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## **LINTON DIARY**

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#### SEPTEMBER

Camera club, 9.30am, Village Hall WI, 7.30pm Village Hall pick up at Dog & Duck Ace trip to Ely, 10.30am,

Churches Trust Cycle Ride, 10am-6pm St Mary's Church Charity car wash, 10am-4pm **Fire Station** 

**Chalklands Community Centre** VIP, 2pm Bookfest meeting, 8pm Village Hall Parish Council meeting, 8pm Cathodeon Centre

Chilford Hall Cambridge glass fair, 10.30am- 4pm, Cross country ride, 8pm 18 Village Hall Hildersham WI, 10am Rectory Farm, Hildersham

Historical society, 7.30pm Village Hall CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon Health Centre Friends of St Mary's Quiz, 7 for 7.30pm Infants' School

Table Top Sale, 2.00pm Village Hall Sawston Village College Big Band Ball, 7.30pm Parish Walk, 2.30pm St Mary's Church

Chestnut Playgroup AGM, 8.00pm Cathodeon Centre Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9.30am-12noon Village Hall

**OCTOBER** 

Farmers' Market, 10am Quiz night, 7.30pm

WI, 7.30pm

Luncheon Club, 12.15pm Parish Council meeting, 8pm

Cathodeon Centre Papworth Hospital Charity Dance, 7.30pm Linton Height's Linton Music Society, 8pm

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# Support the

CHARITY car wash will Abe held at Linton fire station from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This event is part of the national car wash day in aid of the fire service national benevolent fund.

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Mark Collins 891896

# **Bookfest**

Linton Village College

Village Hall

The Crown

The Institute, Balsham

N open meeting is being And to discuss plans for the Linton children's book festival in Spring 2006.

The meeting will be in the village hall upstairs meeting room at 8pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Everyone is welcome; please come along with all your ideas. For more information

please contact: Anna McMahon

892977 lintonbookfest@hotmail.co.uk

## Table top sale in aid of Village Hall funds

THE Village Hall management committee will be holding ■ a table top sale from 2pm on Saturday 24th September. There will be a charge for a table booked in advance and, if space allows, a table booked on the day will attract a higher charge.

There will be a raffle and refreshments will be available. During the past few years the hall has been extensively refurbished. Please come and support the upkeep of this building which is an asset for the whole community.

For more information or to book your table please con-

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# MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

EVERY year we worry that there won't be enough entries in the Gardening Club's show or that no-one will come to see the displays, but somehow it all works out on the day.

This year, despite a slight drop in the overall number of entries, the show was a great success and the hall was jampacked with visitors enjoying the exhibits, the home-made cake and the fruits of the raffle.

The usual suspects, Les Moulton, Jan Sheppard, Susan Anderson, Carol Todd, Ron Pitkin and David Champion ran away with most of the trophies, but Jean Champion was a new winner in the handicrafts. As last year, nonmember Jane Devlin actually gained one point more than her mother Peaky Carver who came second in the cookery section. In another example of familial rivalry, show secretary Susan Anderson was beaten in the chutney class by her daughter Lou!

The Endeavour cup for fruit and vegetables was won by Daniel Johnson whose wife won it last year, and the Banksian Medal, awarded to the entrant winning most points for grown exhibits (excluding the 2003 and 2004 winners), was won by non-member Val Spencer from Abington.

Unfortunately there were fewer children's exhibits, but on display were some interesting and clever pieces of artwork, craft, miniature gardens inspired no doubt by TV makeovers and some tasty-looking decorated biscuits, one artfully minus a bite. The winner in the seven and under group was Clare Crossland and in the eight to 14 group Daniel Gibbs triumphed.

There was great interest in the vast display of very professional photographs, all encouraging plenty of comment from the onlookers. In the stained glass category one winning entrant applied lateral thinking with a composition of coloured wine glasses rather than a win-

Pam Kenyon, our faithful judge of the baking and preserves had to taste her way through 79 entries. She decided that she needs an extra tongue for such a huge task and will probably be recruiting a helper for next year! It was a pleasure to have Shirley Dimmock with us to present the prizes and she said that she thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Club chairman Charles Attwood commented that "It was all so cheerful" but in order to create that sort of



Mollie Gibbs receiving her brother's trophy from Shirley Picture by Ron Pitkim

atmosphere there is an army of workers behind the scenes. Thanks must go to all those who did everything in their power to make it a special day, most particularly to Susan, Leslie and Jan who keep track of the points to reveal the winners and produce prize money in such a short space of

The members and friends of the club have many and diverse talents and they are all put to good use for the occasion, and of course without all the entrants and visitors it just would not happen, so thank you and please keep on coming.

**Gloria Fidler** 

# Successful open gardens day despite the rain



The garden of Christine and Banjo Fowler

Picture by Maureen Williams

THE renowned spirit of Chalklands and Paynes Meadow in Linton rose once again to the fore of Cambridgeshire village life. At 2pm on Sunday 24th July many residents opened their gardens to the public. Standing in the English rain it became clear there are no fools on this chalky hill,

where some of the great green fingered talent must live. For there behind the houses secret gardens of creative proportions

As the rain tumbled and tinkled on the rooftops and dripped on every carefully manicured lawn, the show went on! Amazing and abundant blooms of roses, giant geraniums and other fine floral displays proved obvious dedication bringing a tear of joy disguised as a raindrop to my eye! The other eye spied vegetables large and small, sweet and sour grown in corners brilliantly blended amongst shrubs and trees with long latin names I'd never seen before.

Runner beans hung long and plentiful with a taste I can vouch for, with nothing added they made a fine and tasty meal, light years away from my usual supermarket purchase! Tomatoes shone like green and red lights behind cloche and greenhouse glass whilst ponds and fountains twinkled and wind chimes played adding a touch of magic and mystery. For a moment one forgot the rain as these intriguing gardens washed our senses with delight!

Further interest by way of welcoming cups of teas, open studios, raffles and stalls raised money for various charities. Dedicated followers and supporters of the event could be seen hurrying under brollies to get a last glimpse before the gates closed at 4.30pm. If you missed it, fear not as I heard whispers of a repeat performance next year!

It all shows that when the residents here talk about something, they don't just talk! They do it, and they do it large, and they do it with magnificence and ingenuity, winning respect and inspiring others all over the county. Chalklands and Paynes Meadow residents' association certainly deserve public recognition for their arts and

improvement projects, but for now, all the entrants in the open gardens in my opinion win top prize! No wonder discreetly carved into the stone at the entrance to Chalklands are the words "All you can imagine is possible".

**Darryl Nantais** 

#### FROM WHERE I'M SITTING by TONY SMITH

THE noise of what seems to be a huge combine harvester but I turns out to be quite a small mower heralds the beginning of the new development in Paynes Meadow, and the field has been cut down to a size that should really have been maintained for the four years that Paynes Meadow has been here. Two signs have been erected outside the Smith residence warning that access is needed at all times, and already I have had to totter over to the bright blue container dumped unceremoniously next to number fourteen to ask a huge man, very politely to move his car.

So far, the construction team from Cocksedge has been brilliant, which is more than can be said about events leading up to the start of the project. All our plants in the front garden have now been either thrown away or relocated; we can only watch as our much loved and cherished roses die before our eyes despite our best efforts. The Papworth Trust informs me that they do not have funding to build the new disabled bungalow, so instead of being the only Papworth property in 20 Hundred Houses dwellings, it seems we will be one in 40. I hope for better times ahead, but the sound of a JCB digging up the road outside as I write brings the realisation that I may have a long wait.

On the 15th of last month, I was invited to the official start of the development where the first sod was turned by Joan Smith and Liz Heazell of South Cambs. I did not go, so the first sod they turned was not me! Around 28 officials donned hard hats specially provided for the occasion and as this seemed to be a bit of a waste of time to me, I asked the contractors what the opening ceremony was all about. I was told that the only real thing they could open was the gate into the field as, apart from a large sign, little else has been done. We watched with some interest and much cynicism, safe in the knowledge we probably will not see again any of the people who took part until the houses are built and the roads in place when they start talking about the next phase, probably too far into the future for me to worry about.

I went to the Thurlow Steam rally on the point-to-point course at Horseheath last month and noticed many mobility scooters around the field, some having more success on the uneven ground than others. Whilst my scooter enables me still to get around, it was at least a week before I was able to return to some sort of normality due to being joggled about, each bump making me flinch badly. Even the lovely fish and chips were little consolation. I do not see why I should give up going to 'my' steam rallies just because I fear how I will feel later, so I am looking forward to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Haddenham steam rally on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of this month where I will be quite prepared to do it all again. I believe the Haverhill event was quite a success, and that it is very likely that permission has been given to hold it again next year. Despite the access to the field from Linton which involves getting over to the outside lane of the dual carriageway, I really hope Robert Pumfrey, Don Loveday and the rally committee have found a permanent home now to build on for the years ahead. Thank you to those of you who stopped to say hello to Sue and me that weekend.

Whilst my rally problems are largely self-inflicted, the state of me after I go out around Linton can not be. The roads, kerbs and paths around the village have fallen into such a state that too much money now needs to be spent on them. These funds are supposedly not available, but I simply will not accept why anyone has to be a prisoner because of lack of money, proper maintenance or care. Sue and I have spent over two and a half thousand pounds just to enable me still to get around; money which we can barely afford. I care not whose responsibility the highways are; just find the money, the same way we have had to, and repair the blinking paths and roads. Now!

A lady told me last month that I can't mention bad weather in this column, only comment when it is going to be sunny. Therefore, I am afraid, I have nothing to say about September except to mention that the contractors here do not like working in the rain. I fear not much progress will be made.

Take care, take your brollies, and look after yourselves, and I hope to see you next month.



## Tea and torrents at Tosca garden party



Helen Bonney and husband Brian with Lorna, a young guest from Ireland, when the sun came out after everyone had gone home!!



Linton Jazz players Karen Sanderson and Rachel Schumann Pratt
Pictures by Helen Bonney

## Competition for carers

BLE Community Care is Aa provider of live-in care services throughout mainland UK and the Channel Islands.

This year we are celebrating our 25th anniversary and supporting various charitable events throughout the year. Our main event is a competition to win a three night break in a hotel with a friend or relative. The competition is for informal carers and whilst they are at the hotel we will provide care for their loved one.

There will be six winners, two from England, two from Scotland and two from Wales.

We are planning to get a "famous informal carer " person to judge a finally selected group. The competition has a closing date of Monday 31st October with the breaks to be taken next Spring.

Application forms can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Able Community Care (Comp), The Parish Rooms. Whitlingham Lane, Trowse, Norwich, NR14 8TZ. Tel: 01603 764567 Fax: 01603 761655

Angela Gifford www.uk-care.com

A ND it rained and it rained and still the brave of Linton made it to the 'Indoor' garden party at Tosca Cottage on 24<sup>th</sup> July. In spite of the weather, Helen and Brian Bonney decided to carry on with

their fundraising event for Diabetes UK and The Christina Noble Children's Foundation. The only change was dictated by the weather, and the amazing people who attended who were treated to music played by the 'Tosca Quartet' led by Edna Howarth; wife of Lib-dem Cambridge MP David Howarth who was present.

Cream teas were the order of the day and Julie Cammann prepared the most luxurious of treats which were enjoyed by the faithful few!

Another highlight of the afternoon was the delightful flute playing of Linton Jazz players Karen Sanderson and pupil Rachel Schumann Pratt who treated everyone to a range of wellknown tunes.

Despite the weather, we still managed to raise nearly £200 and although a lot less than we made from our garden party last year, we are still pleased and grateful to those who contributed and to those who sent donations even after the day. Also our thanks go to all those who donated prizes, particularly for the two Shuttleworth Flying Proms tickets, won by Mary Garner.

Brian is soon to undertake the 14 Peak Fundraising Challenge for Diabetes UK. "I successfully did Kilimanjaro last year," said Brian, "but I think this will be challenging in a different way."

If you still would like to send donations, we would be really grateful to receive them.

Helen has been invited to write a song for the Christina Noble Children's foundation and she will be going out to Eire in October for the charity performance at which her song will be featured. She will also present the cheque from funds raised from the garden party to Christina Noble on that

So cheques to either Diabetes UK or The Christina Noble Children's Foundation would be wonderful.

Please send to:

Helen Bonney, 'Tosca Cottage', 28, Horseheath Road, Linton, CB1 6LU

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#### enable us to check their authenticity. One way system, more views

Obviously, your correspondents do not consider the one way system to be an immediate success (reader's letters, July issue). What needs to be emphasised is that this system is only part of the traffic solution recommended by the people of Linton in response to the original village questionnaire; I believe these recommendations were adopted by the Parish Council within the Parish Plan.

The priority of those responding was that a new roundabout should be constructed at say the junction of the Bartlow or Horseheath Roads with the A1307. At a stroke, this would divert traffic away from the village (pedestrian safety, environmental improvements etc.,) and at the same time provide motorists with a safe access on to the main road. Only when this roundabout is constructed can the one way system be properly assessed.

What are the authorities doing to implement our recommendations?

p.s. The latest leaflet we were asked to complete can only give a false report of our wishes as it deliberately referred only to the one way system – one of those "but x% are satisfied and made no mention of a roundabout", ruses so favoured by our bureaucrats, but throwing up the answer they wish to hear.

MRK Holden, High Street, Linton

Dear Editor

C W Adolph (Letters, August) suggested that if a roundabout were put at the A1307/Hadstock Road junction, Cambridge bound traffic coming out of the High Street could be made to turn left and do a complete circuit of the roundabout in order to head off to Cambridge. It is perfectly true that this would have some of the advantages mentioned, but would surely also have some potential drawbacks.

At certain times of the day it is already difficult enough to join the A1307 when coming out of Hadstock Road, and this proposal would severely increase the A1307 traffic going past the junction. Being already

on the roundabout, this traffic

would of course have priority

over those trying to exit from

Hadstock Road. So it is quite conceivable that the traffic queues in Hadstock Road could reach back to the bridge by the industrial estate. The road is so narrow at this point that it would only take one of the numerous heavy lorries going to the industrial sites on Hadstock airfield to be coming up the other way (ie from the A1307) for the road to be blocked. And if the resulting queue behind the lorry then backed down to the junction there would be a nasty case of gridlock.

CS Bennett, Walden Road, Hadstock



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#### **OUR THANKS**

Dear Editor Re: the Mick Goodman Memorial Cricket Match.

I would like to thank all the people involved in raising £467.50 for the Oncology Centre Endowment Fund (9056) especially Harriet Goodman and family and all the people who donated prizes for the raffle. The annual cricket match was again well supported and many thanks to everyone who turned out for the event.

Ted Wright

Dear Editor

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us during Ron's illness and afterwards.

Many thanks also to the doctors and community nurses of Linton, Lesley Gore, Rachel Paintin, the Police and the Dog & Duck, also for the great turn out on his last journey and donations for Cancer UK and Arthur Rank. Thank you again,

Margrit Jacobs and family Hillway, Linton

#### A prickly situation

Dear Editor. I don't think I am very prickly myself, but should love to offer hospitality to the prickliest hedgehog. If anyone has one to spare, I should, if required, pay a fee for this guest, who would have the free run of the garden and could eat however many snails he wanted, raw and not, I regret, cooked with garlic à la française. **Anna Newton** 891770



Susanne Mitchell practises kinesiology on Ann Simkin Picture by Bel Griffiths

Balsham quiz

A FTER completion of the evening's business, Linton WI had a most unusual demonstration. The speaker who had been booked was unable to attend owing to ill health and Susanne Mitchell kindly stepped in at very short notice.

Using volunteers from the floor Susanne demonstrated to a fascinated audience the basic methods of kinesiology – a form a holistic medicine which gave us all something new to think about although there has been much debate since the meeting as to whether it is very effective

Next month will be the harvest supper, when members will need to bring a savoury dish, cutlery and a wine glass.

Ann Simkin 892090

### Fond memories

ILDERSHAM'S Mrs Rita Smith came with part of her extensive collection of memorabilia and gave a fascinating and informative talk on the life of Mabel Lucy Atwell. Members were taken back to their childhood and that of their children, reminiscing their reasons for enjoying those easily recognisable little chubby children.

Volunteers experience kinesiology

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on 19th September at Hildersham village hall when our guest speaker, Andrew Westwood-Bate, will tell us about the Hildersham Ar-

Hildersham WI would like to apologise to Linton WI for omitting them from the attendees in the press report of the group meeting.

Pamela Parris 892026

PRETTY stamp' was my first thought on receiving an unexpected envelope from Spain but I was pretty sceptical about the letter inside.

and supper

October there will be a

quiz evening complete with a

ploughman's supper at the in-

stitute of Holy Trinity church,

Balsham. Everyone is wel-

come to join us at what prom-

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Joanna Sanders 893063.

Ringer 893923 and

ises to be a lively evening.

T 7.30pm on Saturday 1st

Apparently I had won €990,000 in the Euromilliones Loteria International and was invited to send my bank account details for the money to be transferred. Remembering Trading Standards advice, "If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is," I took the letter to the police station.

PC Martin Addison-Atkinson said, "This does appear to be attempted deception. I would advise householders to either put it in the bin or, if they want to, bring it to the police

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is not to get involved – unless perhaps you have tickets for the Euromilliones Loteria In-

In case you receive anything similar, here is a copy the head-

station." His recommendation ing of my letter which has been forwarded to the theft department at Police HQ in Hinchingbrooke.

> Pity about the stamp! Kate France 891602

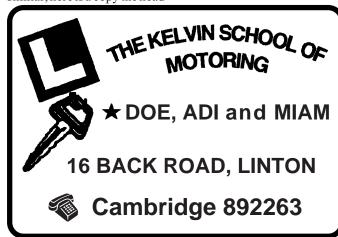


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# These children have found a family...

MY husband and I occasionally go to the whist drives at Abington. When we noticed a Linton village newspaper in the hall there we brought a copy home to read. It was the first time we had seen one.

As my grandparents all lived in Linton many years ago I am always interested in Linton news. Imagine my surprise when I saw the photograph of my mother Lorna and her sister Vera printed in the paper. They lived at The Rockery\* with their parents, Sarah and Jack. Their grandparents Joseph and Rebecca also lived in a house at the Rockery.

\*Linton maps show this as The Rookery

The Rockery was an alleyway with three houses on one side, allotments and farm buildings at the top and a row of houses on the other side. The police houses were built later on the site. Lorna and Vera's father, my grandfather, John (Jack) Housden worked at Powells bakery delivering bread in a horse and cart until the flour affected his skin. He then worked as a gardener for the Rev Holland in Linton. Jack joined up as a volunteer in the first world war. He was a rifleman in the 1st/5th Battalion The King's Liverpool regiment, formerly the Suffolk regiment. He was wounded and died in June 1917.

Sarah and her two little girls then moved to Hildersham to live with her parents Albert and Jane Day. I wonder if anyone might know who the aunt might be that Sarah was writing to. I only remember hearing about an Aunt Susan who is on the photographs of my grandparents' wedding. She was a very large lady.

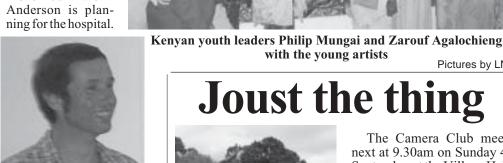


The photograph published in last month's Linton News

Mrs. Ruth Charlton, Woollards Lane, Great

## The completed mosaic at Addenbrookes

Following our article in last month's Linton New, Addenbrookes hospital now has a mosaic which was completed by the youngsters from Kenya. The young artists chose, cut and placed tiles to create the 9ft x 8ft mosaic which is opposite the main bed lifts on Level 2 at the hospital. The mosaic is the first of four that Jim



**Linton bred Jim Anderson** who designed the mosaic.

## with the young artists Joust the thing



A photo from a recent camera club outing Taken by a camera club member

T the recent annual A show of the Linton gardening club, members of the camera club entered the photographic section. There were five categories and each one was well supported. The standard of the photography improves each year and the judge had a difficult task in selecting the best photographs. Our members were very successful, winning each section.

The Camera Club meets next at 9.30am on Sunday 4th September at the Village Hall. Mike Crofts will give a talk on digital cameras. Everyone will be welcome.

On Saturday 15th October members will be exhibiting their photographs in the village hall from 2-4.30pm. There will be advice for anyone who would like help with their digital cameras, printing of their photographs and transferring the images on to CDs.

We are also fortunate that Garth Collard has kindly agreed to have an exhibition of photographs showing 'Faces from the Past" in conjunction with our exhibition.

For more information about the Linton Camera Club visit the club's website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk. or contact Roger Lapwood on 891104.

**David Champion** 

# My mother Lorna Draper (née Housden) died aged 91 years, ...can you recognise any more faces I KNEW I'd seen that photo before," said Mrs Pamela Fitch of Control

Pamela Fitch of Crabtree Croft, and sure enough she soon found a copy of the same picture showing her cousins Vera and Lorna Housden who lived in Linton. Mrs Fitch said Lorna was in her nineties when she died last year, so guessed the picture was taken around 1910 when Lorna was about a year old. Mrs Fitch also has a later picture of the two girls with their mother.

Reminiscing about visiting her granny, Rebecca Housden, who lived in the first house in the Rookery, off Cambridge Road, where the police houses now stand, Mrs Fitch said that when she was a child she used to sit on the fence writing down the car numbers as they went past. "There weren't many," she laughed.

Two more pictures of Linton folk include one of the Linton football team, taken by E.W.Morley. Mrs Fitch thinks the tall man in the middle of the back row



Linton football team taken by E.W. Morley



Linton Women Liberal Association of the past

Pictures courtesy of Mrs Fitch

wouldn't be that far out of fashion today, except maybe the long socks. The second picture, Linton Women Liberal Association', is a reminder that Linton was a thriving

Day. The footballers' gear

Liberal stronghold before the first world war with active leading members **Richard and Septimus** Holttum. The flourishing women's branch included many wives of the local tradesmen. The ladies' hats would do justice to any royal garden party today. Rebecca Housden is the second lady from the left in the front row and Mrs Fitch believes the lady standing on the far left may be a Mrs Coxall.

Can anyone identify more people in these pictures please?

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## "The Heron's Nest" part one by Darryl Nantais

Darryl has been very busy during his year's sabbatical from the Linton News. Not only has he been working on his boat, but he has also been writing poetry. The following is the first part of "The Heron's Nest". We will be publishing further chapters in the coming months until his return to writing the wildlife column for us next year. LNT

ND soon the dragonfly will come to join The flies that bounce upon the Ouse. And boaters by will wonder why the fish enjoy a snooze. This mirror of this shire's sky, home of tern and goose so wild but there beneath the willow tree, it is to the lord we bow. And still the cultured theory rests, queens subjects drawn in petticoats and suits of white, whilst all and heron build their nests by day, and night. The bright and iridescent kings still shy from such a poorly royal lie.

J'accuse all ills our muddy drink infested by a thousand stinks to harbour you the murderous mink we're told to hunt until extinct. Water vole and hen would never grieve or miss your trespass; raft or slimy sleeve. Though once adorned aside fair skin and pearl, enhancing ignorant western girls, you now appear in every swirl, a devastation deeply unfurled. In judgement I upon a fence observe your lives by philosophy. No naiad quisling beckons me. foolishness and accident.

And so to be or not to be, I question in tranquillity, whilst bream and chub do grub await, I fish with line and hook sans bait. In the each I capture in this balmy air, with hope, oven aboard the nest, I cook not fish but spud and breast of lamb. For this old life of fifty years remains with mighty terms of "I still can". And so each bone adjoined by joint, burns ever more without a point. Do death I wait in such a state, with hunger forcing on my plate, another day?

No lemon tree or shady palm, just willow for a head to calm and plants to create a soapy balm and ointments for a tired arm. There's murky juice of microbes foul to stain the enzyme whitened towels. There's life we choose to ignore until like wolves upon our door, they rap and tap at skin 'til sore and blast our blood cells to the core, but why at them I bring no conscious war? 'Tis only peace I stay here for! So curse you may at my dismay as on the rack I tend to sway. Seeing all in light in dream and dark, sunlight of silk or razor bark. To know my cowardice I often lark in danger to bare a brave's mark and return to roast and

Upon the shores of meadow-land the rooks are hopping mad and stand their ground against the heron's legs that threatened to whisk corvine eggs.

But see from here the fighting fair by gracefulness in the air, one rook upon the bunch of twigs and one ensures the fight elsewhere. One is small and one is big but one manoeuvres hiding tricks, and anyway you see with legs like sticks is why the neck retreats and hides inside those feathery bits.

So shooed away behind some reeds, shrinking white and grey I have to say your camouflage is fine indeed, yet yellow beaks as bright as day, how can I say, to human eyes is quite a give-away.

Imagine waves of petals white from hawthorn, chestnut cast aside. Shifting like formation dance and dashed upon the tiny shores, where hurriedly the vole will work to fill their meagre summer stores.

Of this we rarely see or hear as tiny housekeepers can fear so many things that bring us tears and other things that bring us cheers. Without a squeak unless a child, they tidy around with snout and claw which looks like pride of human thought. But not for them of rich'n'poor for nought's for sale or can be

The feathery business comes to calm, other than dispersed alarm. For here in wild law; no arm to save the beaks from ghastly harm. And now night brings on velvet cloak, gaze through a portal to the stars. Each a twinkle for man's hope of life out there but not on Mars. But space we see unendingly, on and on it does persist. Yet no further can we be to answer why it should exist. No god nor goblin offers me profound or quirk-

And so I rest in painless bliss awaiting shooting stars to kiss, my mind elated all by this and rot my socks if I one miss. And for and joy for each and everyone the irony of

The silence hovers with the time, as the ship's clock ticks and the brass still shines. Sleep for some and others the hunt with a woosh and a ripple from the wooden punt. First light comes with sticky eyes, mist and dew of sunrise. Squawk and treble and the waking level from the birds that live by the

Hanging head from off the bow to gaze at mystery made in mud. The secret underwater world safely from the deck I love. Rule Britannia out of bounds to my mother my dog and clowns. Rupert Brooke and Briton there, somewhere in this pleasant air. Byzantine it may not be, for some romance brings clarity, yet obviously for some not so for years the head will hang there low and watch the river ovster grow. All this with vanity and curls whilst science brings synthetic pearls. And these of hollow wisdom claim undoubtedly not quite the same as inspiration born again in rivers of the English rain. And I not of academic house, speak with heron, vole and mouse in language heard on fen and Yare by Trowse. Did come to me without a book by life itself and luck as hook. Dipped in every English brook and not condemned like Faust.

Rumbling fenders when off we cast. The tune of wood and water on fibreglass. The hiss of muddy shallow draught the great white hulls must move like shark. Cutting through the lily shoots green and umber, land of coots and natural slumber. Grebe and rat race to submerge escaping from the veggie curd. Topped with wisps of gleaming foam, meringue whisked by my cares to roam, but all I seek is stopping time, a moment captured by a choice of mine and to all the others, wise and blind.

## **Meet Dawn Brock PCSO 7051**

**▼** HAVE taken over the Linton beat from I Judi Di Bon. As a Police Community Support Officer I have been working in Cambridge city centre for two years, working with shops, businesses, residents and regular visitors. Although I have different powers from regular police officers the rôôle allows me to deal with low-level crime and antisocial behaviour. I currently work eight or ten hour shifts between 8am and midnight and have a varied six-week shift rota-

High visibility patrolling allows me to work with the community and I am happy to be contacted if you would like me to visit

I work with the Linton community beat police officers. I also liaise with local or- better place to live and work. ganisations and councils to deal with community issues, have access to crime prevention information and am happy to give



Linton's new PCSO Dawn Brock

for a chat. Please contact me as detailed advice. Please approach me if you would like a chat or wish to discuss any issues.

I hope to maintain good working relationships manager, Martin Addison-Atkinson and am with you all and this will help to ensure that through able to pass on information to him and other working together we can make the Linton beat a

> Dawn.Brock@cambs.pnn.police.uk Mobile 07736 005525 Office 0845 456 4564

## Pressure sales of fire safety equipment

THE Fire Service has long recognised that elderly people can be an at-risk group from fire. As a result we, in the South Cambs district are actively engaged in providing free smoke alarms and home fire risk assessments, as are our colleagues across the County.

Sadly some private companies also recognise this vulnerability, but their motives are more driven by profit. After carrying out safety checks recently we received reports that some salespeople were using high-pressure sales tactics on elderly householders, and then charging excessively for the devices sold and fitted. In one case over £1,000 for equipment that the purchaser did not need.

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Once invited into your home the sales people can be both persuasive and persistent. Any reputable company representative should be able to provide you with full details of name, who they work for and how the company can be contacted. Ask for proof of identify from any person who calls at your home. If you are uncomfortable with the responses you get, you do not have to let that person in.

Remember, the fire service does not cold call under any circumstances and anyone doing so and claiming to represent the fire service is likely to be acting illegally and should be reported to the police on 358966 or Trading Standards on 08455 404506.

Any member of the public with concerns about fire safety in the home can get free professional advice directly from the fire service with no strings attached. For the vast majority of domestic properties, sensible precautions and fitting of a working smoke alarm is all that is required to provide protec-

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## Elliot's sunflowers reach the **Granta Grapevine**

RANTA Grapevine, ULinton's talking newspaper, has been recorded in the village for the last 15 years. The cassette tape, distributed free to partially sighted listeners, comprises a news side mainly featuring the Linton News text and a magazine side with interviews and features from both local events and from the editors' travels.

During the past year our listeners have been taken on audio excursions to a radio telescope in Tenerife and many exciting journeys in New Zealand ranging from helicopter and jet boat trips to horse riding. Recordings have been made on steam trains in the Lake District and East Anglia and closer to home an interview with the musical director of the Hadstock Silver Band featured in the annual visit to Hadstock fete. We even had help from a young man of just four and a half years old in a guided tour of his garden.

Many of the talking newspapers' team have been contributing to its success since the first issue and



A young man describing his garden to the Granta Grapevine Picture by Mike Crofts

would be grateful for any assistance, either on the editorial side or with recording and duplication of the tapes on a highspeed multicopier. If you think that you could help, contact myself or ring Clare Neville on 893251.

Everyone is welcome at our AGM at 2pm on 19th October at Chalklands community centre.

Riziki and Karla have now

both had their second birthdays.

In lion terms they are now young

adults; and the exotic sound of

lions roaring over Linton and as

far away as Abington and

Balsham can be heard again. So

for newcomers to Linton if you

thought it was your neighbour

snoring, listen again it will no

doubt be Riziki and Karla roar-

ing, warning any other lions

which might happen to be in the

\* Asthma/Allergies

\* Menstrual

\* Menopause

Mike Crofts 893619

## Stuff4Christians

MI am nearly 10 years old and live in Linton. I go to Cornerstone Community

When I was at the Living Water Wavemakers kids' club they told us that there were 300 children there who were being looked after by 148 leaders. Then they introduced us to Darla who works in an orphanage in Brazil and she looks after 300 children on her own.

I want to raise money for people and charities like Darla. This is why I have started doing Stuff4Christians. Once I have paid my dad back the money I needed to start this business (at the moment I owe my dad four years' pocket money) I also hope to earn a little extra money

Each month I will distribute a brochure called "Select" that has many offers on Christian books, cds, dvds and gifts. Orders are delivered free of charge to any of the Linton churches or residents of Linton.

I am always happy to visit your church or individual groups. I hope to bring Christian Resources into Linton and the surrounding areas regularly and as cheaply as possible. For more information or to be added to my mailing list please contact me:

Sam Clayton 894656 Email s4c@btinternet.com. Website www.lintoncornerstone.org



THE Resource Centre re-THE Resource Country
opens on 7th September after the summer break.

Tots in Tow runs from 10 to 11.30am each Wednesday. A warm welcome awaits at this group for carers of babies and pre-school children. Expectant mothers are also very welcome.

Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat, make new friends and let your children play with our assortment of toys. Each week there is an activity table and we always end with song time and a visit from Humpty Dumpty.

Are you the father of a baby or pre-school child? Come along and have fun together at Dads and Tots. This session is from 9.30 to 11 am and includes bacon butties! Dates for the rest of the year are Saturdays, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept, 8<sup>th</sup> Oct and 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

The Rock(which stands for resources over coffee and kids)

Café is from 1.30 to 3pm although we welcome anyone who wants to come earlier and bring a packed lunch.

It is ideal for anyone who is retired, on a day off, fed up with the housework or has found new freedom a bit lonely as the children go off to school. Pre-school children are welcome and we have a selection of toys and activities on offer.

Drop in for coffee and see what Linton has to offer. Catch up with your friends (and make a few new ones) over a cup of tea. You only pay for your refreshments and have free refills on tea or coffee. We also serve snacks.

For more information visit our website at

www.lintoncomerstone.orgcontact or contact: Tracey

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## A shared harvest supper

THE harvest festival is one of the most popular in the L Christian calendar. It was the idea of Rev R S Hawker, who in 1843 created a special service to celebrate the bringing in of the crops. His parishioners in Morwenstow in Cornwall enjoyed it so much that they insisted on having another harvest festival the following year. The idea soon caught on in rapidly industrialising Victorian Britain where increasing numbers of people were being cut off from the cycle of nature by living in the expanding cities.

This year, to celebrate the unity that continues to grow between the Linton Churches they will host a joint harvest lunch. During the year we have all seen the benefits of working together to produce successful Alpha Courses, Children's Ministry, Youth Work and the Family Resource Centre. A small group from each church was also able to enjoy brilliant teaching and fellowship at the Living Water Christian Camping holiday which cuts across the denominational differences that can so easily divide churches.

The Linton Harvest Lunch will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at Linton Infants School. This will be a 'bring and share' lunch from 12.30pm onwards. Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact:

Caroline McKenna 893254



the year for the zoo and no has a long and well known hiswonder. There are lots of zoo tory of breeding large and magbabies to see, the most recent being a trio of hatchling giant nificent African lions. When Lily the last of our original lion tortoises and all the spring born zoo babies such as Tela the group passed away of old age tapir calf, snowy and eagle owlfour years ago it left us lion-less for the first time since 1972. ets, lemur and tamarin babies are growing up fast. The sum-Riziki and Karla are related to our own lion lineage. We can mer gardens are looking absotrace their history back to our very first lions "Dusty" and lutely stunning and our daily programme of activities keeps our visitors busy for the whole

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August Linton Zoo was featured on the Anglia weather; the giant tortoises, our tapir family and the red-bellied lemurs were filmed enjoying the hot summer sun. Linton Zoo was also featured in a news report earlier in August regarding the number of foreign tourists the region gets via Stansted.

It doesn't seem very long

This year's fund-raising campaign aimed at helping to save rare and endangered tortoises, terrapins and turtles of the world is going well. For more information you can visit our website and click on the "Shellshock" campaign on the links.

Thank you to all who have collected used foreign and British stamps for the campaign; please keep them coming! Drop them off at the gate as you are passing; money raised through the sale of the stamps will go directly into the special fund.

Our programme of talks and activities will continue after the summer holidays at the weekends and on weekdays of the autumn half-term. For more details visit our website or telephone:

> Kim Simmonds 891308 www.lintonzoo.com



A recent photo of Riziki Picture by Kim Simmons

## **Bobby boosts youth film project**

POLICE community support officer was older people too) may behave in an anti-social A interviewed by children making a film about anti-social behaviour.

Linton PCSO Judy Di Bon helped eight young people who entered the film project, which was run by Linton Action for Youth, with the help of a professional filmmaker. The film featured a series of interviews, including one with PCSO haviour, Section 30 dispersal orders and antisocial behaviour orders (ASBOs).

Abbott, PCSO Di Bon attended a presentation to mark the end of the project.

She said: "During their presentation, one of the many things that became clear was that older people perceived a stereotype of younger people. Though some young people (and some

manner, the perception among the general public is that all youths are up to no good and are troublesome.

"In particular, the young people reported that when in groups their mere presence was seen as threatening. A call to the police is often made when all that young people are doing is hanging Di Bon, and brief examples of anti-social bearound in public areas such as recreation grounds or village greens."

As a result of their work on the project, three Along with Linton community beat manager of the youngsters have qualified as youth work-PC Martin Addison-Atkinson and PCSO Julie ers. The whole group received certificates for their work and were praised by members of Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Youth Service.

The project was funded by the Network Fund and South Cambs Community Safety Partnership. Cambridgeshire police press release

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# Avid Adventurers seek Gold in the **Black Country**

T the crack of dawn or at least very **A**early on a lovely sunny Wednesday morning in August, a coach packed with members of Linton WI and Linton Historical Society set off for the Black Country. The brand new high-tech coach swept us all on an amazingly trouble free trip along the A14, arriving just in time to pick up our tour guide at the Birmingham International Conference Centre (ICC) in the middle of a cloud-

Nothing however was going to dampen our high spirits, and after a short coffee break we assembled in the truly spectacular "Symphony Hall", home of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, located inside the ICC itself.

Next we moved out into the now glorious sunshine at Sherborne Wharf. Here we were all helped to climb aboard the "S<sup>t</sup> Catherine", for a canal trip around Birmingham's industrial heartland. We went around the Ooszells Street loop, up the main line, round the Icknield Port loop, back down the main line past the National Indoor Arena, through the ICC, under Broad Street and into the Gas Street Basin. Here we turned around at Salvage Turn, before heading back to Sherborne Wharf and Brindley Place.

"Birmingham is said to have more canals than Venice." The thing that amazed me was the wealth and prosperity that seems to be pouring into the canal frontages. All the old warehouses and industrial factories are being knocked down, only to be replaced with very expensive, non-manufacturing high

rise 'penthouse' style accommodation that must be far beyond the reach of many local pockets. As we disembarked from our now increasingly sauna-like craft into the welcome relief of a gentle breeze, we went our separate ways for lunch in a myriad of local cafés and restaurants.

We rejoined the coach after lunch to make our way to our afternoon delight at the museum of the Jewellery Quarter, located in Vyse Street in Hockley, Birmingham.

The museum was actually an original jewellery workshop; the firm Smith & Pepper being founded in 1899. When it closed down in 1981, the premises remained virtually undisturbed for a decade. In a version of Birmingham's 'Marie Celeste', its entire contents were left exactly as they had been on the last day of production - right down to the workers' final mugs of tea.

The factory was rediscovered in the late 1980s and Birmingham City Council took the decision to convert the site into a museum to tell the story of the jewellery quarter and promote the area as a tourist destination.

On arrival at the museum, we were guided around this wonderful snapshot of what life must have been like. Each worker had his or her own special workplace, a U-shaped area cut out in a bench, so that underneath all the precious filings and offcuts could be caught and not wasted. We saw rack upon rack of stamps and dies used to 'press' out small gold charms, earrings, brooches, bracelets and lockets; this monotonous work was carried out by rows of young ladies.

Then came all the health and safety horrors that abound in this place. When the jewellery was completed it had to be polished or burnished, using a hard red resin and a high speed spinning

The outing on the canal on the  $S^{t}$  Catherine Picture by Andrew Westward-Bate



A typical day in the jewellery workshop

ing of the Mary Rose".

The start of the new season is an ideal opportunity to join the society. Meetings are held in the village hall at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month from September to May. So why not come and join us, and have a great evening amongst friends. There is always lots of news of what is happening locally in the history world and a chance to discuss your project, be it family, house or local history with the experts.

Andrew Westwood-Bate

polishing wheel, powered by an open

belt driven system. The young girls

had to have their hair neatly tied in

buns or risked having it pulled out by

lady, nothing too dangerous or risky in

that you might think. However, she

also worked in the quality control sec-

tion where the standard of the gold

was assessed using cyanide, which in its stable form before being melted

looks just like and is completely

indistinguishable from the sugar used

side an engineer's Aladdin's cave, we

headed back to the city centre's Cham-

berlain Square for afternoon tea in the

Edwardian tea room at Birmingham's

museum and art gallery. After a brief

wander round the square to see a rather

disappointing piece of modern art

known locally as the "Floozy in the

Jacuzzi" we boarded the coach for a

safe journey home. What a truly won-

derful day out. Many thanks must go

to the driver for a safe trip and to Joan

Pearman for yet another excellently

to a close, it is the time of year for the

meetings of the Linton and District

Historical Society to recommence.

The first meeting of the new season is

at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September

in Linton village hall. Our first talk is

by an old favourite of ours Brian

Sutton, telling us all about "The Rais-

Well, as the summer months draw

After our fascinating afternoon in-

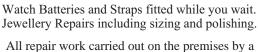
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organised day out.

We were then told about the tea

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The ride starts and finishes at Rectory Farm, on the Hildersham Back Road from 10am onwards. Please support us if you can; the money raised this year is to be split between the Hildersham and Balsham parish churches and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

We would really appreciate any assistance you can give, so if you feel able to help we would be very pleased to hear from you.

If you would like to help build the jumps and mark the course, or be a ride marshal on the day (you get sandwiches and cake at lunchtime) contact Neil Morton 894739 for details.

If you would like to make a cake to sell, or feed the helpers on the day, contact Jean Morton 894739 for the arrangements.

Alternatively, if you would actually like to take part in the roughly 15-mile course, with its optional jumps, across some of our most beautiful open countryside. Then contact the ride secretary Rachel Clay on

Andrew Westwood-Bate

#### K-club August winners

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

1st prize (£50) Jan Coatham (No.083) 2nd prize (£25) Mrs G Fowkes (No.021) 3rd prize (£10) Michelina Craft(No. 127)

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#### POT POURRI (9)

#### Su Doku Thinking on empty calories

SOMEWHERE it was mentioned that Su Doku was for the mathematically challenged, to which a given reply was not so as it involved addition and subtraction – well, so does checking a shopping list receipt!

However, mathematics should be exercising to some degree and not consist of numerical emptyness.

Consider a grid of 4 x 4 numbers, with the following characteristics. The completed grid (signified by the letters A to P), should give an interesting result which should not be too depressing.

The Grid:-

A B C D E F G H

M N O PB, C, E, K are single-digit prime numbers

D, G, L are two-digit prime numbers

A,C,F,H,J,M,O are even num-

All the numbers in the grid are different and begin with one. Also, I + J = E + F = C + D = N

A + P = M + D = F + K = G + JLastly, to help things along, A + B + C + D = F + K + G + J

Note that the number one is known as the trivial case, and not treated as a prime.

#### Solution to No.8 A Height **Determined:**

Dropping a stone from a bridge or any height requires that the stone is accelerated by the force of gravity, which can be taken as 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>. Thus the velocity on impact is 49.1 m/s (velocity = time x gravity) and the height of the bridge is 122.6 m. Urania



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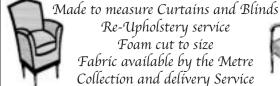
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of the watercourse running alongside

the Hadstock Road. The Grip stream

ran across the present bypass and joined

the main river Granta close to the church

The use of the name Hadstock Road

is recorded in 1838, but the earlier name

of this stretch of road was Stony(ey)

Street. The name meant the bed of a

stream abounding with stones. Flood

water from the fields beyond the present

zoo used to cover the whole area and

leave behind a deposit of stones and

Long Lane is probably derived from

the ownership of adjacent land by Sir

William Longe in 1564. However, the

name was not used until the mid 19th

century. On old maps and documents of

the 14th century it was called Ashdon

Weye, the old route to Ashdon from

Linton. On the map of 1600 it is called

Dark Lane, an obvious link to a narrow

# Charlotte's Chatroom



COR my first article in the Linton News I thought I would write about sports' activities in the community.

Britain has won the bid for the Olympics in 2012, so what are we aiming to achieve with this? In the recent world athletics' championships we won only three medals (in the men's 4x100m relay, women's 4x400m relay and the women's marathon) whereas at the Athens Olympics we won 30 (albeit this was not only track and field events). The main winners of these awards have achieved their goals and have now retired. What does this leave us with for 2012?

The money we're being granted for 2012 is mainly going into London, so we need all the support we can get in smaller villages like Linton. As we all know, Linton village college has had a massive revamp with an astro-turf and new sports centre built in, and we need the support of the entire community to help make use of this opportunity.

It's great that the school has this chance but if families don't support their children it may as well have never been built. To encourage people to use these new facilities we need to make sure the cost to do anything isn't too great, and that whatever is happening is well advertised. The more people that get involved in any activities the better the chance of getting someone from our area competing in London, although Sophie Clarke (diving) and Lauren Rosier (triathlon) are well on their way.

It would be great if children in our area have a wider choice of activities that are more easily accessible, so you never know, with all the athletics fever in the air we might be seeing fewer children on the streets, a drop in obesity rates and a brilliant Olympic team for 2012.

Charlotte Westdijk

## **LVC Sports centre latest**

**D** EFURBISHMENTS and the extension to the fitness suite at Linton community sports centre have been completed, and the all-weather pitch is now in use.

The public now have access to the fitness suite throughout the school day due to the new community-only daytime entrance and changing rooms. Users will have the benefit of new equipment, classes to help their fitness as well as induction training to familiarise themselves with the machines.

For further information about the fitness suite or all-weather pitch, please contact:

Mark Wilson 890248 email lintoncommunitysportscentre@hotmail.co.uk

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/1434/05/F M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Bowen, 32 Symonds Lane, Linton. Extensions (Retrospective application).

S/1437/05/F M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Bohanna, 2 Crossways, Linton. Conservatory

S/1459/05/F M<sup>r</sup> Page, 3B The Grip, Linton. Conservatory. S/1527/05/LB P Hadaway, 76 High Street, Linton. Alterations to first floor - removal of cupboard on landing to create new bathroom and conversion of existing bathroom to bedroom with replacement window.

S/1545/05/F Mr R Watts, Town End Field, Hadstock Road, Linton. Vehicular access.

S/1547/05/F M<sup>rs</sup> R Phillips & M<sup>r</sup> A Thomson, 17 Symonds Lane, Linton. Extension.

S/1583/05/F M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Herbert, 13 Bartlow Road, Linton. Extensions.

S/1613/05/F P Sargent, 9 High Street, Linton. 4 Houses.

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# The Way We Were by Garth Collard

## The origins of Linton and its street names, part one

AM certain that most people In the village have been puzzled by some of our street and road names, and speculated as to their origins. Most are linked to important local personalities or ancient field and place names.

The earliest reference to Linton itself is in 725 A.D. when it was part of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of Mercia. There are two further Saxon references in the year 970 when King Edgar (959-975) was King of Britain. In a charter of that year he gave ten cassati\* of land in "a place commonly known as Lintone" to Ely monastery. The Ramsey Abbey chronicles recorded that Wulfhun Ethelred, a Mercian nobleman granted land at Lintone to Ramsey Abbey in that same year.

The Domesday Book also refers to Lintone, but by the 17th century the spelling is usually Lynton. It was always called a town until the late nineteenth century, when Parish Council status relegated it to a mere village. The name of the village is generally agreed to be derived from the wild blue flax flower

'Linum Perenne" which grew abundantly in this area. Linton street names were first officially recorded in 1929, but an organised house numbering system was not approved by the District Council until 1959. Numerous houses had numbers before that date but many others did not. In this first article I will deal with names in the area from the county boundary to the River bridge.

The Cambridge Road was known as Cambridge Lane as early as 1628 and was still called Cambridge Lane in mid-Victorian times. Stanton's Lane, by the village college was named after Josiah Stanton who farmed all the land on both sides of the Lane in the 1830s. He was the wealthy owner of the Red Lion coaching inn situated on the corner of Horn Lane. Traffic used Stanton's Lane as late as 1928.

The present Joiners Road was adopted as an official road in 1929 after the Council houses were built. The whole area had been sold off as building plots in June 1914 but the road was only a private thoroughfare before 1929. The name probably comes from the occupation of Robert Bitten, the owner of the whole area encompassing the land between Market Lane, the recreation ground and the village college. He was a wealthy joiner who owned the old Crown Inn in the Market Place.

Essex Gardens was completed by 1976 and named after Essex House in Joiners Road. The house had been built by Reginald Titmarsh, the Chief Shepherd of the Essex branch of the Shepherds' Friendly Society. He was a prominent figure in Linton affairs and the Linton branch of the society was one of the largest. Hence the building of a new Shepherds' Hall in Market Lane in 1921-1922.

The Dovehouse Close estate was constructed between 1988 and 1990 and the name is derived from the former Dovehouse which stood on the land bordering the recreation ground.

The first reference to the Greenhill is in 1344 when a document in Pembroke College archives mentions "divers cottages called the Greenhill." It is obvious when you drive down the High Street that this is a high point on the side of the valley, and there was a small green here until the building of the bypass.

A grip is a ditch or small watercourse and one can still see part



Horn Lane in 1906 from an old postcard

and overgrown passage. By the early 19th century it was called the Old Coach Road because stage coaches to Saffron Walden used this route to Ashdon.

rubble.

Maltings Lane is sometimes used for part of Long Lane near the former malting and windmill, and the name was first used in

Market Lane is linked to the Linton market which started on this site in 1281 and finally closed in 1864. In the 18th century it was the second or third largest market in the county.

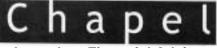
Horn(e) Lane is supposed to be linked to the medieval custom of the Lord of the Manor summoning the local populace to his moated stronghold in times of danger. The horn could be heard in the immediate vicinity of the Manor House. The Lords of Great Linton had their Manor house in the middle of Doctor Bertram's present day orchard. The Horn Lane name was often used to describe modern day Church Lane as well as the present Horn Lane. This meant that Horn Lane would have largely enclosed the old manorial close or demesne.

Meadow Lane did not become an official route until Linton was enclosed in 1840. The meadow itself was called the Cricket Meadow in 1840, but had previously been known as Westrope Meadow. That name was linked to the family name of the 17<sup>th</sup> century stewards of the Linton Manors. There had always been a pathway leading from the village to Little Linton Manor, and it had been used by the Lords of Little Linton to walk or ride to the Church in medieval times.

Linton Bridge was built in 1866-67 and was then called the New Bridge, and later the Swan Bridge. This name was widely used until fairly recent times. Before 1866 there was a ford at this point and the 18th century name for the footbridge was Westrope Bridge. In 1600, and again in mid-Victorian times it was called Barton's Bridge or Ford. At Barton was the outbuilding of a large estate and this term probably comes from the close proximity of the bridge to the Great Linton Manorial Close in Doctor Bertram's garden.

I am grateful to readers who commented on my article last month. I apologise for an error in the date given for the fall of Singapore. It should have read February 1942 not December

\*Can anyone explain this measurement please



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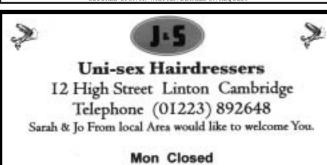


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**Custodians** 

**Comments** 

Colin Tofts has been the vil-

lage Custodian for eight years.

During that time Colin has seen

lots of changes - new houses built

and residents come and go. He is

the front-line for the Parish Coun-

cil on our village streets. As cus-

tomer relations go, Colin is a won-

derful advocate for the local com-

village, clearing rubbish such as

empty cans, bottles and emptying

dog bins. He helps our village stay

in a presentable fashion. He is

always willing to stand and chat

Recently Colin has come to

the office very disappointed. He

tries very hard, yet in vain, to keep

the Health Centre Recycling area

and Car Park as clean and tidy as

possible. He has seen the changes

with the refuse collection, but is

very disappointed to see that the

fly-tipping in the car park has in-

creased. This makes more work

for him, in his already stretched

remove some of this due to the

amount that has been dumped.

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# Parish Council Matters

The Trial . . . . **Now The Decision!!** 

issue the village has had to decide in many years. It was certainly the main topic of conversation for many of us. You were either for or against it, but whatever your preference, a decision had to be made and all residents could have their say, and likewise the Parish Council had to support or object to the one-way trial by the 12th

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> August the Traffic Working Party met to assess the one-way trial and to review how the aims of the scheme had been met, whilst taking on board all the comments from residents, both verbal and written. From this meeting we reported the following to the Parish Council.

Pedestrian Safety in the High Street.

During the second half of the trial, the speed of traffic had increased in the High Street and this had been reflected in comments made by High Street residents. However after 516 returned questionnaires it was noted that 87% of the pedestrians said they felt safer and 90% wanted the one-way system to remain. Residents had also commented that the High Street felt safer although the High Street/Coles Lane junction was causing concern and pedestrians felt less safe crossing this junction. It was also noted that many residents had requested a 20mph speed limit. Concerns regarding increased speed had already been made to the Project Officers from Cambridgeshire County Council who confirmed that they would be taking another speed survey at the beginning of September, and would take action to slow traffic if required. There were also looking at short term measures such as police checks and temporary flashing speed signs. With respect to the 20mph speed limit, this could only be considered without additional physical measures if 85% of vehicles went 25mph or less. Congestion

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It was the most important the High Street, but congestion in Back Road had risen during the first part of the trial. However when Back Road became one-way, the congestion problems were resolved.

Traffic on other village roads. Back Road – In the first part of the trial speeds had increased. After the installation of the speed humps, the overall speed then decreased. Councillors considered all comments made by residents during the trial and noted increased noise, problems created by loss of parking, safety at the Back Road/Balsham Road junction. When considering the two trial

detrimental to local businesses. They were therefore pleased to hear that there were no major adverse effects although the Post Office noted a reduction in trade during July. This is thought to be due to lack of available parking in Back Road and something that should be resolved should a permanent scheme be introduced.

Residents living on the High

Residents from the High Street reported positive comments with respect to less traffic fumes entering homes, less problems with HGV's/buses,

and less damage and vibration

to properties. There was con-

cern regarding traffic speed

and inconvenience of travel-

Although reports were that

many cyclists were not happy

about using the one-way sys-

tem in the High Street figures

from 512 questionnaires re-

ported that 83% thought the

High Street was safer and 92%

would like it to become per-

manent. Mr Rod Halls, head

teacher of the Linton Heights,

had raised concerns about

Back Road being one of the

main routes to school for cy-

clists, and that the effect of the

new one-way system for cy-

clists should be assessed by

the Safer Routes to School of-

Although there had still not

been official confirmation,

both the Parish Council and

the County Council reported

that there had been no negative

ling further distances.

Cyclists

ficers.

Public Transport



The junction of Balsham Road and Back Road

periods, many residents of the Back Road area preferred Back Road to be one-way.

Coles Lane – Councillors noted comments from residents regarding increased traffic noise, problems crossing the road near the Health Centre entrance and the difficulty for buses to negotiate parked cars particularly at the Did-Dell Court entrance.

Balsham Road - Concerns had been voiced regarding vehicles mounting the pavement outside the Guide hut, problems of the crossing near the Post Office and congestion issues.

Other local roads - Councillors noted resident's comments regarding increased traffic. Green Lane & Church Lane

junctions - Councillors had received reports that these junctions were much easier to negoti-

Local businesses

The Parish Council have always been concerned that the one-way system should not be

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comments from bus drivers and believed the system was working well with improved reliability. Stagecoach had also confirmed that they would consider a request from a resident to have a request bus stop on Back Road. Parish Council

At the Full Parish Council meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> August, the County Council supplied details of the results of the 923 questionnaires that had so far been returned. There was some concern that the Parish Council had to make a decision without seeing the full results, but there was a clear preference from the village with some 90% of residents wanting Linton High Street one-way and 82% wanting Back Road one-way.

With the results from the village, and much discussion a proposal was made that the Parish Council should support the one-way system in both the High

 action regarding speeding on the High Street with a 20mph speed limit

• a full assessment of the Safer Route to School for both cyclists and pedestrians from Linton Heights.

The results of the vote were 9 in favour, 1 against with 2 abstentions, therefore the proposal was carried.

The final decision as to whether the scheme will become permanent will be made by District and County Councillors on the 12th September at the South Cambridgeshire Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee, we will provide information on this in the October issue.

Whatever the decision we still welcome your views and concerns and these can be made to any councillor or sent in via the Parish Clerk using the contact details on this page.

TWP



The Junction of The High Street and Coles Lane

Street and Back Road, although they would request action regarding:

• pedestrian safety on Coles Lane at junction with High Street and the Health Cen-

 residents request for short length of yellow lines at the Did-Dell Court entrance,

· alternative additional parking provision for the Post Office

• resolution regarding problems identified at the junction of Back Road and Balsham Road

#### bins provided correctly and take the surplus to the tip. We will be

Results after 923 Questionnaire returns 4<sup>th</sup> August 2005

ported.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
High Street Safer	82%	9%	9%
Back Road Safer	68%	10%	21%
High Street 1-Way Made permanent	90%	4%	5%
Back Road 1-Way Made permanent	82%	6%	11%

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## Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilmin

Minutes of Linton Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2005 at the Cathodeon Centre.

**During Public Participation** a young local resident, Miss Hammett, asked for more equipment on the Venture Playground. Council will consider this request and asked  $M^{\mathrm{iss}}$ Hammett to provide more detailed information.

The Minutes from the

meeting held on the 16th June

2005 were duly amended and agreed and signed by

In Matters arising from

the minutes Cllr Kenyon re-

ported that Gary Hall had

attended the Flood meeting

and as a result was in discus-

sion with Norwich Union.

Cllr Potter asked that the

meeting scheduled for 4th August be mainly devoted

to traffic issues. He also re-

minded Councillors that

they are entitled to attend

any meetings even if not on

that Committee. Cllr Cox

Hickford's remark regard-

ing the Environment Agen-

cy's (EA) report that 'only

15 houses have a 1:100 risk

of being flooded' in Item 34.

Clerk to write to EA to ask

how they reached these fig-

The minutes from the Planning

on

the Chairman.

commented

Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June were duly approved and signed. There were no queries.

Open Spaces Co-ordinator, Cllr Clay reported that some roads have been repaired albeit badly. He is still compiling a list of all road repairs required. Footpaths in Rhugarve Gdns have been repaired and kerbs dropped.

With regard to the Recreation Ground maintenance



Repaired pavements in Rhugarve Gardens

covers.

lime trees in the cemetery, attention. To date one letter had been received.

With regard to Rights of

Venture Playground Co-

Cllr Potter has previously spoken to Mrs Simpkin, Chalklands Residents Association and had asked her to inform residents that they should write identifying specific trees that required

Way it has been reported that footpaths 14 and 15 required cutting. Clerk to check contracts, contact Herald and if necessary add this to the quotation mentioned in item ii).  $C^{\mbox{\scriptsize llr}}$ Rossiter reminded C<sup>llr</sup> Gore that she was still awaiting his response to her letter regarding Rivey Lane.

was not being carried out. C<sup>1lr</sup> Potter reported that the contract did not appear to have had all required works included. A quotation should be sought to add the missing items to the existing contract. The Clerk to check the grass and maintenance



Lime trees in the cemetery encroaching on properties

ordinator  $C^{\text{llr}}$  Hammett reported that the elephant was still out of order owing to problems with bolt security

 $C^{\text{\rm llr}}\, Cox$  reported that the grass in Leadwell Meadows had been cut after the complaint to Herald. He commented that the extra drain work suggested by Herald was not necessary. A meeting will be arranged between Herald, Cllr Cox and the clerk. Parish Plan Co-ordinator, Cllr Rossiter, reported that the application for the final grant had been submitted.

Churchyard Co-ordinator Cllr Cox asked that the work scheduled for the churchyard lights, paths etc. be resurrected.

With regard to the Glebe Land, C<sup>1lr</sup> Rossiter reported that the bench has been received. Finance committee have agreed to fund erection of the bench and minor repairs to the bridge railings and capping stones.

The Annual Return and Statement of Assurance was considered, agreed and signed.

Correspondence Sheet No.2 (June) 2005 had been circulated and all items noted. Of Particular note:

Item 38 – Letter from Cambridge Water regarding available grants - Cllrs Bald and Hammett may be interested.

Item 54 - Letter from LVC regarding pitches. Clerk to send thank you letter regarding clarification.

Item 57 - Letter from BT regarding phone boxes. Intention to make phone boxes in Rivey Lane and Market Lane coinless.

Item 68 - Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hill regarding a village co-operative. Clerk to write to in-

Cllr Hickford asked if the idea of CCTV in the village had been pursued. It was reported that Cllr Gee was conducting a feasibility study.

Cllr Cornell asked for clarification regarding a new policeman for Gt Abington. Did this mean that CBO Addison-Atkinson would have one less village to man. Cllr Batchelor replied that Gt Abington was attached to the Shelford patch and therefore there would be no change.



Drainage works in Leadwell Meadows

form him that it is possible for residents to form a co-operative but the Parish Council cannot provide a service directly in competition with other local businesses.

Under Any other business, C<sup>llr</sup> Potter reported that the Clerk would be attending a course on 'Cemeteries and Closed Churchyards' on Friday 15th July and would therefore be unavailable.

Cllr Batchelor reported that SCDC is taking the government to a judicial review over capping. Cllr Batchelor also reported that Mr Bush will be leaving LVC at Christmas to take up a post in Cumbria.

Cllr Urwin drew attention to the poster advertising the exhibition regarding the one way system. She also advised Councillors that extra copies of the traffic questionnaire will be available from the Parish Council Of-

Cllr Rossiter asked if the Traffic Working Party (TWP) had any input on the design of the questionnaire. Cllr Urwin replied that they'd had very little.

C<sup>llr</sup> Cornell advised that the questionnaire could be submitted on-line.

The meeting closed at 21.30pr

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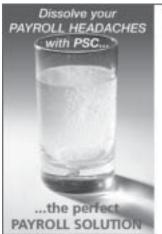


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