th August Arthur Pettitt was hit by a shell which exploded the ammunition he was carrying. His shoulder was demolished and he had fifteen bullets removed from his body.



The Thiepval Memorial opened in 1932

He also survived. Before the war he had been a coach builder for his adoptive father, Frederick Suckling of 22 High Street.

The offensive dragged on and the casualties still mounted. The names of two brothers called Dyson are inscribed on the Linton War Memorial. They were the sons of the former Linton police superintendent, Edward Dyson, and were born at the police station in Symonds Lane.

They had since moved away to Ware and Paddington and had both joined the Coldstream Guards in August 1914. Herbert was 26 and died in an attack on German trenches near Pozieres on 15th September.

Picture courtesy of Garth Collard His younger brother Arthur was 23 and was mortally wounded the very next day close to the trench where his brother had fallen.

Shortly before the battle fizzled out, one last Linton soldier was killed near Albert. On 16th October, Frederick Freestone, 22, from the Bartlow Road area was declared missing, so his poor parents had to endure eight long months of anxiety and false hopes before he was officially pronounced dead.

Many of the above are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial opened in 1932 at the very spot named as the British army's first day objective on 1st July 1916.



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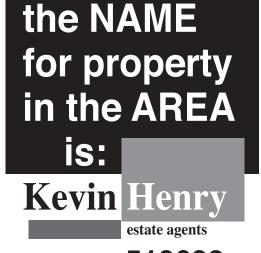
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Parish Council Matters

DALEHEAD FOODS VISIT

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

PERHAPS you have passed Dalehead Foods on the outskirts of the village, or been stuck in traffic near it, and wondered just what goes on there? Perhaps the more idealistic or squeamish amongst us would prefer not to know! Well, at the end of June, Linton Parish Council were invited to visit Dalehead Foods. After introductions, four brave councillors donned white overalls, trousers, hats and wellie boots (most fetching!) and were taken on a tour of the factory.

The pigs for the pork

production are bred on farms in Suffolk and Norfolk and transported to the Linton site. A vet is employed at the Linton site at all times to make sure that they do not go through any undue suffering. The animals are humanely slaughtered, the carcasses checked, weighed and prepared for the butchering process. This is undertaken on a production line system where cleanliness and the health and safety of the employees is paramount.

The meat is then graded and used for a variety of products from traditional joints to sausages including the hand prepared dishes from the 'Waitrose By Invitation' range. Very little of the pig is wasted, with even some of the bones being shipped to China. The sausages are produced on a smaller production line where herbs, etc are added and mixed by hand.

Dalehead's main customer is Waitrose, for whom it supplies all the pork and sausages; its sister company in Bury St Edmunds supplies the store's requirement for lamb. Anyone who purchases pork or lamb from Waitrose does so in the knowledge that they are eating locally produced

We do appreciate that meat eating is not everyone's choice, but we're very impressed with the cleanliness, care and efficiency of the production facility. Dalehead is an integral part of the village, supporting local events and employing local people. We should feel proud to have a company like Dalehead within our parish boundary.

Cllr Esther Cornell



Dalehead Foods - a village asset

Shuttle Bus pick up points and timetable

Haverhill - Linton - Balsham - Burrough Green

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0720		1012	1212	1412	1615	1812	
0722		1015	1215	1415	1618	1815	
0729		1018	1218	1418	1818	1818	
0735	0824	1024	1224	1424	1624	1824	
	0830	1030	1230	1430	1630	1830	
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	0840	1040	1240	1440	1640	1840	
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Burrough Green	0726	0852	1052	1252	1452	1652	
Brinkley	0731	0857	1057	1257	1457	1657	
Weston Colville	0736	0902	1102	1302	1502	1702	
Weston Green	0738	0904	1104	1304	1504	1704	
West Wratting	0745	0909	1109	1309	1509	1709	
Balsham	0750	0914	1114	1314	1414	1714	
Linton Swan		0920	1120	1320	1520	1720	1820
Bartlow		0926	1126	1326		1726	1826
Shudy Camps		0929	1129	1329		1729	1828
Castle Camps school		0932	1132	1332		1732	1832
Nosterfield End		0936	1136	1336		1736	1836
Duddery Hill Mill Hill		0940	1140	1340		1740	1840

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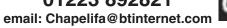
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MINUTES of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on 20th July 2006, held at the Cathodeon Centre.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cox and Willingham

The minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2006 were amended under Item 48 to read 'some of

behaviour. There has been a major act of vandalism in the Drop-in Centre resulting in damage to the office area. Discussion took place regarding a Section 13 order to ban alcohol in specific areas. Batchelor reported that the police already have the power to take away alco-



Stantons Lane Bridge

the planks have buckled and will probably not need to be replaced.' The minutes were then agreed and signed.

Report from the Police -Increased high visibility patrols have been organised to tackle the problems in the Parsonage Way area. Any information, including the details of vehicles should be reported on 0845 456 4564. A Police Surgery will be held at the Library on Friday 18th August at 3pm and monthly thereafter. Everyone is welcome.

Report from the County Councillor - CC Batchelor reported that a new shuttle bus service will operate a daily circular service from Burrough Green to Haverhill via Linton and surrounding villages. This will be operated by Stagecoach and subsidised by the County Council (CC). Unfortunately no consultation has taken place between CC, Parish Councils and the public. As a result Balsham has lost two early morning buses into Cambridge. A public meeting is planned for the end of September.

Report from District Councillors. DC Batchelor reported that outreach work has commenced this week to tackle anti-social hol but are reluctant to use it. Further discussion took place regarding the reinstatement of the Section 30 order. DC Batchelor reported that although the previous Section 30 had been successful it had only moved the problem elsewhere. Linton was the only village in South Cambs to obtain a Section 30 and it was unlikely that another



The safety surface at the **Cathodeon Centre**

Picture by Wiggles

jection to the objection sites.

Written reports from Council representatives:

A representative from Wicksteed Play Equipment will visit the Cathodeon site next week to look at the safety surface and the new play area. Concerns have been raised regarding the surface of the new play area. It was agreed that any required remedial work would be carried out as a matter of urgency

The playgroup has erected a



The new shuttle bus service now operating between villages

Picture by Wiggles

proposed, it was seconded by C^{llr} Gore and agreed unanimously to apply for the Section 30 to be reinstated.

SCDC - Local Development Framework - Objection Sites. Discussion took place and it was proposed by C^{llr} Gee, seconded by Cllr Clay and agreed to support SCDC in their obcovered area to the side of the building which does not allow for the top windows to be opened. They have also drilled into the brickwork. Unfortunately no detailed plans were submitted to the trustees prior to the work being carried out.

Gore reported that the churchyard maintenance group have received

a bill for the repair of the mower amounting to almost £700. This cost will be challenged. The Parochial Church Council will write to the Parish Council asking them to take responsibility for the machinery. This matter will be discussed once the official request has been received.

Cllr Gee distributed a report from the Parish Matters Working Party to be discussed at the next meeting on 3rd August.

The Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 6th July 2006. The minutes

were considered and no changes made.

Correspondence was noted. Of particular inter-

Item 10 - Herald will be contacted regarding mole

Item 14 - Royal Mail letter regarding change of post codes. Concern was expressed regarding the timing of the information to be sent to all affected addresses. Cllr Urwin proposed and it was agreed to write a letter of complaint regarding the lack of information sent to homes and businesses.

Item 19 - SCDC Village Facilities Information leaflet – It was agreed to contact SCDC highlighting the errors.

Item 21 - It was agreed to contact the owner of the car left in Market Square car park and ask for it to be removed

Matters arising from the Minutes of meeting of 6th July not already listed.

The Clerk reported that unfortunately repairs to the skate ramp will not be covered by insurance. Our policy will be checked for other omissions.

It was also reported that Herald Contractors have agreed to submit a work

There were no reports from councillors at present. The meeting closed at

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Streetly End	08:08	08:30	08:30
Horseheath, Green	08:11	08:34	08:34
Linton, Police Houses	08:16	08:41	08:41
Linton, High Street	08:18	08:45	08:45
Balsham, Bell	08:27	08:54	08:54
Newmarket, Wyck Hall Stud	09:20	09:37	09:30
Newmarket, High Street	09:23	09:40	09:33
Newmarket, Rookery Bus Station	09:25	09:42	09:35

Newmarket - Streetly End Service 46

	SA	TU	MWTF*
Newmarket, Rookery Bus Station	12:00	12:20	12:20
Newmarket, High Street	12:02	12:22	12:22
Newmarket, Wyck Hall Stud	12:05	12:25	12:25
Balsham, Bell	12:53	13:03	13:10
Linton, High Street	13:00	13:12	13:19
Linton, Police Houses	13:02	13:16	13:23
Horseheath, Green	13:05	13:23	13:30
Streetly End	13:10	13:27	13:34
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Pickup points between Balsham and Newmarket have been removed.

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