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A letter from The Palace



BACK in June the whole country was celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the children at Linton Granta Playgroup were no exception. So when some of the children wanted to do drawings for Her Majesty, playgroup leader Karen decided to send them to Buckingham Palace. Much to everyone's surprise and delight, the playgroup got a letter back, pictured here, thanking the children for their lovely artwork. "It was such a thrill to open the envelope and see the Buckingham Palace headed notepaper," said Karen. "I am so impressed that Buckingham Palace took the time to recognise our children's enthusiasm for the Jubilee. Each child has been given a copy of the letter to keep, including those who've now gone up to school and it will be a wonderful memento for them all of a very special time."

If you're interested in a place for your child at Linton Granta Playgroup, please contact Kirsten Butler on 890861 or e-mail: info@lintongrantaplaygroup.org.uk for admissions information.

Siobhan Godwood

Storylab attracted lots of readers this summer



Just some of the many successful readers with Councillor Tricia Bear and library staff at Storylab this summer. We are sorry that we cannot fit them all into the picture.

Pictures taken by Roger Lapwood

OVER 100 children in the Linton area completed this year's summer reading challenge – Storylab – at Linton library. Congratulations to all who completed and very well done to these reading champions.

Thank you to Cllr Tricia Bear, who kindly supported our sunny awards

morning on 15th September by presenting medals to children at the library. Grateful thanks also, to Linton parish council for supporting the summer reading challenge too.

Anne Worthington, librarian,
Children's & Young People's Team

Introducing Barry Easton

THE Beacon Community Trust was founded in April 2008 as a joint project between the three churches in Linton to promote youth and community work in and around Linton.

On 1st September the trust was delighted to formally appoint Barry Easton as our new lead youth worker.

Barry is a familiar face and personality to many of the young people in our village but for those of you who have not encountered this lively and charismatic young man, let me introduce you....

Barry was trained in youth work at the Centre for Youth Ministry based at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. Barry lives in the village with his wife Lydia and equally lively three-year-old daughter Florence.

Since coming to St Mary's in 2009 he has been developing a

vibrant, wide-ranging ministry including the more traditional Monday evening youth group, Impact; Mocha Soccer where boys and girls play footie with Barry and chat informally, to Streetspace, a radical project where Barry and his team of volunteers wander through the streets of Linton in the evening to meet, and form relationships with young people from all walks of life. With his appointment Barry hopes to build and expand these projects.

At 6.30pm on 18th November the Beacon Trust is hosting a special service at St Mary's church to celebrate Barry's appointment. Please join us then, or for more information about Barry or the youth groups available please contact Barry on barryeaston32@hotmail.com

Esther Cox
esthercox01@gmail.com



Barry Easton, the new lead youth worker.

Picture supplied by Esther Cox

Linton's very own Jeeves

THESE days, if you hear the word butler, you would be forgiven for immediately thinking of Downton Abbey, ITV's hit period drama set in the home of the aristocratic Crawley family. Butlers, valets and gentlemen's gentlemen are seen as a thing of the past by many people but in reality the profession is very much alive.

Meet local man Jack Glossop. Some of you may know him through this publication, where he is a sub-editor and interviewer; others may know him from his time as manager of the Dog and Duck pub. Either way, he has left his old life behind to pursue a career in private service.

Modern butlers are quite far removed from the stereotype; many have hung up their tailcoats and white gloves and perform as executives on large estates. Training in this line of work has changed as well. In the past, the most challenging task a butler might perform was to clean a chandelier but these days he might be required to recruit crew for luxury yachts, arrange maintenance for



Jack Glossop, butler in the making.

Picture supplied by Jack

private jets and even keep US presidents entertained when visiting foreign embassies.

Jack is currently studying at the International Butler Academy in the Netherlands. The Academy was set up in 1999 by Robert Wennkes, widely regarded as the world leader in the field and a butler himself for some thirty years. The Academy has quickly gained a reputation as the most prestigious training organization in the world, with students travelling from every corner of the globe. Whilst a great deal of the activity at the academy is shrouded in mystery (butlers are privy to highly confidential information and thus discretion is essential) the curriculum is designed to give students the best possible start in what is

a challenging but potentially extremely rewarding career.

We look forward to catching up with Jack in the future and in the meantime we will just have to iron the newspaper ourselves.

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Village hero



Picture taken by Roger Lapwood
VILLAGE hero Susan Anderson was a runner-up in South Cambridgeshire District Council's annual community pride scheme, for her work as village tree warden for the past 30 years, helping riding for the disabled for over 20 years, a Brownie leader, show secretary for the gardening club, former parish councillor and fund raiser for the NSPCC.

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Stanley Page in his garden
Picture taken by Roger Lapwood

Fourth time best garden winner

FOR the fourth time Stanley Page of 124 Chalklands won the best garden award for Linton and South Cambridgeshire tenants. Many congratulations to him for all his hard work.

LNT

Too good for jumble ...

HOW do you fancy a decorated silver teaspoon from Calgary – maybe for a Christmas present? Other items available are the BT answerphone Quartet 1500 with instructions, the table model Hi-spot minitec patio heater (19in high) with refillable propane gas cylinder and eight demijohns and some winemaking equipment.

Offered for free: Small quantities of polystyrene chips.

The bed settee raised £35, split between the Poppy Appeal, ACE and a little for Linton district Guides. The chest sold for £30, given to WaterAid.

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

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

Pulse 3K run raises funds for cancer



Bethany and friends run in memory of Jessica

Picture by Darren Wrenn

ON Sunday 7th October we ran in our age categories through Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens, on a lovely (very muddy) sunny morning running the Pulse 3K run to raise money for the Bone Cancer Research Trust, in loving memory of my sister, Jessica Gower, who died aged 14 with primary bone cancer. Our team name was Team Jess Juniors and comprised of: myself (Bethany), Issy, Chloe,

Lauren, Luke (Jessie's Cousin) and Harry.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their kind and loving donations. We all completed the course in under 20 minutes and so far have raised £1,400 with money still coming in.

Thank you again from myself and all the Team Jess Juniors.

Bethany Gower

Women's Aid outreach worker

THIS year the Locality Team and Conkers Children's Centre (both part of the county council's children's services) are funding a Women's Aid outreach project in the Sawston and Linton area.

The outreach worker's name is Anne Keyes and she works for Women's Aid – an independent charity run by women to help other women and children who are affected by domestic abuse. For four days a week Anne works at the Women's Aid outreach office in Cambridge (tel 361214) and now she also works for the equivalent of one day a week in the Sawston and Linton area to see families locally so that they don't have to travel into Cambridge.

Anne will establish a support group for survivors and meet women one-to-one to give advice. She will also run workshops at John Huntingdon's Charity in Sawston from 11am to 1pm on Thursdays (dates to be announced) regarding issues such as housing and benefits, legal advice with a fully trained solicitor, training and back to work, debt management and budgeting.

Anyone who has questions or wants her help can speak to Anne confidentially on 361214 or 0758 246 4317 or email anne@cambridgewa.org.uk

Anyone can experience domestic abuse - it can happen in all kinds of relationships and backgrounds. For more information look at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/safercommunities/domestic/

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Year 6 take a trip to France



A spectacular day of excitement, happiness and baguettes

Picture by Jennifert Malone

ON the 21st September, the Year 6 pupils at Linton Heights woke up at 4am and went to school for a school trip to France. At 5.15am we waved goodbye to our parents and set off on one double-decker coach to Folkestone.

It was Ethan's birthday; what a great way to spend the day. Some of us were eating our breakfast, lunch and dinner in the morning because we were so hungry. It took us two and a half hours to get to Le Shuttle from Linton Heights.

Once we got to France, we went to the market in Guines and had ten Euros each to spend. We were able to practise our French at the market when we bought a variety of things like cheese, fruit, French bread, cakes, flowers, sweets and watches.

After lunch we visited a museum. It was an amazing place. We saw models of people made of wax and they looked like real people. Creepy! We also got to dress up, play traditional French board games and play with swords, shields and chain mail.

After the museum, we went to the beach in Calais and played rugby and other games on the sand. Finally we went back to the coach and through the tunnel home. We arrived home at 8.30pm. The Year 6 pupils were exhausted but very happy. "It was the best school trip ever!" said Josh.
Written by Ethan Mould and Gokhan Salman in Year 6

Friends of Granta School Christmas fair

THE Friends of Granta School are holding their annual Christmas fair from 1.30pm - 4pm on Saturday 17th November.

There will be a wide range of stalls including crafts, gifts, cakes, jams and books. Refreshments will be available and music will be provided by the children of St Faith's School, Cambridge.

All money raised will help to provide the students of Granta school, a special needs school, with equipment and activities which would otherwise not be available to them.

Recently FOGS have

provided funds for the purchase of mugs and decorations for the school's Jubilee party, play equipment including space hoppers and scooters, sport's kit for the Boccia team and much more.

In the summer the pupils were able to enjoy an activity day with visits from Ark Farm, the Stardome Planetarium, JeZo's Circus skills and a storyteller. For the immediate future, FOGS aims to finance a Christmas outing and present for every student.

Annette Leeman,
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Monthly jazz performances at the Dog and Duck

A NEW series of monthly live jazz performances is beginning at the Dog and Duck pub in Linton. They will take place at 3pm on the first Sunday of every month and are part of regular events being hosted at the pub since the new landlords took residence in July.

The jazz performances are being run by new Linton resident, jazz singer/pianist Robin Phillips. Each month the live jazz performances will feature Robin on piano and vocals, supported by acoustic bass and saxophone. Robin will be joined by various local jazz musicians including saxophonists Hannah Horton and Jim Free, and bass players Louis Thorne and Dave Olney.

Robin is a professional jazz musician who performs every week in London's West End and has recently relocated to Linton with his wife and young daughter. As well as performing across London's jazz scene, he is a resident performer at some of London's most prestigious venues, including the Savoy and the Dorchester.

The current season of jazz performances at the Dog and Duck will take place on 4th



Listen to jazz and enjoy your Sunday lunch with Robin's music

Picture supplied by Robin Phillips

November and 2nd December. The pub hosts a range of real ales and serves roast lunches every Sunday between 1pm and 4pm. Bookings can be made by calling the pub on 893171. More information about the jazz performances can be found at www.repmusic.co.uk

Robin Phillips, email robin@repmusic.co.uk

Remembrance service on Remembrance day

THIS year's Remembrance service will be held at St Mary's church at 2.30pm on Sunday 11th November, everyone is welcome.

A concert

A CONCERT for adults and children by music students from the University of Cambridge is being held in St Mary's Church at 7 pm on Friday, 23rd November. Adults £5. Children accompanied by adult free.

Margaret Clark

Linton Granta playgroup Christmas fair

GET the festive season off to a fun start with a visit to the Linton Granta playgroup Christmas fair from 2-4pm on Saturday 1st December.

This year we are back at the popular venue of the village hall and there will be lots of great stalls, refreshments, a tombola, crafts for children and of course Santa's Grotto.

All proceeds go to provide equipment and activities for the children of Linton Granta playgroup.

Siobhan Godwood
info@lintongranta.org.uk

A shortage of space

THIS month the Linton News was snowed under with articles for publication. So that we could publish as many of them as possible we have had to cut many of them. We have also left out a few that are not reliant on date.

If your article is not in, this is the only reason. It will be in next month.

To ensure publication of your article please send it to us as soon as possible as we will be allocating space on first in last out in future. And remember a maximum of 250 words; less if possible.

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B Haylock

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

An irresponsible action

Dear Editor,
I hope the person who dumped the large corn snake on 4th October is feeling very guilty. It was left on the side of the bridleway up to the water tower off Balsham Road. This was basically condemning the snake to death as it could hardly be expected to survive a cold October night as they need to be kept at around 26-27° Centigrade (about 79-80° Fahrenheit).
Linton Zoo were informed and hopefully they collected and cared for it.
Name and address supplied

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,
Thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning at Nichols Court. The grand total raised was £707.20.
Bel Griffiths, Nichols Court
Dear Editor,
Thank you for including the adverts for the Brownies' jumble sale. Could you publish our thanks to villagers for their support in raising over £350 for the two Brownies Packs to share.
Kate Huntsman by email

Were you the witness?

WOULD the person who saw the cycle accident on the road junction by the Fire Station at 12.30pm on Wednesday 10th Oct please get in touch with me:
Tel 892795 or vwv@gmx.com

South Cambs District Council helps local businesses

SCDC has launched a new service to help businesses in the area. The district council recognised that resident businesses continue to face real challenges as a consequence of the economic downturn. Since the closure of Business Link there continues to be a vacuum in business support in the area.

Quality workshops include: *Managing Money and How to Make a Profit, Finding and Keeping Customers, Planning a Website and Planning for Growth* are supplemented by further post-workshop support.

John Collier, Chief Executive, said at the launch: "These are unprecedented times for business, and SMEs and virgin entrepreneurs are finding it very difficult with the escalating effect of the double dip

and continuing squeeze on credit. Even viable and bankable propositions are finding it more difficult with the lack of business support."

Places at the workshops are proving popular, so make sure that you sign up to benefit from these practical sessions

The Business Support Fund is free and available to anyone who has been running a business within a South Cambridgeshire postcode for at least 12 months and can demonstrate difficulties as a consequence of the recession. It will run until March 2013. For further information call 0844 346 0755 or email southcambsbusiness-support@exemplas.com For details visit: www.exemplas.com/southcambs or www.cambridge-plus.com/content/business-support

Linton lads to walk 1,200 miles for Help the Heroes

HELP for Heroes is a charity supporting British soldiers and their families. The charity supports those who are wounded, sick or injured in worldwide conflict. Since January 2006, over two thousand British personnel have been categorised as wounded in action. Help for Heroes aims to support these soldiers and ensures they receive the best help available.

Having come from military families, both of us have seen and heard about the effects that conflict can have on families as well as soldiers. We cannot comprehend how it must feel to have your life turned upside down in a moment through the loss of a colleague or injury to yourself. Nonetheless, we are striving to show our country's soldiers that we value their dedication.

Therefore, we have decided to complete a challenge. We will walk 1,200 miles in 61 days from Lands End to John O'Groats unsupported, carrying our supplies ourselves. We are setting off from Lands End on 1st April 2013, arriving in John O'Groats on 31st May.

With your help, we are hoping to raise £5,000. This money will be distributed to projects across Great Britain to give our wounded heroes the treatment and recovery that they so desperately need and deserve.

Please donate at www.bmycharity.com/endtoendwalk or, for further information, log onto our website www.end2endwalk.co.uk

Thank you.

Scott and Aidan, scott@end2endwalk.co.uk

Professional back care for Linton

SU Matthews of Body Design Pilates in Linton has just completed her training to become a *Back 4 Good* practitioner and Level 4 advanced exercise instructor.

With over 80% of adults suffering from low back pain at some time in their life, it has been shown that gentle, effective exercise, delivered by a properly trained exercise professional, can help with the prevention and management of low back pain.

This was underlined by NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence), whose 2009 medical guidelines recommend that people with persistent non-specific low back pain should be encouraged to stay physically active and exercise.

Back 4 Good practitioners are exercise specialists trained to help people with non-specific lower back pain. They are already experienced body control Pilates teachers, having been certified by Europe's foremost Pilates organisation. All *Back 4 Good* practitioners are registered as Backcare Professionals with REPS (The Register of Exercise Professionals) and GPs and medical practitioners are encouraged to refer patients, where appropriate, to properly qualified exercise professionals. Su Matthews currently runs Pilates classes on Friday mornings at Linton village hall, Thursday mornings and Tuesday evenings at Horseheath village hall, as well as one-to-one sessions at her private studio. For more information contact me:

Su on 07986692334, or visit www.bodydesignpilates.co.uk

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

Conkers childrens centre, 9am-12noon, Mon-Thurs call 07768 008919	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Monday termtime	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am, termtime	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm alternate Tuesdays (term time only)	Library
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only	VH
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Table tennis club, 7.30pm	CP
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

NOVEMBER

1 Luncheon club, 12noon	Old Red Lion, Horseheath
1 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
3 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
4 Jazz at the Dog & Duck, 3pm	D&D
5 Linton camera club, 7.15pm	CC
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Reading group, 8pm	D&D
10 Mother's Union nearly new toy sale, 11.30am	VH
10 Linton fireworks, 6.30 for 7.30pm	Infant School
11 Remembrance Service, 2.30pm	St Mary's Church
13 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
13 Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
15 Shopping event, 3pm	Abington Primary School
15 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
16 Police surgery, 3pm	Police Office at Fire Station
16 Exhibition, see article for dates and times	The mill, Long Lane
17 Granta School Christmas Fair, 1.30pm	Granta School
17 Linton music society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
18 Café Church, 10.15am	URC
18 Beacon Trust service, 6.30pm	St Mary's
20 History society, 7.30pm	VH
21 CAMTAD hearing help, 9.30am-12noon	HC
23 Quiz & chips, 7.30pm	LVC
23 Concert, 7pm	St Mary's
24 Police surgery, 6pm	Police Office at Fire Station

DECEMBER

1 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
1 Linton Granta playgroup Christmas Fair, 2pm	VH
1 Family craft afternoon, 2-4pm,	URC
1 Cocktails and Christmas cheer, 8pm	Windmill, Long Lane
4 Jazz at the Dog & Duck, 3pm	D&D
4 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Reading Group, 8pm	D&D

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall

Library times: Mon closed; Tues 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.

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In your own time

Our very own singing vicar

LOOKING for a recording studio in Linton? Where do you think would be the most likely place? Certainly not the rectory in Joiners Road but that is where some amazing composing and recording goes on, for this is the home of Steve Griffiths, the Rector of St Mary's, Linton and his wife Jo.

When Steve was 18 years old he became a Christian and suddenly knew that he wanted to become a vicar. His parents were supportive but, at 18, he was too young for theological college so he became a warehouse manager in Waitrose. At 22 he went to St John's Theological College in Nottingham to train - the youngest person in the country to do so.

After suffering a great personal tragedy in his life Steve was blessed to meet and marry the lovely Jo in 2002. This was through youth work which has always been his passion.

Among other posts he has been the chair of the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry. He and Jo moved to Steeple Bumpstead and in 2009 he came to St Mary's.

He knows that, as a vicar, people feel they can trust him to listen to them, which he regards as a great privilege.



Picture taken by Sarah Hurcum

However, as Steve works at least 80 hours a week, spending all day with people, he turns to music and writing for relaxation.

At 6am each morning he takes time alone absorbed in his study of Greek and Hebrew for two hours and is also working on his next book to follow the five already published.

But his best way of chilling out is, together with Jo, to record songs, many of which he has composed himself.

He plays the guitar, drums, bass, keyboards and ukulele and does all the mixing as well.

So...forget the singing postman and the singing nun...we have our very own singing vicar.

Sarah Hurcum

Local photographer wins national competition



Summer holiday, the winning photograph

Picture taken by Sarah Hurcum

MANY congratulations to Linton's own Sarah Hurcum, who was the overall winner of the Pentax Meet Britain photography competition. Sarah, who credits her enthusiasm for photography to the Linton camera club (of which she is chairman), saw an advert for the event in a magazine and decided to enter.

The competition was divided into five categories, each representing a facet of British life.

Two of Sarah's images were shortlisted and displayed in the London Design Museum. The first under the category of British culture, featured the iconic scene of punts lined up on the river Cam.

Secondly, in the summer holiday category, a couple are relaxing on chairs at the coast, oblivious to all but their books. The ground about them is strewn with beach goers' accoutrements and there are many swimmers enjoying the ocean in the background. It's a lovely photograph, capturing at once the intimacy of a couple's holiday while managing to express its British identity.

The summer holiday photograph did such a good job that it won the best category. The day after Sarah was notified of its initial success, she was informed that it was the overall competition winner.

In winning the competition, Pentax have awarded a cash prize as well as a new Pentax DSLR camera. Though the prizes are much appreciated, the thrill of winning a national competition and having work displayed in a London museum are the greatest awards for this talented local photographer.

Ben Kay for LNT



Overall winner, Sarah Hurcum

Picture supplied by Sarah Hurcum

Bartlow Roll of Honour

IN common with many very small villages, Bartlow does not have a War Memorial to honour its men who fell in the two World Wars and other conflicts. Currently, their only recognition is a framed printed list displayed in St Mary's church, Bartlow.

In an endeavour to fully record details of the nine men who have fallen since 1914, we are compiling a Book of Remembrance which is to be available in St Mary's, Bartlow for all to view.

A considerable amount of information has already been gathered about seven of the soldiers, including photographs of their headstones in cemeteries maintained by the War Graves Commission.

The men who are remembered are, from 1914 - 18 George Frederick Dean, Walter Dockrill, William Cooper Smith and Bertram Charles Whistler. From 1920 (Mesopotamia) Edward Maurice Carter, and from 1939-45 Gilbert Wilfred Brown, Frederick George May, Richard William Warren Potter and Bertram Charles Maximillian Weston.

In particular we are seeking information about the two men for whom we have no details, their names are underlined above. Additionally, we would like to include copies of photographs of all these men in our book.

If anyone can help in any way please contact Bob Hill either by telephone, 890998 or e-mail robertmhill@tiscali.co.uk. Thank you.

Bob Hill

NEWS FROM THE TOWER

THE nights are drawing in and the tower is getting colder but our ringing goes from strength to strength. We have been blessed with the arrival in the village of two new and very accomplished ringers who have already had a positive impact on the quality of our ringing.

Catherine Richardson has now completed the four day training course in Berkshire that was her prize for winning the Dorothy L Sayers Young Ringer of the Year award. She also rang her first peal at West Wrating recently. This is an enormous achievement, in that a peal is a sustained piece of ringing lasting a little less than three hours non-stop and Catherine's involved five different methods. We had another achievement earlier in the year when Sue Filby rang her first quarter peal. Our warmest congratulations go to both.

The striking competition is drawing to a close and we are placed third out of five at the moment. I think I can safely say that we have performed much better this year and the fixtures we lost were by a much smaller margin than previously.

Although thriving in some towers, the art of bell ringing is heading for a crisis unless we can recruit enough new ringers. So if you are wondering how to fill the long winter evenings and may be considering taking up a new hobby, why not come along to the tower any Wednesday evening at 7.30pm to say hello and see what we do.

Jackie Latham, 890898

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We look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks and hope to take the strain out of all that Christmas shopping.

For more information, please contact

Brian Pettit 894225

A moment at WindmillArt

THE This Moment Only exhibition features two Linton painters and a Cambridge photographer. Linda Richardson, Maureen Cintract and Nilu Karun will be exhibiting for six days over two weekends in November.

The event is at WindmillArt from 1pm-6pm on 16th-18th and 23rd-25th. There is also a public evening view on Thursday 22nd from 6pm-10pm.

Linda's abstract works use bold lines of colour, movement and form on large canvases and they contrast well with Maureen's figurative paintings that explore her cultural roots.

Nilu's beautiful atmospheric images of ballet dancers present both form and movement in an original sensual aesthetic.

All enquiries to conrad@windmillart.co.uk or our website www.windmillart.co.uk or 07931 372110.

Conrad Webb

Fun and wine at the gardening club

THE Gardening club's new season started with the AGM. The chairman's report, show report and details of the new season's programme of talks showed the club is keeping busy and successful.

This year, we showed our appreciation to Susan Anderson who has stood down as show secretary and welcomed Helen Townsend in her place.

Thanks also went to Dan and Karen Johnson who

stepped down after dedicating so much time and effort to setting up the computer system for the show and working on the club's committee. The committee welcomed new member Roger Lapwood.

After the AGM, there were quizzes - many thanks to Wendy Foster for setting the questions singlehandedly. Glasses of wine were enjoyed and great fun was had by all.

The club next meets on Tuesday November 13th for a most interesting talk by John

Walker entitled The Humble Spud. He will cover its family, a social and economic history.

This most familiar of vegetables is a member of a very varied family which ranges from tomatoes to deadly nightshade. So, no doubt, John will be expanding our view of the potato family.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the village hall and both members and visitors are most welcome.

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

An autumn spectacular

DREADING the Christmas rush and huge car parking fees? Don't know what to buy people? Not enough time to go shopping? Well, your problems are solved.

Following the success of last year's autumn shopping event at Great Abington school, we will be holding

another one in the school hall from 3pm-6.30pm on Thursday 15th November. The event will bring together a collection of local traders who will be selling a range of gifts, crafts and foods at competitive prices.

Stalls will include handmade wooden items, toys, jewellery, home accessories, bags, children's gifts, gardening gifts, books, cakes, decorations and much more.

The school PTFA will be serving refreshments throughout so you can enjoy shopping in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you would like to have a stall, we have some limited availability so please contact Tasha Whittaker (893680) or Jenny Logan (891897). We look forward to welcoming you.

Kate Huntsman

Mozart and Brahms at LVC

VIOLINIST Irmina Trynkos and pianist Pavel Timofejevsky will be the stars of the Linton Music Society concert on Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm.

The programme includes Mozart's *E minor Sonata K304*, Brahms's *Sonata Op 108 in D minor* and Ravel's popular and virtuosic *Tzigane*.

Tickets are available at the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, Linton, by phone or in person. Telephone 893480. For further information, contact me:

Linda Bird 893600

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AS I write we have just come to the end of two days of open mornings. The first was for prospective parents considering a place at LVC for their children. Close to 500 people came to see the school on what was an ordinary school day. Clearly we couldn't let parents just wander around for child protection reasons so our Year 11 prefects took them out and about on tours around the site. It enabled parents to see what children experience in their lessons on a day to day basis, the kinds of activities that happen in a modern comprehensive and the active learning that is part of the way that we teach. People reported back that they very much liked what they saw: children were engaged, the atmosphere was calm but purposeful and they were particularly impressed with the good manners of our young people. We only have 165 places available in September 2013 and I imagine that, once more, we will have many more applications for a place.

The second open morning was a new event for us and I believe that everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a chance for our current parents to see the school in action on a normal day. This time, the Senior Leadership Team were the tour leaders and we took questions at the end.

Some of our parents had been to the school as children themselves so were fascinated by how the spaces had changed. We gave tours to around 50 parents and I think it is something that we should repeat every year from now onwards.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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- S/0925/12/LB Mr James Long, 117 High Street. Replacement of entrance gates and replace existing tarmac and concrete slabs with block paving. Replace window frame in modern rear dormer window.
- S/1936/12/FL Mr Peter Watson, Station House, Station Road. Non material amendment to S/0692/12/FL to reduce width of rear extension, remove one rear gable and increase height of one rear gable and elevational alterations.
- S/2002/12/FL Mr & Mrs Paul Howe, 4 Pembroke Lane. Single storey lean-to addition to the front elevation and re-location of front entrance to side elevation with canopy.
- S/2010/12/FL Mr John Pugh, 64 Bartlow Road. Construction of garden room within rear garden.
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It is open to all abilities and ages (above 18). Last week we were joined by one octogenarian who wanted to do something fun indoors to help keep fit.

A subscription of £1 per session per person is all you need to come and play. All money received goes to the church to cover running costs. Paddles and balls are provided along with some rudimentary coaching if you wish.

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Kirk Archibald, 897226

Meditation may help you

MEDITATION for many people seems attractive because it hints at a deeper understanding of the existence within each person of a truthful and loving self-identity. It seems attractive because it appears to be something we are searching for.

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Science and religion are drawing closer in their agree-

ment that something very real happens in a meditating brain which can reduce anxiety and help break patterns of habitual thinking. Science shows that meditation can boost the immune system, reduce the risk of heart disease and lower the blood pressure and is approved by the NHS as a legitimate treatment.

If meditation is something you are interested in trying out, I am offering a short course that will begin in November. It will be one evening a week for four weeks. Please email me if you would like to find out more.

Linda Richardson
linda@lindarichardson.net

The Whittlesey Straw Bear is coming

THE Linton and District Historical Society talk for November will be on the Whittlesey Straw Bear with Brian Kell, the man who revived the tradition. It will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th November in Linton village hall. We will be reintroducing the monthly raffle and refreshments. All are very welcome.



Picture courtesy of the Cambridge Collection

In Whittlesey, from when no one quite knows, it was the custom on the Tuesday following Plough Monday (the 1st Monday after Twelfth Night) to dress one of the confraternity of the plough in straw and call him a Straw Bear. A newspaper of 1882 reports that "... he was then taken around the town to entertain by his frantic and clumsy gestures the good folk who had on the previous day subscribed to the rustics, a spread of beer, tobacco and beef". Come along and find out much more...

To keep everyone who lives locally in Linton and the surrounding villages informed on all the news, issues, events and extended articles relating to local, social and family history we are setting up a history e-news email distribution list. If you would like to be kept up to date about news and events from the Linton and District Historical Society, Linton WEA and surrounding village history groups, please send your email address to info@lintonwea.org.uk and we will add you to the distribution list.

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The Way We Were by Garth Collard

WW1 History politicised

THE Government has suddenly become interested in World War 1 - maybe to draw our attention from our present troubles. David Cameron wants every secondary school child to visit the battlefields of France and Flanders so they can better appreciate the sacrifices made by an earlier generation. Not surprisingly, Linton and Sawston village colleges were ahead of the game and took regular trips to the battlefields in the 1980s and 90s.

At Linton 30-40 Year 9 pupils who were studying WW1 spent a week in Belgium. John and Pam Coombes, myself and our coach driver Mike Sheppard (deputy head at Sawston VC) visited the major cemeteries and the important battlefield sites where Mike possessed an encyclopaedic knowledge of each site. I am sure the village colleges will continue with their educational visits until government money supports larger scale tours in 2014. How sufficient teachers will be found to accompany the greater numbers of pupils is another matter. Two corrections to last month's item from a member of the Eley family living in Cambridge. The chicken poacher Charles Eley, 1902, was not the man killed in WW1 in 1917. The latter was 20 year old Charles John Eley from another branch of the family.

An invitation to the stART network evening

INVOLVED in the arts? Then the stART network is for you. The stART network was set up to provide an opportunity for groups and individuals who contribute to the creative life of our communities to come together to meet and talk. You are warmly invited to the first stART network evening to be held from 7.00 - 8.30pm in the new west common room at Linton village college on Tuesday 20th November.

Join us for an evening of ideas exchange, and find out about how you can be involved in the new EMERGE Festival. The evening is free and open to anyone to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Contact Lesley Morgan, arts development manager, for the Sawston and Linton area on 712825 or lesley@start-arts.org.uk. stART represents a partnership between South Cambridgeshire District Council and seven village colleges. Find out more at www.start-arts.org.uk

Lesley Morgan

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College and the community

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WITH a summer of discontent, a GCSE fiasco and another radical change to the examination system you do sometimes wonder if education is simply about change!

Thankfully nearly 80 years ago a Secretary of Education seemed to have more than an ounce of common sense. Cambridgeshire was the third poorest local education authority and the villages, including Linton, were beset by rural decline. Henry Morris had a vision of a village college.

Henry Morris stated: "The village college as thus outlined would not create something superfluous; it would not be a spectacular experiment and a costly luxury. It would take all the various vital but isolated activities in village life - the School, the Village Hall and Reading Room, the Evening

Classes, the Agricultural Education Courses, the Women's Institute, the British Legion, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, the recreation ground, the branch of the County Rural Library, the Athletic and Recreation Clubs - and, bringing them together into relation, create a new institution for the English countryside. The village college would change the whole face of the problem of rural education. As the community centre of the neighbourhood it would provide for the whole man, and abolish the duality of education and ordinary life. It would not only be the training ground for the art of living, but the place in which life is lived, the environment of a genuine corporate life. The dismal dispute of vocational and non-vocational education would not arise in it. It would be a visible

demonstration in stone of the continuity and never ceasingness of education. There would be no 'leaving school'! - the child would enter at three and leave the college only in extreme old age."

Seventy five years ago Linton celebrated the opening of Linton village college, which changed the community and provided education for all in the Linton area.

Then in 2010 another radical change saw the conversion of many outstanding schools to academies. Many of these academies have reduced their involvement in the community and the provision they provide, and this has drawn criticism from the media.

Linton village college has not followed other academies. It has increased its provision since changing to an academy.

More village groups meet there and it has again resumed managing its own adult education and because of this the village of Linton is very lucky. The parish council will be considering the reinstatement of a noticeboard for the village college within the village so that their sports facilities, adult education and services can be offered to all.

Residents of Linton have a wonderful asset and we need to make sure that we use the services the college provides, so they continue in the future. Linton village college was not just built as a secondary school, it was built for everyone 'the community centre of the neighbourhood' by a very wise man who seems to have more sense than many of the modern decision makers!

Cllr Esther Cornell

Calling all Linton based community groups ...

IF you would like to apply for parish council funding for the next financial year please contact the parish council office for an application form or alternatively download one from www.lintoncambridgeshire-pc.gov.uk

All requests must be accompanied by an annual report and/or current bank statement and be received by the end of November.

Fly posting

RECENTLY several residents have complained to the parish council office that there are too many posters and notices attached to lamp posts and telegraph poles etc in the village, making it look untidy.

Under the Highways Act it is actually an offence to stick posters to a structure on the highway and a fine of £75 could be served. However a small number of signs for local events are usually permissible for a short period of time providing they are taken down immediately after the event. Signs left up long after their sell by date could be dealt with by way of a littering fixed penalty notice of £75.

Larger notices advertising village events may be placed on the cemetery railings but permission must be obtained from the parish council office. They should not be put up more than 10 days in advance of the event and must be taken down immediately afterwards. We have a large sign in the parish council office for an event held on 2nd September which we have recently taken down from the cemetery railings - owner to collect please.

There are open village notice boards at Parsonage Way, Swan Bridge, the junction of Market Lane and the High Street, Camping Close and Coles Lane car park which are specifically for Linton charitable and community events. We ask that businesses please do not use these.

We hope this clarifies the situation.

Parish council office

Another year goes by

IN April 2011 I volunteered to take an interest in rights of way and Leadwell Meadows, river and wildlife, mostly because walking my dog meant I covered a lot of the area and was able to report problems.

However, now that Jack has gone, I don't really enjoy walking so missed the fact that the back part of Leadwell Meadows, which is owned and looked after by the parish council, suffered from fallen trees across the paths and other problems were building up. During October the grass walkways were cut and further work including hedge trimming is planned.

Cambridgeshire county council is responsible for the



Leadwell Meadows, known as Linton Pocket Park, a lovely place to walk

Picture by Sue Parry

enough money for two cuts in the year. However, even I was aware that this resulted in very overgrown paths, which, it is acknowledged, are not very easy for people to walk. The September cut was judged to at least be able to keep the rough growth clear for winter walks and this is precisely the sort of thing we need to keep an eye on.

There must be many people who would be interested in getting involved and helping to preserve this lovely village. Please can you get in contact with me via the parish clerk, particularly the dog owners, bird watchers and wild flower admirers and see if we can set up a working group.

Cllr Merrie Mannassi

maintenance of designated footpaths and bridleways, and by now most of the paths will

have received their second cut of the year. Due to the financial situation there was only

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 20th September 2012.

Present: R Hickford (chairman and district councillor), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, Ms M Mannassi, D Penfold, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Cllr Manley arrived at 8.10pm. County councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were also in attendance together with two members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Champion, Potter and Poulter.

Chairman's comments: The chairman confirmed that the allotments statement would be made available on the website.

Following a meeting at the Chalklands community room it was confirmed that four one bedroomed council houses would be built on the former garage site in Chalklands. It was hoped that work would commence in March.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September: Under the public participation item, Cllr Cornell requested that the steering group meet to discuss the A1307 as soon as possible.

Report from the county councillor: The written report from Cllr Batchelor was noted. The chair asked Cllr Batchelor when another meeting between Cambridgeshire county council (CCC), St Edmundsbury borough council (SEBC) and Suffolk county council (SCC) would be held to discuss traffic and safety on the A1307. Cllr Batchelor confirmed that CCC was awaiting responses on dates from SEBC and SCC. Cllr Batchelor was asked whether a copy of the paperwork of such requests could be made available, so that it was known who was holding up the process. Cllr Batchelor replied that this question was unreasonable and he would not respond further. Cllr Batchelor stated to Cllr Hickford that it was not his job to arrange such meetings, and that if the chair wanted a meeting then Cllr Hickford should arrange it.

Cllr Bald asked Cllr Batchelor to ensure that the county council was taking the growth of Haverhill and its impact on the A1307 seriously. Cllr Batchelor replied that there was a dedicated department dealing with this issue, and that not everyone agreed with the parish council and the community that not enough was being done. The parish council however felt that this department was very ineffective. This parish council was still very concerned about safety on the A1307. Cllr Batchelor was asked to relay this to the department concerned. Cllr Batchelor replied that he would "consider it".

Cllr Wakley, referring to the recent meetings regarding bus service cuts, asked if a meeting could be held in Linton. Cllr Batchelor explained that as the bus cuts affected Balsham, Castle Camps and Shudy Camps it was more relevant to hold them there.

Reports from the district councillors: The written reports from Cllrs Bear and Hickford were noted. Under the item relating to free bike racks, the clerk confirmed that two had been requested for the village hall.

Written reports from council representatives: The written report on Leadwell Meadows, river and wildlife by Cllr Mannassi was noted. Cllr Cox distributed a map of all the many tributaries of the Cam which showed their convergence in Bartlow and Linton.

County council highways resurfacing and white lining: An encouraging response had been received from county council highways department which included the implementation of the 20mph speed limit and proposals for parking by the Co-op. The clerk would contact all residents of Meadow Lane to ascertain their preferred location for yellow lining.

Linton Action for Youth lease update: The draft lease was with the council's solicitors for action.

Parish Plan update: The written report from Cllr Cornell was noted. Cllr Cornell reported that the village college had asked the council to provide a notice board specifically to advertise community and adult education activities. This item would be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Correspondence received for consideration: The response

from CGM Ltd to council's letter of 30th August regarding the grass maintenance contract was noted. Cllr Bald would draft a response. She would also take samples from the dead trees to send for analysis.

South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) had sent clarification on the provision of dog bins. Discussion on the request for a dog bin between the library and bus shelter took place. Cllr Bald proposed that SCDC be contacted requesting a dog bin by the bus shelter providing that there was no cost to the council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley. A vote took place with nine votes in favour and two votes against. Proposal carried.

The SCDC Recreation Study 2012 village survey results were available on line. Discussion took place and it was noted that much of the information from the survey was out of date. The clerk would advise Linda Browne at SCDC and place on the next agenda following feedback.

The request from Linton Granta football club for an extension to their lease in order to secure grant funding for the pavilion was discussed. Cllr Cornell proposed that council instructs its solicitor to draw up a 10 year rolling lease to include rules on access to the recreation ground. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and resolved by the meeting.

Consideration of quotation to repair the Heritage Trail map board following vandalism: Cllr Bald proposed that the quotation from Watkins Joinery for £448.33+VAT be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Mannassi and resolved by the meeting. It was agreed that as Mr Watkins had won the contract to build the board he would be the best person to repair it, hence no other quotations had been sought. The decision on the choice of insert boards was deferred until samples were received.

Consideration of quotations for tree works in the cemetery: Cllr Bald proposed that the quotation from Atlas Tree Surgery for £1710+VAT which included the reduction of the lime T3 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and resolved by the meeting.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 4th October 2012.

Present: R Hickford (chairman and district councillor), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, D Penfold, P Poulter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance with two members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mannassi, Potter and Wilson.

Declarations of interest and dispensations: Under the village college noticeboard item Cllrs Dew and Penfold declared interests as employees of Linton village college.

Chairman's comments: Following a South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) award ceremony the chairman congratulated Mr Stan Page on winning the Best Kept Garden competition and Mrs Susan Anderson for winning one of the Village Hero awards.

The chairman reported that he had received many complaints regarding the bus service to Cambridge. Many buses were already full and late arriving, affecting those studying and working in Cambridge. Often single deckers were used at peak times when double deckers were required. A major concern was that when services to outlying villages were cut it was likely to get much worse. The chair would be attending two consultations on this later this month and urged others to do the same.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September: Under the Granta football club pavilion lease correspondence item, it was agreed that as a lease of over seven years would have to be registered with the Land Registry, incurring extra costs and possible delays, a seven year lease might be more appropriate. If this caused any problems regarding funding opportunities for Linton Granta football club the council would reconsider. Cllr Manley would report back to council.

A draft lease had been forwarded to Linton Action for Youth for approval.

Consideration of site for a new notice board for Linton village college to advertise community and educational activities: Cllr Cornell proposed that a wooden, lockable notice board be purchased up to a maximum of £1000 and to be sited by the Swan Bridge. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and resolved by the meeting.

Cllr Cornell proposed that £750 be allocated for the installation of both the notice board and the bench in Back Road. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter and resolved by the meeting.

Consideration of arrangements for future consultation for parish and neighbourhood plans: Cllr Cornell proposed that an open day be held in the spring to update the Parish Plan and to investigate the possibilities of an online survey. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter and resolved by the meeting.

Written reports from council representatives: The following written reports were noted: Village hall trustees meeting – Cllr Hunt and pavilion update – Cllr Manley.

Consideration of a request from Hildersham parish council for a draft letter to the county council from Linton parish council and Hildersham parish council combined regarding Back Road: It was agreed that a draft letter of concern be formulated to include the state, speed, traffic, white lining, width of the road and the protected verges.

Correspondence received for consideration: The county council consultation on Cambridgeshire's strategy for local flood risk management was noted.

SCDC's support services for local businesses was noted. Cllr Champion would attend the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough association of local councils AGM on 19th November.

The St Edmundsbury borough council draft supplementary planning document was noted.

Several Meadow Lane residents had written regarding parking and access issues. The clerk confirmed that consultation was taking place with Meadow Lane residents to place double yellow lines outside numbers 16, 18, 13A, 13B, 11A, 11, and part of 9A.



Meadow Lane: double yellow lines are being considered

Picture by Sue Parry

Consideration of quotations to replace faded information panels in the Heritage Trail map board and three noticeboards following receipt of samples: Cllr Bald proposed that the quotation from Fitzpatrick Woolmer Design and Publishing Ltd for £498 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cornell and resolved by the meeting.

Consideration of quotations for CCTV upgrade: Cllr Penfold reported that the hard drive had been relocated to the loft in preparation for the refurbishment of the pavilion. Cllr Penfold was asked to find out the cost of a lockable case for the hard drive. Cllr Penfold proposed that the quotation from Anglia Security Services Ltd, option one, for £4964.20 be accepted. This was the most expensive quotation however the company had been the most helpful, knowledgeable and had been approached following recommendation. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and resolved by the meeting.

Note: Copies of the full minutes, reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the parish council office.

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