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Gardens galore

Hidden treasures open day



The contrasting styles of these gardens make a pretty show



WHAT a contrast! Last year during Chalkland's 'Hidden Gardens' open day the dedicated visitors swept in seeking shelter from torrential showers. This year they came in search of shade, finding iced drinks and pleasant social dispositions in gardens one could only describe as having a continental air. The hillside location and climate change is undoubtedly an advantage here and so the hidden splendour of 12 tended botanical wonders went on show for just two hours on Sunday 2nd July.

The combined graces of our season's late start, residents' skill and imagination created some absolute delights. Ornamental roses bloomed alongside enthusiastic honeysuckle and jasmine, their fragrance wafted



Visitors intrigued by Garth's pictures

Pictures by Maureen Williams

gently by the warm and occasional breeze of a perfect summer day.

Amongst these secluded private places one very special and emotive visit was essential, for there at No 95 is the beautiful Christopher Lee Andrew Fowler

memorial garden created by parents Christine and Banjo, their family and friends.

Historian Garth Collard staged a display of Linton past in the community centre. He was kept busy with residents bringing photographs and identifying people in them, adding data to his ever expanding and magnificent collection.

The gardens received on average around 40 visitors each. That was one pair of pampered eyes every three minutes until the gates were once again locked. So if you missed it and you can't see the detail on *google earth*, then look out for next year's opportunity to peep at your neighbours' poppies and ponds.

Darryl Nantais

Surprises in the raffle

THE June ACEs event was an afternoon tea in my garden; scones with cream, strawberries and jam, cake and fruit pies were served. Knowing our luck with weather (last year we just ignored the showers), it being midsummer and drought declared in some areas, we expected to have Linton's first monsoon. Luckily, it was dry, if rather cool and breezy.

The team of Linda, Joan and Sally (a most welcome new recruit), were helped by Arthur, John, Pam and Marjorie, with Martha (at 10, an early recruit to ACEs!) also selling "take-away" strawberries. Thanks also to Jan, Martha Crouch and all who baked cakes or gave raffle prizes and donations (with particular thanks to Joy). We will not mention who won the ladies' stockings in the raffle, but we hope he enjoys them!

On 16th August we plan a soup and rolls lunch with Alex Todd kindly lending his skills as speaker. Alex is famously Scottish, has lived in many parts of the world and is a stalwart of the gardening club, so his talk will cover many interests. The village hall will open at 12 for a 12.30 start, with some transport available (call Sue or Enid).



Getting down to strawberries and a chat

Picture by Roger Lapwood

On 13th September we have another coach trip, to the seaside this time - buckets, spades and shrimping nets welcome. Please book at the lunch or by calling Sue/Tina on 891001 or Enid on 891069.

Enid Bald



Changing the face of the garden

Picture by A Brooks

THOSE of you who regularly visit the Cathodeon Centre will have noticed a tremendous improvement in the garden in recent months. Vegetable beds have been planted and are now overflowing with tomatoes, strawberries and radishes. New fruit trees have been planted, a wildlife area has been created, a path along the side of the building has been laid along with a covered area boasting a state-of-the-art resin floor. These are just some of the changes that have been achieved by Chestnut

playgroup and which have already benefited the children as they learn about the natural world, healthy eating and enjoy their outdoor play in their new extended facilities.

The garden project initially started after Chestnut received "An area of outstanding practice" award for the provision of an outdoor/garden in their Ofsted inspection in 2004. The staff decided they wanted to make it even better and one of our parents, Kim Wendelken, put together some comprehensive plans for the

A vegetable patch for tots

re-landscaping. Dozens of fund-raising letters later, Chestnut dug their first hole by holding the initial volunteer Sunday, which was well attended by parents and staff, all keen to help. Gradually the garden project came together.

Chestnut playgroup would like to thank all the local companies and organizations that donated money and time to our project: these include Ablestik, the Anderson Benefaction, A&T Groundworks, Focus, Linton and district gardening club, Linton fire station, PFC Engineering, Ridgeons, Scotsdale, Sureset and TWI. A&T Groundworks gave up a Friday evening and with the help of a mini-digger dug out all the path and covered area for us; something no amount of volunteers could tackle with the hard earth! Gardening club members literally piled plants in boxes for us when I visited their plant sale and mentioned the project. Also, we would

like to include our thanks to the trustees of the Cathodeon Centre for supporting these changes and the patient users of the Cathodeon Centre, especially the Linton out of school club.

The garden was ready in time for Chestnut playgroup's family sports day, which was a great success. The races were run, the eggs were carried gingerly on the spoon and the legs were tied together for the obligatory three-legged race. All this accompanied by a BBQ, refreshments and fun, as well as giving parents a chance to appreciate the wonderful new garden.

Finally, a big thank you to the staff at Chestnut who drove this project and gave up their free time to dig, plant, paint and can now lay resin floors! Please take the time to look at the garden when you are next at the Cathodeon.

Kate Clark
894638

LINTON DIARY

To guarantee entry into this diary please ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office.

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

You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info

Weekly	
Slimming World, 7pm, Mondays	Cathodeon Centre
Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Ladies' netball, 7-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
Story Time, 2.15-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays	Village Hall
IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Linton Granta bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays	Rear of pavilion
Linton Radio Race Car club, 6-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Linton Theatre workshop, 7.30pm, Wednesdays	23 Bawtree Crescent
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm, Thursdays	Sports Centre
Little Acorns, 10-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays	Village Hall
Granta Badminton club, 8-10pm, Fridays	Sports Centre

August	
5 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
5 Gardening club show, 2.30pm	Village Hall
8 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
5 Reading group, 8pm	Dog and Duck
12 History outing, 1.30pm	Bartlow Church
12 Craft fair, 10am-2pm	Fire Station
13 Camera club, 10am	Village Hall
15 Granta playgroup holiday session, 10am	LVC Youth Centre
15 Summer storytime, 2.15-3pm	Linton Library
16 ACE lunch, 12 noon	Village Hall
16 CAMTAD hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
23 Granta playgroup holiday session, 10am	LVC Youth Centre
25 Blood donor session, 1-3.30pm and 4.30-7pm	Village Hall
31 Granta playgroup holiday session, 10am	LVC Youth Centre

September	
1-30 The Coloured Pencil Society	Darryl Nantais Gallery
2 Nearly new sale, 10am-2pm	Fire Station
2 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
3 Thurlow Fayre, 1-4pm	Thurlow Sportsground
5 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
7 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
7 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
9,10 Haddenham steam rally, 10am	Haddenham
9 Historic churches bike ride, 10am-6pm	Village Hall
12 WEA new term, 10-11.45am	Village Hall

Refuse collection: 7th, 21st August and 4th September.

Recycling collection: 14th, 29th August.

Library times: **Monday** Closed; **Tuesday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm; **Wednesday** 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Thursday** Closed; **Friday** 10.30am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, 6pm-8pm; **Saturday** 10am-12noon. **The Linton News can also be read online at www.linton.info**
 Extra copies may be obtained from BP garage on the by-pass.



The finished product reflects all the hard work

Picture by J Paterson

Have you seen Scamp

SCAMP is a long haired white and tan Jack Russell terrier. He was frightened by fireworks on the evening of 22nd July and ran away from home and has not been seen since.

If you see Scamp, who is wearing a brown leather collar with his telephone number on it, please call his owner, Sharon Smith 01799 501394 who is desperate to find him.

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Will changes mean improvement

AFTER five years of campaigning, Access 1307 still continues to maintain pressure on CCC Highways to improve safety on one of the county's most dangerous roads.

However, we have now been told that the road is too congested to introduce any physical improvements such as traffic lights or roundabouts in the 60mph sections of the road. Traffic lights have also been ruled out at the top of Linton High Street because "design limitations" would mean no parking in the High Street. The county council is still considering a speed limit review for the A1307 but is awaiting further instructions from the Department of Transport.

There are to be changes on the road and anyone who travels along the A1307 regularly cannot miss the array of cones near the entrance to the village college. The county council is at the present time building a new access road to the college through the centre of the playing fields, with a traffic-light controlled junction installed opposite the entrance to the industrial estate.

These traffic lights will be full time, but activated only by traffic accessing the college or the industrial estate. This improvement was part of the

planning permission for the Granta school and the junction profile has been computer simulated by the county council. They believe that there will be no excessive queuing, which would avoid rat-running through the villages.

As part of the same planning permission and to the relief of residents on the south side of the A1307, a pelican

crossing is to be installed on the side of the pedestrian refuge at the top of the High Street. It is believed that both the traffic lights at the college and the pedestrian crossing will improve drivers' ability to exit the High Street safely.

Many of us still remain very sceptical about what effect the lights will have on the surrounding villages and the

improvements for drivers exiting the High Street, so we await the inauguration at the beginning of September when the true effects will be seen.

Access 1307 will continue their campaign for more improvements; meanwhile please stay safe on the roads this holiday period.

Esther Cornell
access1307@btinternet.com



The characteristic interminable flow of traffic on the A1307

Picture by Ian Marshall

Newly formed band are runners-up



From left to right: Joe Williams, Ben Carter, Tom Norris and Ieuan Smith

Picture by Sam Stanton

ALTHOUGH they had been playing together for just four months, *My Toy Heart* came second against 14 other local bands in the annual 'battle of the bands' competition sponsored by Three Circles recording studio. Playing original pop-punk music they won their heat, decided by audience vote and four judges.

Sixteen-year-old drummer Ben Carter of Cherry Close, Linton said: "We only took five people with us but we got 40 votes." The finals were held at Saffron Walden town hall on 19th July.

Ben met up with Tom Norris, Joe Williams and Ieuan Smith when he played with *Running from Reason* at a rock night at Linton village college to raise money for the tsunami relief. The lads started playing together as *My Toy Heart* and have played at Cellar Bar 8, The Man on the Moon; Linton village college and The Junction.

Kate France
891602

Champion bowlers take trophy

Linton's finest: Sam and John receive the cup from Shirley Dimmock



Picture by David Stone

IT was a beautiful sunny afternoon when eight teams competed for the Derek Dimmock cup in a knock-out tournament. After a fiercely fought contest, Sam Agnew and John Harpur prevailed as winners, with runners-up Betty Meeks and David Stone each receiving a bottle of wine as compensation. Shirley Dimmock presented the cup to Sam and John before the players enjoyed a bring and share buffet tea.

June Bunn 891442

Murder mystery supper at Linton Village College

THE newly formed Linton Theatre Workshop is currently working on a new play written by Linton resident Karen Merrison. 'Murder by Bedpan' is a comical murder mystery in which the audience will be invited to take part as detectives in order to solve the murder.

The event, which will be held in Linton village college, will include a meal, and tickets will be on sale during September. Keep an eye out for further notices in

the local papers and around the village.

We are currently looking for new members to take part, on or off the stage: all ages and abilities welcome. Age is no barrier, we currently range from 25 to 67 and would welcome anyone who may be interested.

If you would like to be involved in this production please contact Emma on 890630.

Tricia Van-Linden

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Thank you but not goodbye

Dear Editor

May I take this opportunity via the Linton News to thank you all for the kind words and good wishes to myself and Julie over the last few weeks.

We have been running our shop for over 23 years, and for you, as well as us, it's been part of every day life in Linton. We are probably in a minority of people in Linton who know nearly everyone.

We are not retiring, just never going to work seven days a week again. It's been fun but we've had our sad times. You never get bored running a newsagents and you don't get that Friday or Monday morning feeling. We're looking forward to having a holiday or two and I'm looking forward to a few lie-ins. You say we will be greatly missed but you all know me, I don't blend into the crowd! We are not leaving Linton - I've been here since I was 14 as you will all be reading about; not my idea I might add.

Thank you all again for your good wishes - it's been a pleasure taking your money.
Les and Julie Westlake
Dovehouse Close.

Dear Editor

My thanks to all those who gave so generously throughout the village during the Christian Aid Week in May.

The total collected was £2242.80 a very encouraging result. This will bring resources to the poorest people in the world giving them hope for a brighter future.

Thank you.
Brenda Cole
Finchams Close
892286.

Dear Editor

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our charity walk.

The weather was not too hot and about 50 people took part. We collected £100 for the Milton Children's Hospice.

Daphne and Carol
Wednesday Brownies
Balsham Road.

Lead them into Wonderland

COULD you take a group of young children on a magical adventure ...



without even leaving the library? Yes? Then you could be the person we need to join us at Linton Library as a volunteer storytimer.

Whether you have experience, however informal, of sharing the magic of stories and rhymes with under-fives or you wish to learn more about it, please get in touch.

If you are interested or would like more information contact:

Anne Worthington,
(Librarian), Children's Team,
Cambridgeshire Libraries:
718359



A tour of Suffolk in pictures

ON a hot and steamy night last month, Linton WI enjoyed an alphabetical tour of places in Suffolk. Our speaker for the evening was Andrew Jackson who transported us around the county with enormous enthusiasm and wonderful slides.

We saw where Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the UK's first woman doctor, lived in Aldeburgh, where horse thief and smuggler Margaret Catchpole was born in Nacton, and where author Beatrice Potter's relatives lived at Long Melford Hall.

We also saw tithe barns, flintstone churches, Wicken Fen, Orwell Bridge and Nell Gwynne's house in Newmarket to mention but a few. How lucky we are to have so many beautiful and interesting places on our doorstep. It was a superb talk and much enjoyed by all members.

After refreshments, members were challenged by a quiz which had been arranged by David Champion who produced all the photos. The winner was Wendy Foster and friends. Our grateful thanks to David for all his hard work in providing this for us.

Ann Simpkin was in the chair as minutes were read and reports given on various visits and outings. A tea afternoon will be held on 24th August in the garden of June Bunn's house at the Crossway. The theme is "Pink".

Our next meeting is on 1st August when the speaker will be Doreen Whitelock who will tell us about musical boxes. The competition will be "Unravel the instruments". Friends and visitors always welcome.

Tricia Lewis 893609

Improvements for Chernigov

IN our last issue, we carried a letter from Mrs Jean Whitby and Mrs Rose Newman thanking people who helped to raise cash for a children's hospital at Chernigov in the Ukraine by supporting their sale of plants and knitted goods.

As a follow-up, Mrs Whitby has given us a report on her recent trip to Chernigov to hand over the money raised.

She and two friends from Great Chesterford flew out on 27th June and stayed at the flat of Dr Hanna Yakubova, who is head of Polyclinic No 2 in Chernigov. She handed Dr Yakubova £530, for which the doctor was very grateful and said would be spent on repairs to the hospital, particularly replacing the windows in the day centre.

Jean reports that the hospital annually deals with as many as 35,000 children, who suffer from diseases such as cancer and leukaemia, inherited from their parents who were all victims of fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The polyclinic is about the size of Addenbrooke's, but Jean says it is in very poor condition and much in need of repair. Ukrainians are very poor and Polyclinic No 2 is always seeking of funds.

If anyone should wish to help, they can contact Jean at 3 Chalklands, Linton, CB1 6JQ or call on 893645. Mrs Newman of Linton High Street is also involved in helping Polyclinic No 2 and can be contacted at 890739.

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Storytime for Teddies

LOOKING for something to do in the summer holidays? Bring your children along to the library for a Teddy Bears' Picnic storytime special at 2.15-3pm on Tuesday 15th August. There will be songs, rhymes, stories and craft activities for the under fives, and there might even be a treat to eat at the end! Older siblings are welcome to come along too.

Bring your teddy and join in the fun - it's free!

Hilary Crooks 894373

All the fun of Thurlow fayre

THIS year's Thurlow Fayre takes place from 1-4pm on the afternoon of Sunday 3rd September at Thurlow sportsground.

As usual, Thurlow Fayre offers activities for young and old alike. There's a bouncy army assault course and tug-of-war, a rodeo bull, archery, a reptile tent, live music, a fun dog show (class details on-line), Doc Spinoff and his circus tricks, face painting, Silly Billy Blue Hat, the local produce show and village corner, crockery smashing, a coconut shy, a bottle stall and lots more. And why not come along for lunch? Parking is free.

Car booters will be eager to come along from 11am to enjoy the popular quality car boot sale which runs alongside the Fayre.

For more information please go to www.thurlowfayre.org.uk or contact:

Dr Susanne White
01440 783757

A trip to Wyken Hall

HILDERSHAM WI members got into their cars on a beautiful summer afternoon for their June meeting. Armed with a map and instructions we headed towards Bury St Edmunds and Wyken Hall.

History revealed a settlement stretching back 6,000 years, having been a Roman settlement and also recorded in the Domesday Book. The hall dates from 1570, undergoing various changes over the years to what is today.

A very pleasant time was spent viewing and learning the historical and horticultural facts of the delightful Tudor gardens and meeting an interesting old breed of chickens and their chicks, plus peacocks wandering in the grounds.

Great fun was had in the maze, some taking the long way round and others the short way to the centre where we all gathered to view the gardens from the look-out tower. The outing was rounded off with a delicious afternoon tea.

After thanking Mrs Lynn Hartland for arranging a superb meeting we returned home.

Pamela Parris

Can you spare an hour a week

COULD you do a bit of shopping for someone? Pick up a prescription? Hang a picture? Have a cup of tea and a chat?

We want to start a befriending and support scheme for the elderly in Linton using volunteers to assist the less able in small, practical tasks and offer some friendly conversation. It won't take up much of your time but it could be a huge benefit for someone who is housebound. The scheme we are envisaging would complement the services for the elderly which already exist in Linton.

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Linton boys go to the palace party



Lucky brothers Scott and Adam on the Palace lawn

Pictures by Jane Catley

ON Sunday 25th June, I walked through the gates of Buckingham Palace and became part of our island's history.

I was one of the lucky thousand children who received an invitation to the Queen's 80th birthday party. I was allowed to take my brother, Scott and my mum to this historic event. As we walked through the palace gates it felt as if I was walking into the safest place in Britain. The

police had P99s! The palace itself looked spectacular with all its gold and portraits.

The gardens were full of characters from famous books. We watched scenes from *Wind in the Willows*, and *Treasure Island*, and we listened to JK Rowling and Philip Pullman reading from their books. Then I met my favourite author, Anthony Horowitz. I got his autograph and talked to him about his books and the Alex Rider film

that is coming out in July. We also met Michael Morpurgo.

But my favourite part of the afternoon was the show because most of the characters who were in the grounds took part. I thought the scene changes were very good. I especially liked it when the Blue Peter presenters dressed up as the Famous Five.

It was a day to remember. Adam Catley aged ten



Adam with Anthony Horowitz, and Scott with the Gruffalo



Fun for everyone

Pictures by Frances Reynolds

Top hot spot for tots

ARE you looking for something to do with your pre-school children over the summer? Granta playgroup may be able to help!

We will be holding three special sessions in August at our usual venue, the youth centre at the back of Linton village college. The sessions, on 15th, 23rd and 31st August will offer a range of play activities, indoors and out. Parents/carers will need to stay with their children (refreshments are available). All children from birth to five years are welcome, it is a particularly good opportunity for children who are new to the village or too young for playgroup to have a 'taster session'.

From September, we will be continuing our popular parent and toddler 'drop-in' groups. However, regular attenders should note a change to the age range for these

groups, which will now be as follows: Monday birth to three years; Tuesday 18 months and over; Thursday birth to three years. Newcomers are always very welcome! Tuesdays particularly are ideal for children who are going to be attending playgroup later, since it is a more structured session including craft activities and storytime.

As most of the children's parents will already be aware, our current building, the youth centre has been spared from the bulldozers for another term. We are now due to move out after Christmas - with our brand new building still scheduled for completion in January 2008.

For more information about the playgroup please see our website www.lintongranta-playgroup.co.uk or call:

Liz Crump
892471

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Denise McNamara
891161

Summer holiday fun!

THREE special Tatty Bumpkin activity classes have been arranged for the summer holidays. The classes will run at 10am on Mondays 14th and 21st August and will be held in the village hall. Should you require any further information or wish to book a place please contact:

Shonagh Shipp 01440 708809

Please continue to help Tigest

IN April the Linton Guides had a letter from Ethiopia explaining that Tigest Semenew is still too young for school but she helps the family by looking after younger children. We are told our sponsorship contributes towards health services and training in community skills for Tigest's family and the community.

Although April is the winter season, the temperature in Yilmana Densa, Northern Ethiopia was very high and the farmers were harvesting the crops and preparing for the rainy season to come.

Having completed a year of sponsoring Tigest, we feel we must continue. If you would like to help with this project, please think of special dates you would like to celebrate and send 60p for each day with the completed coupon below to Rosemary Turner at 1 Joiners Road, Linton. (Please deliver the envelope rather than post it.) Thank you for your help.

Kate France 891602

Name _____

Address _____

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Chosen Day _____

July's K-Club winners

JULY winners in the K-Club monthly draw were:

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Not a lot of people know that

HOW many of you have discovered that the name Sweet Talk News evolved from an anagram of Westlake after Les and Julie instigated a competition in the Haverhill Echo to resurrect the "shop with no name"?

Les and Julie, who in 1983 took over the shop (which previously sold model railways) and ran it as a newsagents and confectioners for more than 23 years, recently gave up a business which is at the hub of village life. Over the years they have employed hundreds of local children as deliverers, and several ladies in the shop, all of whom were thought to be Les's wife. Apart from child rearing, Julie, who really is Les's wife has worked along with him, although she let him do the early mornings. Their children all did paper rounds and daughter Holly also worked behind the counter.

Many of the older residents will remember that Les's parents ran the VG grocery store, previously on the site of the Tandoori restaurant, where from the age of 15 Les did evening deliveries. Amongst many other jobs, one of which lasted only half a day, Les was a painter and decorator and remembers painting the front of Tourant's shop.

During their time as custodians of Sweet Talk News there have been a few memorable incidents. In the storm of October 1987 when Dr Roger Bertram's wall was partly demolished by a falling tree, said tree missed the shop by less than three feet. On another occasion, a gentleman thought to be under the influence crashed his car through the front of the shop and embedded it in the adjacent house, luckily without injuring himself. Conversely, on the several occasions when Linton has been flooded, the shop has fortunately been above the floodline, but Les and Julie missed witnessing the major event in 2001 when they were enjoying an extremely rare holiday.

The last 23 years have been an enjoyable time for Les and Julie and they have retained all their original customers. Even the children know them by their first names and have given them many drawings to display, but there have been some downsides in recent years.

After assistant Jeanette Norton left in 2003 they didn't want to train anyone else so decided to sell the business; this is when their troubles started. Their problems with the bureaucrats began when they applied to convert the first floor to living accommodation. Les reports that although building regulations had been granted, on completion of the work they were informed that a separate fire escape was needed, for which there was no space. Furthermore, they discovered that because the shop had become a listed building during their ownership no separate front entry to



Les Westkake outside the shop that he ran with wife Julie for over 23 years.

Picture by Roger Lapwood

the first floor would be allowed. Thus the building was unsaleable as shop and dwelling.

These events were well-chronicled in the shop window and it was clear that the couple were very depressed by the situation. However, the story has a happy ending; Mr Jin Basra, who lives in Letchworth, and according to Les is a similar character to himself (help!) has made a seamless takeover and is running the business along similar lines.

Asked if they will miss their former life Les said: "No, definitely not the early rising," but Julie said she will miss the customers, particularly Albert, a large schnauzer who looked soulfully into her eyes before being given his owner's newspaper to carry. They are not retiring; they both hope to find gainful employment, but something a lot less demanding. Somehow it seems unlikely that we've seen the last of them!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Linton fire station craft fair...

LINTON fire station is holding a craft fair from 10am-2pm on Saturday 12th August. We have handmade chocs, a £1 and under stall, plus much more. Refreshments including sausage and bacon rolls will be available. For more info please contact:

Mags 891896

... and sale

LINTON fire station will also be holding a nearly new sale in aid of the neonatal unit at the Rosie maternity hospital from 10am-2pm on Saturday 2nd September. For more info or to book a stall please call:

Emma 01440 706117 or Mags 891896

Fishing news

THE annual fishing match for the Dog and Duck trophy took place on Sunday 2nd July with 16 entrants. The match was won by Bill Jacobs whose catch weighed in at 49 lbs; second was Andy Fosberry with Clive Raynor in third place.

A very enjoyable day was had by all, despite the temperature being 31 degrees. Landlord Bob Hackett of the Dog and Duck presented the winner with his prize the following Saturday. Next year the match will take place on Sunday 1st July.

Frank Sweeting

WEA - Autumn Term 2006

WE are pleased to welcome back Liz Carter as tutor for a ten week course entitled "Strong minded Women". These lectures follow a very enjoyable Spring term studying the Victorian household.

"Strong minded Women" will look at those in the Victorian era who were influential in many ways and changed the way society regarded women.

Term starts on Tuesday, 12th September. The lectures are open to all and take place in the Village Hall, Coles Lane, on Tuesday mornings 10 - 11.45am. Come along on 12th September or contact Leslie Allison for further details on 891154.

Anne Parry-Smith

History outings

THE Cambridgeshire Association for Local History continues with its summer excursions.

Please book by 4th August for the outing on 12th August to Bartlow Hills, St Mary's church and Ashdon museum (as detailed on last month's Linton News).

The September trip is a visit on 16th to Landwade and Madingley Hall. Bookings by 9th September please.

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Tiger cub twins make their debut

THE tiger cub twins born on 19th April are now very much out and about. Poor Deja, their mum, has certainly got her hands full with this pair!

The twins, a boy and a girl, are the result of careful planning and breeding programme co-ordination by the Amur tiger studbook keeper. These cats are seriously threatened with extinction in the wild and every captive-born cub is an important contribution to the



Tiger cubs pose for the camera
Picture by Nicki McLearnon

very low numbers. You can find out more about our tigers at the daily tiger conservation talk during the school holidays including weekends, usually at 2.15 pm. The four little lion cubs born on 7th May are also now spending more time outside and their playful antics keep our visitors entranced for hours.

The recent hot spell meant that people have not been visiting the zoo but our telephone was kept busy with press and media enquiries wondering how we were coping with the record temperatures. We explained that animal accommodation is built to cope with both weather extremes, including provision of shade and insulated houses. Pools are needed and plenty of fresh drinking water is essential. Our Brazilian tapirs are the only animals we have that need extra attention; an application of sun screen!

On 19th July, reckoned to be the hottest day, BBC TV

broadcast live from Linton Zoo on Look East news and News 24/7 with Amelia Reynolds, featuring Shannon and Tanya our tapirs having their sun tan lotion applied.

For details of our summer holiday programme of activities and keeper talks visit our website:

www.lintonzoo.com or phone 891308



Kim applies sun lotion
Picture by Malcolm Clarke

That fantastic Friday feeling

FANTASTIC weather, the biggest bouncy castles ever seen in Linton, model car racing, bar-b-que, swooping hawks, face painting, bar, live owls, popcorn and children's stalls all helped the annual Linton Heights' summer fair become a resounding success this year.

The great weather prompted an amazing turnout that helped to raise nearly £2,600 for the Friends of Linton Heights' school funds. The evening was also helped with attractions such as a children's football competition, coconut shy, tombola and a plant stall with well over 100 plants on sale.

The evening couldn't have been such a success without the great number of kind committee members and helpers. These very generous people gave their time to ensure that every stall was set up, manned all evening and then cleared up and put away again and we would like to thank all of you who helped on the night.

After many successful years, several of our committee members are leaving and we would very much like to recruit some new ones. We want you to provide us with new ideas, enthusiasm and help in all the activities that raise money for the school to buy things that they may not otherwise be able to acquire.

If you can help, please get in touch with:

Alan Jones on akjones@iee.org or 891818

Slugs visit school



(Left to right) Stanley Gregory, Emma Foster and Max Donnelly with their super-sized creepy crawlies

Pictures by Kim Simmons

NO one can deny the value of hands-on teaching and that learning is much more fun outside of the classroom. Knowledge is much more easily retained when taught in this way.

Every Wednesday year one children of Linton Infant school do something different and exciting to stimulate their interest in learning. On 14th June the five and six years olds and class teacher Mrs Claire Barnabas set off around the grounds of the school armed with bug magnifying viewers to investigate the wonderful world of native mini beasts. The children looked closely at ladybirds, spiders and other small creatures which they found. Mr Newman, deputy head of the infant school said: "this is all part of their integrated days science studies".

To the delight of the children this was further enhanced by a visit from Linton Zoo to show them some exotic mini beasts. The children were able to see and handle bigger and

more unusual bugs including a preying mantis, two giant land snails, giant millipedes, hissing cockroaches, Thailand stick insects, Philippines beauty insects, African dung beetles, Rhino beetles and bird eating spiders.



Year One students come face to face with a box of hissing cockroaches

The boys and girls were thrilled to see and handle these unusual creatures from around the world and one of the children, Stanley Gregory, said: "I've had the best day of my life!" For more information contact me:

Kim Simmons 891308

Maurice sets an excellent benchmark

"THE people following me couldn't believe it. I think they thought I was going to build a tree house," said Maurice Whiffin, the secret WI seat repairer.

Maurice, who often walks up Rivey Lane and along to the seat to admire the view, decided to replace the missing back panels sometime in April.

A group of walkers followed him up the hill when he took his epic journey laden with planks of decking wood, drill,

screws and saw. When he stopped for a breath by Rivey



Maurice Whiffin in action
Picture by Bel Griffiths

wood they stared, waiting for his next move. Maurice said they continued to keep a watchful eye while he measured and cut the wood before finally fixing the two new slats in place.

The WI is delighted with the repair and have asked Maurice to fix a plaque for them. And he's not stopping there. Maurice has plans for adding a footrest as the seat is 'a bit of a hop up.'

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A local jaunt



Two well-known businesses in Linton.

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ON Sunday 9th July members of the Camera club could be seen around the High Street taking photographs of Linton shops and businesses. The intention was to accumulate a good supply of pictures that could be used for a new village directory.



As the turnout was smaller than is usual, one of the members invited those present to meet for coffee in his conservatory where we had an informal but informative discussion on the various ways of transferring and editing digital photographs.

The next meeting will be in the upstairs room at the village hall, Coles Lane at 10am on Sunday 13th August. The group will be reviewing members' pictures and planning the October exhibition.

On 10th September the club will be visiting Peckover House in Wisbech.

For more information please contact Roger Lapwood on 891104 or Tracey Wilson on 891988 or visit our website www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk

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If you are having any problems in your area please update us as we are aware that the school holidays and hot weather can have an adverse effect on people's behaviour.

The first Police surgery took place on 18th July and another has already been planned at the Library at 3pm on Friday 18th August. Please come and have a chat with your Linton Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Dawn Brock PCSO 7051
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Visit Haddenham steam rally

THIS year's rally is the thirty-third at Haddenham, raising money for local causes and it promises to be the biggest yet. We have a wide range of attractions including the heavy horse show on the Sunday, full size and model steam engines, vintage vehicles of all types, stationary engines, bygones, crafts, trade stalls, working demonstrations and entertainment.

The rally takes place on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th September on the A1421, just north of Haddenham, near Ely. Gates open at 10am. Car park free.

More details can be found on www.haddenhamrally.com
Michael Pumfrey

New history award for young people

WITH increasing interest and education in our schools in subjects such as citizenship, people's roots and the history of our village or local community, the Cambridgeshire association for local history recently launched the Cambridgeshire Young Persons History Awards (CYPHA), to be presented for the first time in May 2007.

These are to be given in recognition of, and as a reward to, young people who have carried out history-related work in Cambridgeshire. The awards are open to young people aged 16 years and under, and to either individuals or groups. The main idea is for the awards to be as diverse and as inclusive as possible. There are four categories of entry based on the subject of the material studied.

The more young people become aware of and involved in the study and research of the history of their local community, the more it will enhance their sense of belonging and develop their citizenship skills. These young people are the archaeologists and historians of tomorrow; it is up to all of us to encourage and nurture their interest in the past and in local heritage today. We do hope that your local society, school or Girl Guides etc. will become involved in this exciting project. For further information and an entry form please contact:

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- i) The product of the ages is 36.
- ii) The sum of the ages is the same as the age of their Aunt.
- iii) The child with the red hair is at least a year older than either of the others.

A clue, even if the age of the Aunt is known, condition (iii) is needed.

Solution to No.19 - What are the Dimensions of a Tin Can?

Volume/radius is the cube root of 8 – hence 2. Thus the height of the can is the same as the diameter. (Height/radius = 2).

Urania

Charlotte's Chatroom

WITH all the recent publicity about the uselessness of the pensioners' bus pass in South Cambridgeshire Charlotte felt angry enough to write about her experiences.

Young people also being let down by public transport

EVERYONE, at least once in their life has experienced the wonder that is public transport. Recently however, for many people I know, the desire to use buses has fallen dramatically. Stagecoach has stated that it's trying to improve the quality of transport for everyone using their buses.

It's fair to say the quality of buses has increased...it's rare to see chewing gum on the seats, the colour of the décor has improved and we no longer fear falling over (embarrassingly) because of dents in the floor. But it's also fair to say that the fact that they've decreased the number of buses and, more worryingly, raised the price of a journey by a great deal is not the quality everyone was hoping for.

The return fare for a child (under 15) from Linton to Cambridge is £2.70. Under-15's have lived with this without complaint. However now it seems the single fare is increasing by the week. The last time I took the bus from Linton to Hildersham, my stop, the fare was £1. It takes 20 minutes to walk that distance, so I think it's safe to say I won't be paying that fare any longer.

A close friend of mine recently used her school bus pass to get from the college to her house in Abington. Her pass was refused and she had to stand arguing with the driver for several minutes. She was eventually able to use her pass but was obviously outraged, and wrote a relevant letter to Stagecoach.

This is not an article to promote the use of cars and stop people from using public transport, because I'm a believer that cutting down on car fumes is going to make the world a better place, but it feels like we're being cheated for helping the environment and making the roads safer.

Charlotte Westdijk

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IT is nearing the end of my second term at LVC and it is an ideal time to take stock. The SATs results are trickling in; current Year 9 have just broken all previous records for the number of students achieving Level 5 or above in Maths and /or Science, 92% this year in Maths and 93% in Science. And we thought last year's exam results were good! These are 5% better!

These new results confirm a belief; that things can and will keep getting better at LVC and it was with this thought in mind that the senior team wrote our ambitious College Improvement Plan recently. The plan sets out the ways, over the next three years, that we can build the capacity to achieve and sustain exceptional quality. We have a single mission: to be an outstanding village college.

Readers might be interested to read about a few of the areas we are going to work on.

As you know we are a Business and Enterprise college, but in 2008 we get the opportunity to adopt a second specialism. One of our ambitions, therefore, will be to secure this second specialism. This will bring additional resources to the college and enable us to broaden our curriculum even further.

We are also keen to become a lead trainer of teachers. Strong partnerships with training providers, such as Cambridge University, bring us many benefits. We learn about our own teaching as we mentor trainees, we keep in touch with educational research and we sometimes get the chance to have first pick of the trained graduates during the recruitment phase. We want the very best teachers to want to work here and I'm sure they will if they find out while they are training how delightful our students are and how supportive their colleagues will be.

Of course the building work features in the improvement plan and what an improvement that will be when it is finally completed! We are also keen that our partnerships with other schools, and our new partnership with the Granta school, continue to strengthen and bring mutual benefits.

The plan also looks very closely at the needs of children in the classroom. We are fine-tuning our understanding of what outstanding teaching and learning looks like in all of the training sessions we run this year. We are also developing strategies and resources to meet the needs of any children identified as underperforming and to intervene early to address their needs. In addition we are identifying students who are gifted (ie very bright) or talented (ie very good at something) and doing all we can to provide an education which stretches and supports them.

Finally, we are working on the ways we communicate with everyone; to run student and parent forums on a range of issues, to develop year handbooks for parents, to keep the Principal free for Friday's parental surgery, to improve our website, to publish a more attractive prospectus and to inform parents about events in a more timely way.

And if we get to be truly outstanding we still won't be satisfied

Caroline Derbyshire Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/1212/06/F Highcliffe Properties Ltd., Land R/O 16 and 18 Back Road, Linton. Bungalow and garage.
- S/1283/06/LB Mr & Mrs Richardson Woodville Cottage, 29 Cambridge Road, Linton. Alterations, replacement of kitchen floor and removal of lobby to ground floor bathroom. Installation of partitions on first floor landing to create shower room/WC.
- S/1301/06/F Mr & Mrs P Cintract, 18 Parsonage Way, Linton. Extensions.
- S/1336/06/F Ford Construction, 4 Bartlow Road, Linton. Erection of 5 dwellings.
- S/1345/06/F S G Impey, 1A Hillway, Linton. Erection of 2 bungalows and garage following demolition of existing bungalow and garage.
- S/1360/06/O D Fairey, Land R/O Newdigate House, Horseheath Road, Linton. Erection of 8 dwellings and garages.
- S/1376/06/F Dr P Mitchell & Miss T Tait, 9 Horseheath Road, Linton. Extension.
- S/1410/06/F Mrs A M Stansall, 101 High Street, Linton. Extension.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

The Sweet Talk News site at number 77 High Street

LES Westlake's departure from Sweet Talk News after more than twenty three years in business there made me think that I should write something about the history of the site. When Linton was enclosed in 1840 there was already a grocery shop at number 75 High Street owned by John Kidman. He lived at the manor house at the bottom of Green Lane and owned numerous properties in Linton.

The shop was located within the house and rented out to two spinster sisters, the Misses Stallibrass. There was only a garden area where the present Sweet Talk News now stands. Sometime after 1840 a new shop was built on this garden area fronting the High Street.

Thomas Jay of Saffron Walden purchased the house and new shop in 1886 for £400 and rented it to his son-in-law, Alfred Jabez Backler. He was a grocer and draper married to Jay's daughter Elizabeth. Thereafter the Backler family added the name Jay to the christian names of male members of the family. The couple inherited the property in 1888



A view to Backler's general store taken pre 1914

Picture courtesy of Cambridge collection

and the Backler family carried on their grocery business here until 1973.

Every person I talk to about Linton in former times recalls the Backler store which was known as the General Stores. The shop was successful because it stocked many high quality grocery items, and additional trade was drawn in by the acquisition of the Gilbey wines and spirits licence after 1896. The off-licence trade was a valuable source of income. The family lived in the Bartlow

Road at Burtle Villa, later known as Kenwood House.

William Jay Backler sold the house and shop in 1973 for £8000. In 1978 the house at number 75 was purchased by Vic Jeeves and separated from the shop site. There had always been access to the shop from the house, so this separation caused problems since there was no rear access to number 77.

People have fond memories of Linton's railway shop, the Signal Box which traded on

this site from 1979 until 1983. Alan Lawley used the upper floor for his business of designing structural steelwork. The main shop premises was entirely devoted to model railways and it became one of the largest rail stockists in the region. Alan sold railway goods supplied by the four main British manufacturers – Hornby, Airfix, Mainline and Bachman. Continental stock came from Marklin and Fleischmann.



The inside of the shop when it was the Signal Box

Picture by Alan Lawley

In 1983 Les Westlake bought the shop and set up his newspaper business. A competition was organised to suggest a name for his new shop and Sweet Talk News emerged as the winner.

LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

Where are you now?

IT was a beautiful summer evening, and I hope the very nice couple out walking were not too startled by my semi-hidden presence halfway up the hill. You see, my daughter had walked the same path hours before and alerted me to a young fruit-bearing tree with leaves she described as "having strange funny warts"!

Well past the tree on my left, the vantage point allows perusal of a landscape dominated by a string of pylons. Pan the hillside, follow the rich green river line towards Hildersham and watch long sun rays hit silos that sparkle like silver tankards. Here the rooks, pigeons and starlings come to roost in the woods behind, and where, whilst bats sweep the tops of crops, one may catch a glimpse of a curious fox, owl or deer. From here, I could see the silvering moon and forge a view of life which denies any impiety.

Young Jack came to convalesce after an abrupt encounter with a window pane. Clearly,

the accident had left him bruised and confused, but although with wing and claw damaged his sense of survival was evidently intact. A month of intense tender loving care would not persuade him towards a more domesticated, sedentary life. Instead, his determination to return to the wild grew more extreme as his wings grew ever stronger. With new feathers sprouting and a continuous search for a weak point in his cage he was never going to be a pet, the easy life was not for he! Freedom at any cost, and who could blame him?

During his six week stay Jack never uttered a note nor cry. No typical staccato sounds or phrase of melodious imitation, for Jack is a bird of few

caws! Generally Jackdaws, *Corvus monedula* tend to be rather vocal, intelligent rogues and like other members of the corvine family are real scroungers and gangsters of the skies. They steal eggs and chicks, but woebetide those attempting such action upon the corvines. The day came for Jack's leap back into the big bird world. I looked into his beady

eyes and said my goodbyes. He launched himself into a short but successful flight, landing on a low lime tree bough. Moments later he flew to a higher point and gathered his bearings before swooping down over my head in a farewell gesture, rising into the summer

evening sky, and was gone. Next time you see that big grey shrouded bird on your rooftop or by the road-side picking at the fallen rabbit, it might be Jack!

Oh! and that tree? I believe it to be a black walnut. The strange wart-like bumps are perhaps known as bull's-eye leaf spots caused by an intriguing little Christmas-tree-shaped fungus called *crustulariella*. I came to this conclusion by a process of deduction. Three other common leaf problems occur on walnut. They are *anthracnose*, *white mould* and *walnut caterpillar*, but I stand to be corrected.

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Parish Council Matters

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Linton District Archive Project

LINTON, and the villages that surround it, are steeped in a fascinating history and although many of these now have websites to display some information, the only place where detailed documentation can be found is in the Cambridgeshire Collection. This data is not easily accessible and does not contain information obtained by the village history societies, or supplied by the local residents. We have a wonderful community where many men fought and lost their lives in WW1 and WW2 but nowhere to go to show details of this to future generations. There isn't a building to house the artefacts, photographs, books, maps and details of

each village in manner to which they can be shared and enjoyed.

During April, the Parish Council was notified of the pre-planning application for the village college and after the building works have been completed in 2010 most of the original 1937 structure will be used for community education and office space. Following the notification, I contacted Caroline Derbyshire to enquire if there would be space for a historical archive within the building project. From an educational context, if the archives could be stored and displayed in a suitable room they would then be available to the students at the village college



The old Linton Library building at LVC

and the local feeder schools who would then have access to valuable information linked to their history courses. However, these archives could also be open to the general public. Over recent years there has been a great revival of interest in the history of the local area and with the increase in budding genealogists, it is important that the community should be given greater access to local sources. The success of the recent Linton Photographic Exhibition has shown how important these are and if a resource room could be found it would be a great asset for all the local villages.

On the 14th June, Enid Bald, Garth Collard and I met with

Caroline Derbyshire to discuss a Linton and District archive and the restoration of the original 1937 building. The meeting was very productive; the old library would be considered most suitable for the archive. We are now exploring avenues of funding for both the archive and the restoration of the village college and will keep you all informed.

The history of this area is one of its greatest assets and I believe that you only realise its full potential when it can be shared with the community. If you would like any further information on this proposal do not hesitate to contact me via the Parish Office.

Esther Cornell

Meet your new Councillor David Willingham

I was born in 1976 in East London, where I have lived the majority of my life. I went to Aston University in Birmingham where I read Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, and subsequently I read for a Masters Degree in VLSI Systems Design at the University of Westminster, London. I then spent two years living and working in Bristol for a major international semiconductor company. About eighteen months ago, I was employed by ARM Ltd, of Cherry Hinton.

Although I grew up in the city, I had enough opportunities to learn to enjoy and appreciate the British countryside and I enjoy mountain biking, and hill walking. At University I also had the opportunity to participate in mountaineering expeditions to Europe and climb in the Alps and Dolomites.

During my time living in London, I was a local

campaigner for improved facilities for cyclists. I was asked to join a local residents association where, as secretary, I assisted them to lobby the local government to improve our area. We successfully forced Network Rail to remove litter from their land around local stations, and working with conservation volunteers and the local authority, we removed a large amount of waste that had been fly-

tipped into a local water course, saving the authority a substantial amount of public money, and restoring the local environment.

I moved to Linton about six months ago, and found it a great place to live.

I saw that the presence of a Co-op store in Linton provided an opportunity for the village to try to achieve 'Fairtrade' status. I therefore attended the public forum of the Parish Council and successfully

asked them to consider this idea. I also lobbied our District Councillors, and was pleased that they took the idea to SCDC who also agreed to investigate 'Fairtrade'.

I decided to stand for Parish Council because I have interest in local politics and would like to make a difference; so now as well as being a campaigner, I also have to listen to residents concerns and take part in the difficult decisions. I intend to be constructive in any criticism to propose solutions to problems rather than to just complain about things. I also understand that it's the small problems in life that can cause far more irritation, and that solving the little problems can make a big difference to the local community. I am glad to be a member of the strong team of Parish Councillors who serve Linton.



Councillor David Willingham

David Willingham

Growing Concerns



Here is another picture of complaints to the council of hedges taking over the footpath.

At the moment these are being passed to the district and county councils to deal with

Picture by Wiggles

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MINUTES of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 15th June 2006. Public Forum

M^r D Nantais representing Chalklands Residents Association (CRA) asked if and when the lime trees in the Cemetery bordering the bungalows will be trimmed. C^{llr} Potter replied that we are awaiting a quotation regarding this work and when it is received a decision will be made. M^{rs} Simpkin (CRA Rep) asked for an update on the bus stop in Back Road. C^{llr} Batchelor replied that it had been agreed in principle but we were awaiting a site visit. M^{rs} Simpkin also had concerns regarding the condition of the path in Rivey Lane and gardens encroaching onto Rivey Lane. C^{llr} Potter replied that J Cooper, Senior Footpaths Officer was aware.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2006 were approved and signed. C^{llr} Potter asked that any complaints regarding hedges, footpaths and holes in roads and footpaths should be sent to the office with details of the exact location e.g. house numbers etc. and then the appropriate action could be taken.

There was no report from the police. C^{llr} Urwin was concerned regarding the lack of information from the police and asked that they be requested to send a monthly report.

Report from the CC Batchelor reported that the interactive signs between Haverhill and Linton should be fully operational in the next few days. The traffic lights at LVC and the crossing at the top of the High Street are due to be installed by the end of August. The road surface of Coles Lane is due to be dealt with next week. Following the consultation on public transport earlier in the year it was agreed that villagers wanted a reliable bus service. It had been envisaged that a shuttle bus would run to collect from villages and transport to Linton where a direct bus could be caught.

Report from DC Bear had nothing to report, DC Batchelor reported that there had been significant changes at SCDC due to recent election results. The Conservative

party now had control of the Council and the Lib Dems had withdrawn from the Cabinet. The Lib Dems are the official opposition and DC Batchelor is leader.

The Flaxfields Project has failed to gain funding and prospects are not looking good for future funding. Hereward Housing are keen to progress with their refurbishment plans and will put in extra funding. There are two new options to proceed:

1. There could be some element of capital released by the rental of 25 units and shared ownership of 15 units. Or
2. 14 rented, 13 low cost and 13 shared ownership.

All parties are keen to progress. DC Batchelor reported that following a meeting of Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y) the Drop-in Centre will reopen Mondays from 26th June. An outreach worker will be provided from LA4Y funds.

Written reports from Council Representatives.

C^{llr} Rossiter reported on her recent meeting as a CALC representative. A report is available. The issue of footway lighting had been discussed. It was also suggested that precept meetings be held in December when more information would be available. QPS was discussed and C^{llr} Rossiter suggested that the clerk 'hurry up' and gain the required qualification to enable Linton to apply. C^{llr} Rossiter asked DC Batchelor if and when patch meetings were held. DC Batchelor replied that patch meetings were for CC officers and were not open to parish councillors. C^{llr} Rossiter drew attention to a workshop regarding Land Registry which she thought may be of use regarding the ownership of the land between the river and Granta Leys. C^{llr} Urwin suggested that the Granta Leys footpath should be put on an agenda prior to the precept meeting. C^{llr} Gee reported that cemetery fees and burial policy required clarification and will be put on the next agenda. Clerk will contact Paintins Funeral Directors to ask their advice.

The Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 30th May 2006 were considered. The earlier planning

committee meeting had not taken place due to not being quorate.

Correspondence for discussion

Item 3 - C^{llr} Cornell reported that she was unable to attend the meeting regarding congestion in Cambridge

Item 8 - Regarding the annual results which showed that Cambs Police achieved the biggest drop in violent crime C^{llr} Urwin was concerned that not all crimes were being reported.

Item 30 - Boundary wall between 16 Mill lane and Camping Close. Clerk to contact the school to for an update.

Item 36 - Wall between Green Lane and Mill Lane. For public safety reasons which wall and if it is dangerous.

Concerns regarding Stansted Airport - Proposal: Linton Parish Council supports Stop Stansted Expansion. C^{llr} Rossiter presented her argument for the proposal. C^{llr} Rossiter said residents expect the Parish Council to be concerned about the future of the village. C^{llr} Gee felt that it is a personal matter and the Parish Council should not be making a decision en masse. After much discussion a vote on the proposal took place. A proposal that Linton Parish Council supports Stop Stansted Expansion was carried. It was agreed to write to Uttlesford District Council expressing our concerns.

Matters arising from the Minutes of meeting of 1st June not already listed

Item 21 - A report on the recent A1307 meeting will be given at the next meeting.

Item 23, 86 - re Charter 88. C^{llr} Cornell had met with MP James Paice who reported that some items within the bill required clarification however the main part appeared to be positive.

Item 24 - re Archive room. C^{llrs} Cornell and Bald and M^r G Collard met with Caroline Derbyshire, Head of LVC, regarding an archive room at LVC. It is hoped that a room can be provided for use, a further meeting will follow to discuss funding.

Item 21, ix) - DN has agreed to continue editing the Parish Matters page until further notice.

The meeting closed at 21.45

MINUTES of the meeting of Linton Parish Council held on Thursday 6th July 2006 held at the Cathodeon Centre. Open Forum

Representatives from Chalklands Residents Association (CRA) asked that priority be given to tree work on the west side of the cemetery. M^r Edgar von Senker, a botanist, has serious concerns regarding the condition of the trees on this side. The Clerk replied that following a meeting with John Hellingsworth, former tree officer at SCDC quotations for this work have been sought.

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2006 were approved and signed. C^{llr} Linsdell reported that Stagecoach will be operating the shuttle service between villages.

Reports from Co-ordinators: Open Spaces - C^{llr} M Clay reported that the mound on the A1307 at the junction with Horseheath Road has now been cut. C^{llr} Rossiter expressed her concerns regarding the protection of orchids growing on the verge close to LVC. It was agreed to contact CCC Highways.

Recreation Ground - M^{rs} P Kenyon had previously distributed a report. The Clerk reported that the Environmental Agency were due to check a report of 'milky' water running into the river.

Cemetery - C^{llr} M Gee. It was agreed from 1st September 2000:

To increase the cemetery charges by 10% to the nearest £5

Headstones in ashes plots should not exceed 18 square inches

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Grants of Exclusive Right of Burial would be the same for adults and children

A charge of £20 will be implemented for additional inscriptions on memorials

A charge of £20 will be implemented for replacement memorials

Rights of Way - D^r J Rossiter had issued a report

Venture Playground - C^{llr} B Hammett highlighted the repairs required for the skate ramp. The Clerk reported that an insurance claim has been sent but it is not yet known if

we will be successful. It was agreed that on this occasion it should be repaired as soon as possible however if vandalism continued the situation would be reviewed.

Leadwell Meadows - D^r J Rossiter had issued a report. It was agreed to arrange for Hogs Holme Meadow to be cut by the end of July. C^{llr} Cox suggested that Herald be asked to confirm by email when various works in their contract have been done. C^{llr} Gee will try again to contact the trustees of the Grip Meadows.

Glebe Land - D^r J Rossiter had issued a report

Churchyard - D^r B Cox reported that a document is being prepared to send to the Diocese and English Heritage regarding proposed work. Proceedings can be brought against a local authority if a closed churchyard is not properly maintained through lack of funds. Any new work requires permission. C^{llr} Cox proposed, it was seconded by C^{llr} Gore and agreed by the meeting to accept the quotation for £3,236 from South West Nurseries for repairs to the flint wall.

Communications - C^{llr} M Gee reported that this group hope to meet soon.

A1307 - C^{llr} E Cornell had previously distributed a very detailed report.

Appointment of Internal Auditor. M^r A Fair was reappointed as Internal Auditor

Consideration of Adoption of Annual Return for 2005/2006 to include Statement of Assurance. The Annual Return and the Statement of Assurance were adopted and signed.

Correspondence list - of particular interest

Item 37 - South West Nurseries - quotation - was discussed under 42 viii)

Item 48 - SCDC regarding Coles Lane car park - noted

Item 52 - SCDC Local Development Framework - Objection sites etc. It was agreed to contact both District Councillors to seek their advice regarding this very large document. This item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Item 54 - Clever Curves - quotation regarding the skateboard ramp - was discussed under 42 v)

Item 56 - CCC letter re street

lighting maintenance - noted Item 58 - email re untidy area of High Street and grass cutting - It was agreed to contact the Co-op regarding the build up of rubbish etc in Green Lane particularly in view of the extra traffic using the Lane due to construction work.

Matters arising from the Minutes of 15th June not already listed

C^{llr} Cornell reported that a response indicating that he was not in total support had been received from James Paice MP regarding Charter 88.

Under Item 24 - archive room. C^{llr} Cornell reported that Dan Schumann has suggested some funding routes for this project and more information will be available following the next meeting due to be held in September.

C^{llr} Cox reported that following advice from NALC legal note 176 was still valid. This clarifies the position regarding voting by the Chair.

Reports from Councillors (for information only)

C^{llr} Cornell reported on the recent visit to Dalehead Foods Ltd. The visit had been very informative and a helpful discussion had taken place.

Dalehead are experiencing problems with their recent planning application. SCDC are not being particularly helpful. CCC Highways have suggested major changes to the road layout. The cost of which, in the region of £400,000, to be met by Dalehead.

C^{llr} Bald reported that Stantons Lane Bridge is now almost complete however due to the very hot weather some of the planks have buckled and will need to be replaced. Until this work is completed CCC will still be responsible for the bridge. Quotations for fencing along the Granta Leys side of the river are being sought and planting schemes are being developed.

The Heritage Trail being developed by the History Society is under way and some funding may be available. The Parish Council may be required to give their formal support. Under their delegated planning powers the PC may be able to erect small plaques. C^{llr} Cox reported that J Hellingsworth, Tree Officer at SCDC has retired.

The meeting closed at 21.45

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