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Sitting pretty ... you could soon be taking it easy on a bench to watch the ducks

Picture by Graham Potter

As the parish plan revealed widespread village support for better riverside walks and an interest in projects to enhance wildlife conservation, Linton parish council has leased the Glebe land from the diocese for £100 a year.

Bordering the river and backing on to S^t Mary's rectory, it is expected this corner will be managed and main-

tained by volunteers of the Woodland, Water and Wildlife (3Ws) group, who have so far been working in the Pocket Park. Apart from paying rent, the parish council has not allocated further funds for the Glebe land.

With this area in mind, parish councillor D^r Judy Rossiter, successfully applied for a £250 Village Life Fund grant of-

fered by Cambridge Water and the Cambridge News for local projects. Only 11 awards were made for schemes throughout the county from more than 70 applications.

The 3Ws volunteers are planning to clear the land with due regard to existing wildlife, and have a working plan from the Cambridgeshire Biodiversity Project. When a pathway is

cleared for a riverside walk, the group would like to make a small picnic area and provide a bench for the quiet enjoyment of this delightful corner adjacent to the footbridge and ford across the river, which has always been a favourite haunt of parishioners of all ages.

Kate France
891602

If you go down to the woods today ...

THE Linton 3Ws group has been busy over the past year generally keeping the river, hedgerows and Pocket Park tidy. Wherever possible, this is done to enhance the wildlife habitats and with the least possible interference to them, but the litter and fly-tipping can be a danger to wildlife and an eyesore to residents.

It's amazing what you find to pull out of rivers and hedges - chairs, old vacuum cleaners, batteries, bottles, aerials, TVs, pushchairs, a keep fit bike, discarded fencing and so on.

A recent foray into the Glebe land to start making it usable for everyone in Linton revealed a fair amount of debris that had been washed around in the floods.

Among the old seats, electrical appliances and a very sad old rag doll, there was one toy that looked as though he could be rescued, as somehow he had stayed relatively mud free.

One of our members decided to give him a whirl round the washing machine to see how he came out and here he is, as good as new! Was he yours? Can you remember him?

He's been buried in the undergrowth for a couple of years and you may have thought he was gone forever. If



Bambi has been found. Is he yours? Let us know. Picture by 3W group

you do recognise him, please let the editor of the Linton News know and we can arrange for you and Bambi to be

reunited. In the meantime, we'll be continuing with our conservation of Linton.

So, if you ever feel that you

want to join in, please contact:
Judy Rossiter 891383
Linton Woodland, Water,
Wildlife Group

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

Weekly: Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays Village Hall
Weekly: Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays LVC
Weekly: Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays Village Hall
Weekly: WEA class, 10-11.30am, Tuesdays VH
Weekly: Story Time, 2.15-2.45pm, Tuesdays Library
Weekly: IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays Cathodeon Centre
Weekly: Linton Radio Race Car Club, 6-10pm, Wednesdays VH
Weekly: Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays in term time VH
Weekly: Rock Cafe, 1.30-3pm, Wednesdays in term time VH
Weekly: Little Acorns, 10am-11.30am, Thursdays VH
Weekly: Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays VH
Weekly: Bridge Club, 7pm, Fridays Cathodeon Centre

January

No Farmers' Market in January

4 WI, 7.30pm Village Hall
6 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
8 Friends of S^t Mary's, sherry & savouries, 11-12.30pm VH
9 Camera Club, Show and Tell, 10am Village Hall
11 Linton WEA, 10am Village Hall
11 Gardening Club, 7.30pm Village Hall
11 VIP Group, 2pm Chalklands
12 South Cambs Housing, 1.30-3p Village Hall
12 South Cambs Housing, 10-11.30am Village Hall
13 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm The Crown
15 Dads and Tots 9.30-11am Village Hall
16 Youth Alpha, 7.30pm URC Hall
18 Historical Society, 7.30pm Village Hall
19 CAMTAD, 9am-12noon Health Centre
20 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
26 South Cambs Housing, 10-11.30am Village Hall
26 Citizens' Advice Bureau, 1.30-3pm Village Hall
27 Village Hall Committee meeting, 7.30pm Village Hall
29 ACE Sherry & Shortbread 10.30am-1pm VH

Refuse collection: 4th, 10th, 24th.

Recycling collection: 4th, 17th, 31st (green box),
17th, 31st (green bin)

February

1 Linton WEA, 10am Village Hall
1 WI, 7.30pm Village Hall
3 Parish Council Meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre
5 Burns' Night ceilidh, Friends of Linton Heights, 7.30pm LVC
5 Farmers' Market, 10am LVC

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

A new look for a New Year

A NEW Year, and a new look for your paper ... we hope you like it.

As you will already know from December's news, Darryl has decided to take a year off from writing the country diary and although we will miss his distinctive articles, we are delighted to tell you that Garth Collard has agreed to do a column on Linton history in his place. (Garth did not even need his arm to be twisted). We hope you enjoy it.

We have also introduced some puzzles this month, just for fun. Let us know how you get on and what else you would like to see in your Linton News.

Also, owing to the ever-growing number of articles and the many groups and companies who are on the waiting list to advertise in your local paper, the Linton News team decided to do a trial run of three months with an extra page. We have also made some subtle changes in order to update the paper and bring it into the 21st century. Can you spot them?

However, we cannot increase the size of the paper without your help. Please keep sending in those letters and

articles especially with pictures. Do you know of anyone who has achieved a dream, made an outstanding contribution, has done something interesting or even has an unusual hobby they could share with the village. Do you belong to a group in Linton which does not appear in the Linton News? Please contact us.

I often read news of Linton people in the Haverhill Echo and the Cambridge Evening News. But those papers are not delivered to the whole village for free, so if you want to reach everyone, please let us know too. For those of you who can e-mail the news to us, please use word files or rich text format. Otherwise please continue to put the news into the box in the post office or post it to the address on the back page.

If you do not think you can write an article but have news you would like to share, we have people who can help. Let us have the details and your telephone number and we will write the article for you. Our contact numbers are now on page eight and we look forward to hearing from you.

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FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

by TONY SMITH

AFTER the Christmas and New Year excesses and celebrations, it is once again the season of Glumner. It is even stranger than previous years when we could look forward to the January sales, but these were in November and December so how more lower can things get? Don't you agree with me that if shops can afford to give you 40% off, then they should sell things at that price all year round?

It is too cold to go out on my scooter, and apart from my regular trips to hospital and doctors, I can choose whether to venture out or not. After poking my head around the door, I choose not. Falling over and not being able to go wherever we want is never much fun, so my thoughts are with those of you who still have to battle with nature to shop or go to work.

Last year, I started a project to try to raise the awareness of people who may not be able to get around our village and I am proud to announce the formation of the Linton Access Forum which is affiliated to the Cambridge Forum of Disabled People, Directions Plus, the Sawston Access Forum and Disability East, who are on the Regional Assembly. Our forum has come to the decision that we will not only include disabled people, but everyone who may have a problem getting around the village, even mums with buggies. Many people I have talked to last year know areas that are difficult to access and of course, I have a special interest in disability (being sat down for most of the time), but if we are able to make a few changes, I think it will benefit many. Recently I was invited to be a member of the committee of the Cambridge Forum of Disabled People as well as being on the User Council of the Papworth Trust, so I think I am going to be busy this year!

Next year brings more changes to our village in the form of more houses being built, some next door to me and to be honest, I am really quite frightened by this and I can foresee many problems in the coming months which many people would find trivial. The thing is, many disabled people including myself do have a tendency to worry inordinately about things, which wouldn't have been the case 12 years ago before I became ill.

I have to make an apology to the reception staff at the Health Centre. You see, I always have a look around to see if they have any sweets, and the other day they had a box of jelly babies which are my favourites. I asked if I could have a sweet, and I bit the head off, munching and dribbling. The lady asked me who I was there to see, and I told her I was there for my diabetic review with Sian, which produced looks of terror and a good telling-off for me. But they are my favourites, and isn't it still the season of goodwill to all men? In the diabetic clinic at Addenbrooke's, there used to be a poster on the wall that said a good diet for a healthy person is a good diet for someone with diabetes. It's not my fault that mine used to be chips doughnuts and jelly babies!

Please take care this month, look after one another and yourselves, and I'll see you all next month.

Happy New Year!

Whizz-kid Collin still sets the pace

A FEW weeks ago, I caught up with Collin Morrice, a pupil of Linton Village College, who was featured in the November 2003 Linton News as British Junior Drag Racing Champion.

This season he's been even more successful with a first place at the Santa Pod Championship, a second at the National Championship and third at Avon Park in Stratford.

Of five meetings this year, he has been in three finals, winning two. The weather has not been kind and conditions do have to be perfect for this kind of racing: when you are travelling at more than 70 mph, sitting a few inches off the ground, even a small patch of wet on the track can cause huge problems.

The track isn't a normal racing track, but a specially prepared race surface. It is laid at the start of the day with a special glue to make it sticky. Any rain would turn it into an ice rink; the same thing happens if there is an oil spillage.

The sport has become more popular, and some of the race meetings this year have had to be extended from the normal three days to four days, due to the number of competitors. The number of spectators is also growing, with some 25,000 attending the qualifying rounds at the Eurofinals this year and 30,000 on elimination day.

Collin is still a Junior Drag Racer, and probably has one more season in this category. The whole family is still involved, with his brother Stuart as crew chief, assisted by mum Christine and dad Sandy.

The car is a 2000 half-scale junior dragster imported from America and weighs 230lb without the driver, and also has around 30lb of extra weight in the weight bar. The engine is a 350cc Phil McGee bracket engine (based on a Briggs & Stratton lawn mower engine - but very highly tuned) and runs on methanol, a cold-burning fuel. Best time for the mile is 8.81 seconds at 73mph (0-60 in roughly five seconds).

The class Collin competes in has a 225lb weight restriction. He says drag racing is a test of reaction and concentration, and he is competing at the



It's life in the fast lane for Collin Morrice

Picture by Tracey Wilson

top of his class despite being diagnosed three years ago as an insulin-dependent diabetic. But this does not hold him back and he is also studying for a GCSE in PE and regularly plays football and uses the gym.

The 2004 season is now over, culminating in a fun weekend at Santa Pod, with fireworks. If you want to know more about drag racing in general, the best website to go to is www.eurodragster.com.

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Rivey Cottage

Dear Editor
 My name is Roy Barker and I lived in one of the cottages up the Rivey with my family from 1954 until 1963. Does anyone remember me or my brothers and sisters? It will be nice to hear from anyone. Thank-you.
 Roy Barker
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OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
 Eva, Daniel, Charlotte and the family of the late Michael wish to thank all who sent kind messages of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement. Thanks also to the many that attended the funeral service, the overwhelming support given and for the flowers and generous donations that were sent in Michael's memory for the local health partnership's NHS trust, which will benefit the local district nurses.

Special thanks are due to the district nurses for their care and kindness, to Lesley Gore for conducting a comforting and personal service and to HJ Paintin Ltd for all their guidance.

Please accept this as an expression our sincere gratitude.

Eva Rickett
 Name and address supplied

Dear Editor
 Thank you very much for all your help in promoting the Cambridge Antiquarian Society Annual Archaeology Conference which took place on the 20th November 2004. It was our most successful so far with well over 150 participants, I appreciate it is not always easy to promote such a specialised and often 'Dry' and mistakenly perceived boring subject.

It was very surprising, with the usual reaction of most people in the county dreading the possibility of all the proposed new housing up to 2016 – where, in complete contrast, all the archaeologists are rubbing their hands at the prospect of all the finds at the new building sites, where sadly this is the only place that archaeology gets funded in today's society.

Many thanks again

Publicity Officer
 Cambridge Antiquarian Society

Dear Editor
 We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our customers who generously contributed their change to our Children in Need appeal on Friday 19th November. We raised £126.50.

A big thank-you to you all.

Tracy Harrison and
 Bob Hackett
 The Dog and Duck, Linton

Money raised for Madras

I WOULD like to say a very big thankyou to everybody involved with the 'Christmas Party' at Linton Village College on last month. The party, organised to raise funds for the Bateman's Trust, was an undoubted success. This was largely due to the excellent help of my family and friends and the overwhelming support of the local community.

The evening itself was enjoyed by those who attended and we raised more than £1,000. In addition, James Paintin from Linton had his head shaved at the party and raised more than £700, also for the Bateman's Trust. This

money will make an enormous difference to the children in Madras, cared for by the trust, and James and everyone else involved with the event can feel as proud of their efforts as I do. I would also like to thank all the local businesses who contributed generously.

When I fly out to the orphanage in India next month with fond memories of the ever-helpful community I've left behind, I shall take great pride in presenting them with the money you all helped to raise. You really have helped to improve the lives of these young children.

Gary Dixon



Party time ... Doris Pipe celebrates with some of her family

News from a family Down Under

HAVING received with great interest copies of the Linton News, Linton - Story of a Market Town, Linton Village Directory and a beautifully illustrated article about Linton village in the magazine, Cambridgeshire Life, I thought I would write to your readers with my own memories of Linton.

I was a resident of Linton from 1941 - 1967 and am now in my 83rd year; there may be some Linton residents who will remember the Pipe family.

I came to Linton in 1941 as a member of the Women's Land Army and worked for five years at Little Linton farm for the older Sam Taylor. I was billeted in the village (Coles Lane and Balsham Road) and cycled to the farm, lifting my

cycle over the clapper style in the cold winter blackout mornings, often waist deep in snow.

I worked in the dairy part of the farm and had to work hard for seven days a week; the women in war-time played a great part to help feed the nation.

I was able to get involved with the village folk who were very kind to us girls and we made our own entertainment by putting on concerts in the Village College. These raised a large amount of money so a "Homecoming Fund" was created so that all local folk were given a share of money after their war service. I remember the companionship was wonderful in those years and it got me through the tough times.

My maiden name was

Marriott but in 1947 I married a local young man named Russell Pipe and settled at 19 Mill Lane.

Judith my daughter and Haydn my son were both educated at Linton Village College. After the death of their father and once they were married, I moved from Linton to Australia, fulfilling an ambition to visit this part of the world. We could see the opportunities here so the children emigrated and joined me. I now have four children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

We have a family business named Linton Pacific, a private and commercial building company. My family retains a great legacy from the country of which as a family we are

very proud. We appreciate the many opportunities in Australia but on a personal basis, like so many in my age group, still hang on to the nostalgia of the Old Country and still feel proud of being born a Brit (who can forget The Last Night of the Proms with all the Union flags and a very loud rendering of Land of Hope & Glory).

There is much more I could add regarding the beautiful village of Linton; I have been back six times in all but have to call it a day due to age.

I do keep in touch with old friends via letters and the Linton News.
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Burns' Night will be a little late

AS all good Scots know, Burns' Night falls on 25th January but nobody ever let the calendar get in the way of a good party.

While some people recover from their hangovers, here in Linton we will be celebrating Scotland's national poet with a Burns' Night ceilidh in February in aid of the Friends of Linton Heights Junior School.

The three-course Scottish meal will include smoked salmon, haggis and homemade puddings, with a vegetarian alternative. In true Scottish style, the entrance of the haggis will be accompanied by bagpipes and a recital from Robert Burns. The bar will feature a selection of malt whiskies, and entertainment will be provided by the Friday Folk

ceilidh band. Don't worry if you don't know any of the dances or if you have never been to a ceilidh before as a caller will be on hand to take everyone through their steps.

Through their successful fundraising over the last two years, the Friends have been able to supply interactive 'smart boards' to all but two of the classes at Linton Heights and we are hoping that the proceeds from Burns Night will allow us to purchase one more.

Tickets, to include food, will be available later in January, but put the date in your diary now and don't miss this enjoyable traditional event.

When? From 7.30pm on Saturday 5th February. Where? Linton Village College.

Tony Kelly

Boost for youth groups as funding is increased

YOUTH and Community groups throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can still benefit from approximately £120,000 of government funding between December 2004 and March 2005.

The Local Network Fund at Cambridgeshire ACRE has secured extra funding for their current financial year as well as a third year's funding of approximately £366,000 to enable groups to apply for projects from £250 to £7,000.

Last year the Local Network Fund awarded a total of over £320,000 to deserving groups throughout the county. This money went towards a range of projects including starting up mother and toddler groups, karate groups and youth cricket teams. Also to benefit from last year's pot were drama training projects, art workshops, museums, pre-schools and skate clubs.

Any voluntary group, charity, association or self-help group working with children or young people who are disadvantaged in some way, can apply to the Fund for imaginative projects that fit into the

four main themes; aspiration and experiences, economic disadvantage, isolation and access and children's voices.

Local Network Fund Co-ordinator Corrina Nicholson said, "So far this has been a really positive experience that has benefited various communities all over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We are so pleased that our funding has been increased for this year and that we are able to continue this work."

"Our fund is very people friendly, Development Officer Jenny Roberts is on hand every step of the way to talk over project ideas, give help with filling in forms, or any other background information groups may need. Workshops are provided throughout the year on filling out the forms as well as one-to-one meetings."

Any groups interested in applying for a grant should contact the Local Network Fund Call Centre on 0845 113 0161 for a form or contact Development Officer:

Jenny Roberts on 01353 860850 or email jenny.roberts@cambsacre.org.uk

Linton Granta playgroup is a winner



Children from the Linton Granta and Toddler Group entertaining parents at the Christmas Show Picture by A Clark

LINTON Granta Playgroup and Toddlers celebrated Christmas early with the delivery of £1,000 worth of brand new Lighthouse toys.

The playgroup was one of five winners in the Cambridge Evening News "Teenie Tots Challenge", after collecting nearly 1500 of the special tokens from the newspaper.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed tokens, the toys will be put to very

good use by both the playgroup and the parent and toddler group.

In particular, we would like to thank the following who helped us to advertise the appeal: Sweet Talk News, Linton Post Office, Hale and Jacobs and Linton Infant School.

A huge thank you also to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair at the Village Hall in December. Great fun was had by all. In addition to

the £700 taken on the day, Lloyds TSB has generously pledged us a donation of £400, making this one of our most successful fundraising events ever. All money will go towards the running and improvement of the Playgroup and Toddler Group.

Parents and children at Linton Granta Playgroup enjoyed a Christmas Show on 8th December, to round off a fun but busy term. The children sang a

range of Christmas songs and carols, with several brave three and four-year-olds also performing solos.

Watch this space for details of our next event, a 'ladies' evening of luxury' on Friday 4th March with fashion, wine, chocolate and much much more! All ladies welcome!

For more information on the playgroup or the fashion please contact:

Siedah Tunsley 891067

Dem bones, dem bones, dem's old Lintonian bones

AT THE END of November, the archaeologists working at Linton Village College on the site of the new special school made a remarkable discovery. In a shallow grave, barely two feet below the surface of what

was a hockey pitch until very recently, lay the body of a previous inhabitant of the valley of the Granta.

She, for the skeleton appears to be female, is probably 2000 years old and was buried in the

crouched or foetal position typical of Iron Age burials. She had no grave goods with her and was therefore probably not of noble birth but a typical member of the village community located on the flat land running down to the river.

Linton Village College students and staff visited her grave and wondered at the very different life she would have led in those ancient times and how it would have been impossible for her to have even dreamed of the world into which she would re-appear two millennia later.

A request for a name was posted on the College website and the final choice was Braeden, a Celtic name with the meaning brave one.

C Bush



Braeden's final resting place Picture by Ultan McCarthy

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Now we are six



Hard at work casting the new bell

Picture by Keith Nightingale

IN conjunction with the removal of the five bells from S' Mary's church tower for refurbishment (reported last month), a new bell has been cast to increase the ring to six. The new bell has most generously been given by D' Roger Bertram and his family in memory of his mother, Kate Bertram.

A small group representing the donor's family and the ringers was able to witness the casting at Whitechapel

bell-foundry in London on 3rd December.

The sight of the ladle of molten bronze at more than 1000°C being manoeuvred over the mould and then the metal being poured with all the associated sparks, smoke and smells will long be remembered.

The new bell will now be tuned to match the existing bells by careful machining, ready for them all to be rehung in the tower next March.

Keith Nightingale 891806

Your chance to eat, drink and be Daddy

AFTER November's successful Dads and Tots trial session, the Family Resource Centre is making this a regular feature.

Dads and Tots is an opportunity for fathers to come along to a toddler group in the village on a Saturday morning. We have a good selection of pre-school toys and activities, ending with song time and parachute games.

The session runs from 9.30-11am, with a small charge per family which includes coffee, bacon butties and toast (squash and biscuit for the children). As one father put it, "I go to

work early and return late, I don't get to spend as much time as I would like with my children let alone mix with other fathers in the village. We are all in the same parenting boat and it's good to mix and share our experiences."

All fathers and carers are welcome with children from babies to pre-school age. Next few dates are 15th January, 26th February and 19th March.

Further information is available from Sarah or John Thorne on 891952.

Tracey Clayton
Family Resource Centre

Super sale

THANK you to everyone who supported the coffee morning and sale of Christmas cards and gifts in aid of Save the Children. £350 was raised to help children round the world.

Judith White 894447

Linton W.E.A.

SPRING class commences at 10am on 11th January at Linton Village Hall. The subject is Edwardian England, and the tutor M^{rs} Mary Dicken.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who is interested. Folk of any age may join us. For further information please contact:

Leslie Allison 891154

Sherry and shortbread for ACE

A COACH load of Linton seniors enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit to the Homes and Gardens garden centre at Melbourne on Thursday 9th December, on an outing arranged and funded by Linton ACE (Activities and Care for the Elderly).

A pleasant few hours were spent exploring the possibilities presented by the wide variety of goodies on display, encouraging everyone to do a little Christmas shopping, with time for a relaxing lunch and chat.

On Saturday 29th January, ACE will be holding a 'Sherry and Shortbread' morning between 10.30am and 1pm at the Village Hall which will help to raise funds for more events of this kind. There will be a variety of stalls, including a cake stall, bring-and-buy and a tombola, and, for the more sober, coffee and tea will be available. Linton library will be providing an exhibition detailing the services they offer, as will Age Concern who fund our Warden. Other stalls can be accommodated for a modest charge.

Everyone is invited to come along and support the contribution which ACE makes to the life of the older people in our village community.

Janet Crofts
893619

A WI Christmas feast

PARTY time again – could it really be that a whole year has flown by? Well yes, and 46 ladies in festive mood sat down to a splendid meal – cold meats, salads and an array of inch-adding 'puds'.

The tables looked lovely with a Christmas arrangement on each and a decorated Christmas tree, lighting up one corner. M^{rs} Eileen Impy had, with annual unstinting generosity, made and given a beautiful iced

Christmas cake, which was much appreciated by all.

When we could eat no more, six members gave a short entertainment of poems and prose before members went home with a present from the 'bring and share' Santa's sack.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th January 2005 when Alex Todd will give a slide show on Mozambique.

There will be a trading stall.
Clare Neville
893251

The story of a brave young boy

HILDERSHAM WI members were privileged to hear at first hand the unforgettable bravery of an 11-year-old boy and his family. The year was 1942. Stephen Brookes, the youngest of eight children of an English father, an ex-army surgeon, and a Buddhist Burmese mother, had lived a charmed and affluent life for 11 years, up to the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour.

The war spread in the Far East on to Burmese soil and the family found itself fleeing from the advancing Japanese army. A terrible journey of 3000 miles from Burma via China followed over mountain passes and through the jungle swamps of the Hukawng Valley at the height of the monsoon season,

and into the horror of an internment camp. The death of his father left Stephen responsible for his mother and remaining sick brother and sister until they finally reached safety at Jhansi in India, by which time Stephen was only 12 years old.

While having tea and refreshments, we were able to continue finding out more about M^r Brookes' amazing life, with members buying his first book, Through The Jungle Of Death. Having lived a very colourful life, M^r Brookes, now 74, lives in Cambridge.

The vote of thanks was given by Lynn Hartland on behalf of a very moved group of WI members and guests.

Pamela Parris
01223 892026

Mulled wine mince pies and flowers

THE fame of the complimentary mulled wine and mince pies has obviously spread as a crowd of members gathered for the Gardening Club's social evening last month.

For the first time for many years we had a flower arranging demonstration, this time illustrating various aspects of the festive season entitled "Christmas for me". Using an interesting selection of props, some acquired from a charity shop or recycled from their original use, Margaret Holmes, a teacher of flower arranging, created four exhibits.

There emerged a church display in white and green around a candle, one depicting a pantomime in pinks and mauves, a choirboy in coral and terracotta shades and present opening on Christmas day around a fire in the reds and oranges of the flames.

Under Margaret's expert hands these showpieces effortlessly appeared whilst she kept up a flow of anecdotes about her family's adventures and her life in the village of Castle Camps. She gave us tips on how to generate 'movement and flow', essential ingredients of successful arrangements, and advice on the way to revive wilting flowers or make them last. Four lucky people had a lasting memento of the evening as the displays were included in the raffle prizes.

Our next meeting on 11th January will feature Stephen Anderton demonstrating "Courageous gardening". Some of you will remember Stephen from his Channel four gardening programme last year so we hope everyone will turn up to hear him and bring along friends too.

A happy new year to all our members.
Gloria Fidler 891800

An appreciation of Kate Bertram's life.

KATE Bertram moved to Linton House in 1950 with her husband and four young sons. They chose Linton because at that time tutors of colleges were obliged to live within a 10-mile radius of Great S' Mary's church and the house just fell within this distance. The house had a large garden on both sides of the river which the family ran as a small-holding, living largely on its produce – vegetables, milk and meat from the goats, and ducks and geese for special occasions (the peacocks came later).

As her sons grew, Kate became increasingly involved in women's education. She had been an undergraduate at Newnham college and a post-graduate at Girton. In the 1950s and 1960s, there were very few

places for women at Cambridge; she was closely involved in the founding of New Hall, where her granddaughter, Beatrice, is now. She realised there was a need for another women's college especially for mature women, who had no access to higher education. Eventually Lucy Cavendish college was established and she became President until retirement in 1979.

Her involvement in Linton was as a Justice of the Peace; she was chairman of the Linton bench for many years.

Her interest in bellringing came later; she was very unmusical and claimed to have no 'rope-sight' at all. She did however enjoy the mental exercise of method ringing and belonged to the Linton Guild

of bellringers for five years before her retirement. This coincided with her move to Graffham in Sussex, to a house built by her grandfather. There, again, she became involved in ringing and organised the restoration of the bells in Graffham church.

She died in 1999 believing herself to have had a very fortunate life, although her last few years were distressing, both for herself and her family, as she declined with Alzheimer's disease.

Two of Kate's 13 grandchildren, Rebecca and now Aldous, are Linton bellringers. The whole family wishes to honour and remember her remarkable life by giving a sixth bell, in her name, to Linton.

Roger Bertram.

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Mr Dillon says: "To summarise how I can be of help to my clients, some conditions or issues I cover are: anxiety and depression, addictions, anger management, fears and phobias, confidence building, stress management, habits and disorders, weight loss and bereavement.

"Please note the above list is just a small example of what I cover. So, whatever your situation is, if it is stopping you getting on with your life, and you have decided the time is right for you to do something about it, give me a call and I will be delighted to help you.

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Tiger trio's starring role in the battle for survival



Just checking: Deja gives one of her cubs the once-over

Picture by Kim Simmonds



Playtime: The two brothers and their sister find out what fun life can be

Picture by Kim Simmonds

THREE bright shining stars in an otherwise potentially dark future for tigers are the new Amur (Siberian) cubs born at Linton Zoo last summer. Deja, an eight-year-old female, and Mirko, a six-year-old male, are both genetically very important to a biodiverse population of tigers which may one day be needed to help reintroduce the world's biggest cat back into the wild.

The three cubs, two male and one female, are as yet unnamed and are enjoying their time spent in the outside enclosure. Their play-fighting is fascinating and they get bolder every day.

Deja will teach them an enormous amount over the coming months but for now she tolerates being climbed on and chased ... up to a point.

Important funds are collected to pay for rangers and specialists who help protect tigers in the wild, and Linton Zoo and people in the village have so far raised £3500 in support of the 21st century tiger. So thanks to everyone concerned.

The image of the tiger is a powerful symbol of the Far East and one which man has borrowed to denote authority, might and virility. This may in the long run say more about our own weaknesses and insecurity, especially if we allow them to become extinct.

In the meantime, three new tiger cubs are helping to reinforce an important conservation message, while everything falls prey to their relentless curiosity.

Kim Simmonds 891308 or www.lintonzoo.com

YOUTH ALPHA

'LINTON Churches Together' are launching Youth Alpha in the new year, from the 16th January until the 20th March. Offering fun, friendship, food and... an opportunity to explore the meaning of life!

Church Hall, Horn Lane, Linton. If you're in year seven or up, then why not come along?

For more information please contact 'Linton Churches Together' youth worker: Louise Woolcock

Youth Alpha will be held every Sunday evening from 7.30 to 9.15pm in the URC

890118 or email: louise@woolcock.org

Right royal puzzle

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That's summit to be proud of ... Brian raises £2500 for charity

COMBINING a lifelong ambition with a chance to raise money for a worthwhile charity has to be something many of us would be glad to do. Towards the end of 2004, I was lucky enough to fulfil such an ambition.

My wife Helen has type two diabetes, in her case an inherited disease, but the illness is sadly on the increase worldwide with more and more younger sufferers being diagnosed. So it was not too difficult to decide on a charity which would benefit from a successful challenge.

On 1st September, I set out with 25 other trekkers to reach the summit of the Uhuru Peak of Kilimanjaro, 5896 metres above sea level, the highest point in Africa.

Well, we did it, finally reaching the summit at 8.20am on 9th September after an overnight ascent of the highest volcanic cone by torchlight.

The experience of travelling through the Kenya-Tanzania border regions left me with a range of emotions: excitement, feelings of 'Will I manage it?', feelings of being humbled by the cheery-natured local inhabitants, and, not least, overwhelming admiration for the Tanzanian guides.

They led us to our destination and would not let any of us who were suffering from debilitating mountain and altitude sickness give up. Conditions at times were so physically and mentally demanding that 'I'm not a celebrity, but still get me out of here' could have applied.

I raised more than £2500 and together with events that Helen and I have put on during the past 18 months for Diabetes UK, we will have raised around £9000.

It just shows that you should never give up on a dream - you can make it come true for yourself and others.

Brian Bonney



Brian on the summit of Uhuru Peak at 5896 metres (nearly 20,000 feet)

Picture by Brian Bonney



Children at the village of Tinga Tinga en route to Uhuru

Picture by Brian Bonney



Our team of guides takes a breather on the way to the top

Picture by Brian Bonney

The way ahead for Linton's library

WAYS to improve Linton Library's service to the public were discussed at a development meeting in November.

There was a wide-ranging and lively discussion concerning how the library service in general, and Linton Library in particular, was serving the community.

One major issue was how people would like to see the service grow and develop, given the financial constraints it is compelled to work within.

Topics ranged from how many new books the library received, how they were chosen and how best use was made of them, to how an "enquiry" was defined.

Mention was made of some of the lesser known services provided through the library. These include the provision of books on cassette, in partnership with the postal services, for those people who are registered blind or partly sighted.

The discussion also covered the 'doorstep service', run with the help of volunteers, for those people who are unable to get to a branch or to a mobile public library due to ill health or problems with mobility.

Linda Pearson

Pot Pourri (1)

SOMETIMES simple problems provide more aggravation than is warranted. The solution to the following problem relies on seeing a pattern.

Consider how many ways five items can be rearranged so that none of the items occupies its original position.

An example comes to mind where five eggs are moved so that none is in its original place. How many rearrangements are there before the possibilities are exhausted?

An explanation will follow in the next issue with a new problem. Send your answer to the Linton News with a brief explanation of how you achieved the answer.

Urania

K-CLUB WINNERS

THE winners of the December K-Club monthly draw:
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THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As usual, the end of last term was hectic but very productive and the College further enhanced its reputation as a giving school. A huge range of activities took place throughout the week, culminating in the annual Charities Morning. Students walked to school (15 miles in some cases), shaved their legs (yes, boys of course) and ran their various stalls all to raise funds for good causes all over the world.

Thanks to the Link Walk, the new shelter has been built at Boepathutse and our work in this area caught the attention of national government; a group of our students have been invited to London to lead a 'workshop' on how schools can form partnerships with schools in the developing world.

As I said in this column in November, fifty-nine of our young people won the Diana, Princess of Wales award for services to others and at the end of term, the national director came to the College to make the presentation. She was so impressed by what she saw and heard that she arranged the previously mentioned workshop and has invited the College to be part of a national initiative about young people and volunteering.

Our archaeologists finally packed up their trowels and moved on during the last week of term and we are all keen to hear what they have discovered about our 'body'. It appears she was female and after our website request for a name, I can now tell you that she is officially known as Braeden.

It is strange to think of her living here in such a very different world and having no conception of what would happen two thousand years later. The new school has also received a name. It is called Granta School in recognition of its location.

So now we look to the New Year and all the challenges it will bring. The building work will be intense and all of us will have to be tolerant and adaptable – but then those are qualities that are common here.

The wider picture is equally challenging with the most significant and far-reaching changes to the way children are looked after and educated since the 1944 Education Act. No doubt you will hear more from me about those changes as the year progresses.

In the meantime, I hope your festive season was an enjoyable one and you are looking forward to 2005 with enthusiasm and optimism.

Clive Bush



A festive treat for concert audience

An enjoyable and early start to the festive season was provided last month by a visit from the Fairhaven Singers, who enjoy a high reputation in East Anglia.

They sang music by Mendelssohn, Poulenc, Villa-Lobos and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*, with the audience joining in later.

It was a celebratory evening, enhanced by being held in Linton parish church, and was a wonderful start to the festive season.

The first music society concert of the New Year will be a performance on Saturday, 19th February in Linton Village College by Trio Obbligato, a group consisting of Emily Bauer-Jones, contralto, Christopher Wellington, viola, and Alan Brown, piano.

The recital starts at 7.30pm when Trio Obbligato will perform an evening of well known music, including Vaughan Williams' songs, *Silent Noon* and *The Water Mill*, and piano and viola music by Rachmaninoff including two preludes and the lovely *Vocalise*. There will also be two songs by Brahms.

Members and non-members alike are welcome, with booking through the Cambridge Arts Box Office on 01223 503333. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Last October, the music society's 2004-2005 season got off to a flying start with a highly successful concert by the Tallis Chamber Orchestra, with pianist Nicholas Rimmer turning in a particularly fine performance of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto.

Any enquiries please to 894164 or 894460

The Way We Were by Garth Collard



A picture of the Recreation Ground taken during the 1950s

They had vandals and jobs even in the 'good old days'

WE hear a great deal about acts of vandalism perpetrated by the youth of today and undoubtedly some dreadful incidents do take place.

Most villages seem to suffer from mindless damage caused to private property and public amenities. However, the older residents of most villages, including Linton have always complained about the conduct of the younger generation.

In the archives of the parish council and the Cambridge press, I am constantly reading about irresponsible vandalism and damage caused to local Linton amenities.

This occurred especially in the area of the recreation ground. Before the Great War, villagers used it as a dumping ground for all their rubbish. Once the parish council bought the grounds in 1921-22, they established bye-laws to control its use, planted trees and installed benches. The expectation was that local residents

would care for their newly acquired asset. Far from it! Within 10 years, the vandals struck.

The target for the local youths in 1932 was the newly erected shelter, followed in 1933 by attacks on the 28 trees planted in 1921. The police were told and the culprits and their parents brought to account.

More new seats were put near the recreation ground before the outbreak of war and vandals delayed their onslaught until the Battle of Britain had been won. In October 1940, the new seats were torn up and some thrown into the ditch. The parish council vowed to stop "the damage and abuse caused by youths and girls". A notice board was put up threatening prosecutions and a £5 fine.

The cunning youths once again switched their target and attempted to demolish parts of the bridges in Horn Lane and the recreation ground. In 1943, the wooden palings on the bridge were pulled down in

Horn Lane and the coping stones torn from the bridge leading to Symonds Lane.

Attacks restarted in 1948 with another assault on the recreation ground seats. In 1964, a newer generation of our local youth found a fresh target and deposited the cricket ground roller in the river.

Finally, in May 1971, the ultimate insult - the supposedly vandal-proof globe disappeared from the lamp standard at the Joiners Road junction with the recreation ground, but at least they left the light bulb behind!

Much as I deplore the conduct of the tiny minority of the present-day youth which makes living in certain parts of the village something of a nightmare at weekends, we must never forget that most young people still behave very responsibly.

Perhaps some of the older residents, especially those with a conscience, might recall that the village was not quite as peaceful and trouble free even in "the good old days".

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2126/04/F M^r & M^s Baker, 42 Symonds lane, Linton.

Blocking up existing vehicular access with wall and enlarging existing pedestrian access to form new gated vehicular access.

S/2379/04/LB M^r & M^s Baker, 42 Symonds Lane, Linton.

Alterations to boundary wall- blocking of vehicular access with wall and enlarging pedestrian access to form new gated vehicular access.

S/2390/04/F M^r & M^s Roots, 63 Back Road, Linton. Extension.

S/2404/04/F R.J.Creek, 4 Primrose Way, Linton. Addition of solar collectors to roof.

S/2416/04/F M^s Mazumdar, 18 Market Lane, Linton.

Double garage with playroom above.

S/2429/04/LB D^r & M^s Abrahamson, 8 Horn Lane, Linton.

Alterations - installation of 2 solar heating panels 1250 x 1750 on rear roof slope.

S/2438/04/LB A Flynn, Northside, 75 High Street, Linton.

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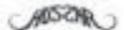
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LINTON'S PHOENIX

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Andrew Gore

THAT'S what someone called the Cathodeon Centre at the top of the High Street. You would have had to live in Linton for some years to remember Cathodeon Crystals as a thriving business, the biggest employer in the village. Its closure sparked the formation of the Village Action Group. When the site was allocated for new houses, the Action Group was the catalyst which made sure that the village gained from the development. Some principles were soon laid down by the planners- that the development would have to include a childrens' play area for instance.

What else, though, could we seek? That's where the Parish Council began to draw the threads together, and the idea of transforming the factory's derelict canteen and social club into a community building emerged. As well as offering



Cathodeon Centre newly extended Play Equipment

the chance to create more community rooms of a size lacking in the village, it meant we could place the play area in front of the building instead of on the estate, making it easier to create a safe and vandal-free environment. It also ensured that none of the new residents would have play equipment by their front doors.

Perhaps most importantly, by the mid '90's the library, then housed in a small room in the Village College, was in jeopardy. Its facilities were totally inadequate. Usage was dropping steadily. There's no doubt that if it had still been there, Linton would have been

one of the libraries closed in rural Cambridgeshire last year. Instead, in the Cathodeon Cen-

tre, we have a thriving community facility, run as a charitable trust by trustees. Three are ap-

pointed by the Parish Council, one by the Library Service and one is independent.

The Library moved to the Cathodeon Centre when it first opened and has more members than ten years ago, against the national trend, though we have to be vigilant in guarding it in the future: the Trustees keep pressing the County Council for longer opening hours and more books, but it's up to you to ensure its future by using it. The two community rooms are used during the day by the Chestnut Playgroup and then by the Out of School Club. Community groups of all sorts meet there in the evenings, in-

cluding the Parish Council. We are particularly proud of the Community Computer Group, which grew from the Senior Citizens IT Club and uses the library's community computer suite every Tuesday evening to help beginners understand computers at their own pace. Weekends sees childrens' parties, and the Cornerstone Church on Sunday morning.

Some people were worried that the Cathodeon Centre could affect the viability of the Village Hall, so it's a tribute to the vibrancy of Linton that the Hall is prospering as never before, just like the Centre. Improved play facilities have just been installed in front of the Centre. They're open to the public when the Playgroup or Out of School Club are not in session, and we hope to extend the opening hours next year to reflect the community's enhanced contribution.

You can become involved. Use the facilities. Join the Friends of the Linton Library. Volunteer to open or close the gates to the play area at weekends by contacting Gill on 891001. Put yourself forward as a candidate to be the independent trustee when we next fill the post. Like so much of village life, you only get out what you put in. If you'd like to get involved, or find out more about the Centre, just give me a ring: 01223 891970.

Andrew Gore,
Chairman of the Trustees.



Cathodeon Centre

View from the Chair

THE Parish Council hope that everyone had a happy Christmas! It is strange how chance meetings can generate a whole range of thoughts. Waiting for the Theatre Club coach (another unsung group doing grand work) to see "Clouds", conversation turned to planning issues. Building can take place long after the planning process has been forgotten, the work then coming as a surprise to neighbours. LPC tries to make known

and discuss planning applications with those affected. SCDC notifies near neighbours through the "carding" system and puts up posters. However, it is not always obvious who will be affected and they can be omitted, losing the opportunity to comment on the plans. It pays to keep an eye on the lampposts!

The Planning Committee comments not just on the plans but on their effect on the village; we are local and know the practical and visual consequences. If we don't know, it will soon be

pointed out, usually in the course of a dog walk! For instance, what if a local business does not get permission for alterations. It might cause loss of the business. Or perhaps a design has been chosen to accommodate Health and Safety issues, but is overridden by the view of the conservationists. Or groups of houses might not meet known housing needs. We comment on these and so much more. However, we do not have the final word and plans are passed or refused contrary to our desires. Then,

what? Guess who gets the blame!

There are currently development plans for the region. We are aware of how these might affect Linton, but may not have been consulted sufficiently early in the process to change the set minds of the planners. This can lead to imperfect schemes, which could have been avoided by listening to us. It will give us no satisfaction to say "we told you so", but we just might.....
Enid Bald

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THE Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd December, 2004 had 13 Councillors present.

In Reports from Co-ordinators C^{llr} Clay reported that landscaping had, at last, taken place on the small area of open space at the junction of Granta Vale and the High Street. It now looked very tidy.

C^{llr} Kenyon, reporting for the Recreation ground, stated that LVC schoolchildren had recently utilised the football field for training which had resulted in the pitch being churned up. It was noted that the College had been requested to only use this area with the Football Club's approval. Discussion took place and it was agreed that a note would be sent reminding the College staff of this. It was also reiterated that the tarmac area was freely available to them.

The Chairman reported requests for topsoil for use in the Cemetery. She had advised the Clerk who reported topsoil should be available in three dustbins next to the Trade Refuse bin in the Cemetery. However, they were not clearly marked as such. The meeting agreed that a sign should be organised.

C^{llr} Potter noted that the two circular hedgerow plants which flank the War Memorial had not been trimmed prior to the Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November. As a result they looked very untidy. The Clerk was to notify Herald as this was within the Parish maintenance contract.



War Memorial

C^{llr} Rossiter reported she had received some of the questionnaires regarding proposed changes to the Rights of Way back from C^{llrs} now and it was evident there was much divided opinion. She noted that

her intention was to bring back to council the consensus of opinion. C^{llr} Cox then noted that some ramblers recently had expressed an interest in the proposed changes, and he hoped that there was to be more public consultation. C^{llr} Rossiter confirmed that all the proposed changes, with a map showing existing routes, was the front-page article of Parish Matters for December. She hoped for a good response.

C^{llr} Cox had issued a written report which included a revised quotation from Herald Contractors for remedial works to the sum of £615, and a map identifying the areas of work. This was discussed in some detail and it was noted that there was an area of works still remaining. It was suggested that possibly the Linton 3W's may like to assist with this. C^{llr} Rossiter would ask Councillors repeated their thanks for the work already carried out by the 3W's group around the village. C^{llr} Cox was also thanked for organising these particular works. It was also noted that Herald had recommended some further works at a cost of £580 which may still be required. If this proved so, it would come before Council again.

C^{llr} Rossiter had issued a written report from the Parish Plan Group regarding traffic issues, which had recently been discussed by them due to the Linton Steering Group's report on the A1307 Route Study modelling, which was Item 9 on this meeting's Agenda. It was agreed therefore to look at both reports together.

C^{llr} Rossiter explained that no one group was 'opposed' to any specific traffic measure on the A1307 or within the village, but she considered that the Parish Plan group had a responsibility to put forward views of the residents who had completed the questionnaire. It was evident that the modelling results had been extremely surprising and would take delicate handling when informing the public. C^{llr} Urwin then drew attention to the report from the Linton Steering Group circulated earlier, and an addendum to it which had been circulated at this meeting. Time was allowed for

councillors to read it. The A1307 Route Study 'model' in action had been very informative, if not complex, with much to take on board. The main issues that had come from the presentation were:- A roundabout at Bartlow Crossroads appeared to cause heavy (11 minute) tailbacks on the A1307, and with traffic lights at the SEN plus traffic lights at the High Street junction, heavy queues in the High Street itself. However, if the roundabout were removed from the model, there would appear to be no problems at all.

Many questions had been raised at the presentation, not least of which was why there appeared to be problems in the High Street only when there was a roundabout at Bartlow crossroads? Whilst the 11-minute delays with a roundabout had been unbelievable, the High Street issue had not made sense. CC Officers had agreed to return to the consultants, Atkins, to try to find the answers but they were not available at this time. The Officers had also stated that they themselves had arranged for Atkins to work with the Bartlow crossroads, using other measures, to see if they caused less tailbacks but the report on that was not yet available.

Discussion then took place during which it was queried whether the modelling had taken into account proposed increases in traffic due to expansion of Haverhill. C^{llr} Cornell reported that Atkins had mentioned a 'growth chart' and one assumed this was factored in. C^{llr} Batchelor reported that Linton currently has a one-off opportunity to obtain funding for a number of traffic measures. At a recent CCC Cabinet meeting looking at county-wide schemes, Linton had 3 in the top seven priority items on the October List. On offer was a complete package consisting of Interactive signs on the A1307 between Fourwentways and Suffolk border, a one-way system in the High Street with improvements at Back Road/Balsham Road junction, safety measures at Dalehead Foods and traffic lights at the High Street/A1307 junction.

As a result of discussion C^{llr} Kenyon proposed that this

Council support obtaining funding for traffic lights at the High Street junction with A1307. This was seconded by C^{llr} Gore and voted unanimously by the meeting.

D^r Bear then reported that CCC Cabinet had met and approved the County October List which showed Linton as 2nd for A1307 Interactive Speed Signs; 4th for High Street one-way system and 7th for the Dalehead Foods Accident safety scheme. Cabinet had agreed funding for the top 9 schemes. C^{llr} Gore then returned to discussing the results of the Route Study working model and noted that it was quite often the case that these models turn up very surprising results. He was, however, very concerned that nationwide the correct procedure, where a number of traffic problems were arising on a road, would be to organise a modal study from which would come modelling from which projects would be agreed. In the case of the A1307 it would appear that projects have been put forward and agreed, modelling had been shown to justify and a modal study is still awaited. C^{llr} Gore considered that a letter of concern should be forwarded to this effect. C^{llr} Kenyon suggested waiting until the proposals currently on the table were acted upon!

C^{llr} Rossiter noted that lots of PR would be required to try to explain all of this to local residents.

Council then considered the appointment of a co-ordinator for the Glebe Land. The Chairman reported that the necessary legal documentation had been complete and the Glebe Land was now under lease to the Council. C^{llr} Cornell nominated C^{llr} Rossiter. C^{llr} Rossiter being willing to accept, C^{llr} Gore seconded the nomination. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

There were 3 written reports from Councillors:-

1) C^{llr} Urwin - Report on Steering Group meeting to view A1307 Route Study modelling work. This had been dealt with earlier.

ii) Chairman - Linton Library development Meeting. The Chairman re-iterated the Library's need of good second hand books. C^{llr} Kenyon noted

a resident she knew who may be able to help. C^{llr} Gore, as Chair of Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre where the Library is housed, noted that the Centre could no longer be classed as being on the edge of the village. It is, after all, now fairly central. He also noted that many people still seemed unclear as to where the Library was. Any one who could suggest ways in which this might be better publicised should come forward.

iii) C^{llr} Potter - Proposal for additional Office equipment. This proposal was in two parts; firstly the purchase of a digital camera for office use. This was discussed and agreed by the meeting with a budget of £200. Secondly, a budget of up to £1600 to facilitate the purchase of an Apple Mac machine with Adobe PageMaker to facilitate the Parish Matters page. Discussion took place regarding this issue during which C^{llr} Potter explained his current problems. The Clerk then reported on this issue from her perspective. As a result of discussion it was agreed C^{llr} Potter would put together a complete package of requirements to update the Parish office and bring this back to Council.

The payments due list was then circulated. The Clerk reported on each item. C^{llr} Alper proposed that the payments, as listed, be made. This was seconded by C^{llr} Urwin and agreed by the meeting. C^{llrs} Cox and

Item 41 - LVC - Invitation to Awards presentation regarding Anti-bullying. C^{llr} Kenyon was available to represent the Council.

Item 42 - Wildlife Trust - Request for funding for national project work. This Council's policy of only funding issues directly in Linton would be passed on to them.

Item 43 - SCDC - Seeking any nominations for the Standards Board. Council agreed that if the two current Members were willing to be re-nominated, then this should stand.

Item 47 - SCDC - New booklet giving guidance on conduct for dual-hatted C^{llrs}. Three councillors present took a copy. Other copies will be retained in the office.

Item 51 - Mrs Bertram - Copy of letter to CC/Highways regarding connections to surface water drains. The detail of the current problem being experienced by the Bertram family was discussed and it was agreed that the reply from CC/Highways was eagerly awaited.

186 In Any Other Business C^{llr} Batchelor queried whether there was any information regarding the shop front at the Co-op. It appeared that the design incorporated a 'hole-in-the-wall' cash machine. It was noted that planning permission for this had not been applied for. The Clerk was asked to check with SCDC planners if



Hadstock Road bridge

Potter signed the cheques.

Within this fortnight's correspondence list the following were of particular interest:-

Items 27, 28, 36 & 52 - were all requests for funding to go to the Precept meeting.

Items 29, 30 & 50 - were all information items relating to the Churchyard which would come before the next meeting.

Item 34 - SCDC - Information that the next Parish elections would fall in 2006.

anything was in the pipeline.

C^{llrs} Rossiter and Cornell noted the excellent work that had recently been carried out to the footbridge on Hadstock Road. The Clerk was asked to pass on the congratulations to the relevant department.

The Chairman thanked all councillors for their hard work during the year and wished everyone a happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 22.09.

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