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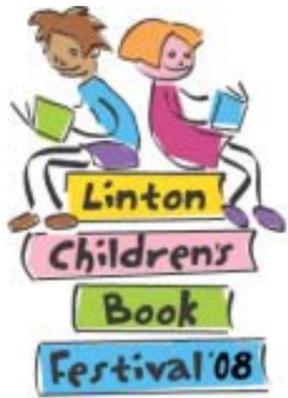
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Posters, parcels and poets ... it's Bookfest 2008

THIS year's Linton Bookfest at various locations around the village from 3rd-11th May is almost upon us.

As I write, the festival committee is ironing out the final details with the visiting authors and poets, planning a final publicity thrust and wondering how best to explain where the infant school is on the one-way system!

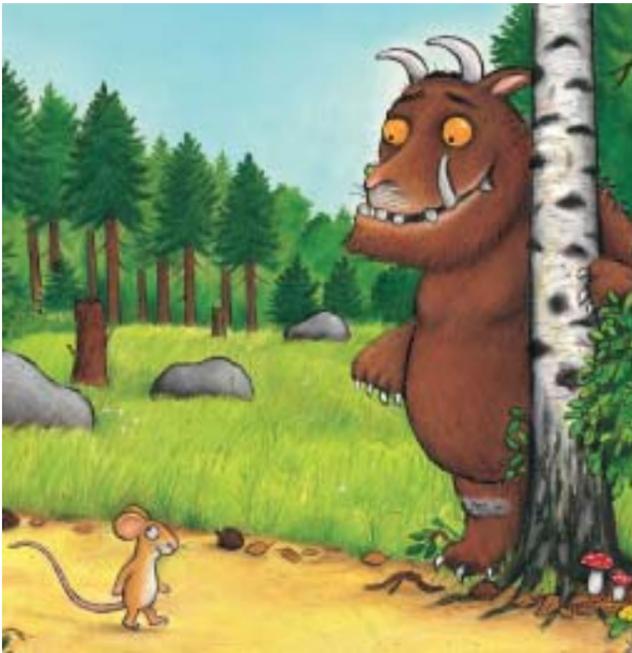
Have you noticed our 'Favourite Goodie and Baddie' poster on lamp-posts? I hope they have made you smile or want to investigate further.

You may also have come across books left in strange places. Forty have been left in locations around Linton as part of "Bookcrossing" - you'll find out all about it if you are lucky enough to find one.

Mike Crofts has recorded children from the Heights reading their own poems for Granta Grapevine. There will be book swapping among the staff and pupils at Linton village college and at the infant school and pupils sharing books at the library.

During the first week of the festival, everyone is eagerly looking forward to the garden storytimes after school, and crossing fingers for a repeat of the fantastic weather we enjoyed last time.

The Linton Theatre Workshop will perform 'Revolt Rhymes' to the Cubs and Brownies and families. Playgroups and Toddler groups will enjoy stories from the Cambridge Storytellers, Dance-a-Story with Cindy Falkner, and



The original Gruffalo: have you designed a winner?

Pictures submitted by the Bookfest committee

some musical performances by Chalemina.

Double act *Spill the Beans* is making a repeat visit to the Linton Children's Festival; this time to the schools, and we are really looking forward to welcoming Julia Jarman who, according to the busy schedule we have proposed, will probably meet and work with every child in Linton!

Pupils, teachers and playgroup children will be dressing up on Friday as book characters, so expect some unusual sights in our village... and then we are into the weekend.

I'm pleased to say that several of the weekend workshops and performances are

full to capacity with Linton children because of the priority booking system for local schools.

If you have missed out, please keep an eye on www.lintonbookfest.org for up-to-the-minute news and ticket availability.

Congratulations to the winners of the Design-a-Gruffalo competition. You can find out who the lucky youngsters are on Saturday 10th May when Axel Scheffler will be presenting the prizes. A child from each school year will win a family ticket to Linton zoo and have their design published as a bookmark by Biddles Ltd. The overall winner will be able

to sponsor a zoo animal.

Don't miss the chance to see Stuart Hill, Val Bloom and Joe Craig on Sunday 11th May -and sign up for the Spymaster's Challenge.

As Linton village college has such a big hall there will still be space for you on the day, so come along and see what is going on.

Most of all have a great time. It has been a joy working on this festival and trying to capitalise on all the enthusiasm from the villagers of Linton.

Let's hope that the sun shines and it all goes well. Sincere thanks to everyone who has made this possible.

Josephine Paterson
893582

www.lintonbookfest.org

Chalemina entertains: P6
Meet the monsters: P4



Forty of these books have been left in locations around the village - see if you can find one

Time for teddies to take to the tower



Air bear: a brave teddy floats groundward

Picture by permission of Cambridge Newspapers Ltd

TEDDIES started jumping from St Mary's church tower in Linton on a fine June day some seven years ago during the annual Flower Festival. They do so quite safely, as each is equipped with a mini-parachute, professionally made by an aeronautical company in Letchworth.

Bears are individuals with minds of their own and, unfortunately, each makes its own decision as to the best way down, not always with wise results. Some prefer to land in trees, or on the church roof, in neighbouring gardens or, even more perilously, on a buttress or two.

That's when the fun begins and excitement grows as rescue teams, the 'ground crew', armed with poles and ladders, reach for stranded bears.

One year, with a strong north wind blowing, bears not only flew long distances, but attached themselves firmly to the branches of nearby trees. One would not climb down and, to the delight of its young owner, and distress of his grandma, remained up the tree all night.

Then the miracle happened and, early Sunday morning, the bear was found sitting on the ground, a little damp but otherwise unharmed, under the tree. It seems he had climbed down safely in the night!

Bears will be jumping again this year at 3pm on Saturday 7th June during the Flower Festival. All will be welcome; small bears especially, as they fly the best. (The height limit for jumpers is 18 inches or half a metre.) Money raised, £1 a jump, goes to the Friends of St Mary's, Linton for the maintenance and repair of the church and churchyard.

**There will be more than teddies. Throughout the weekend, the church will be adorned with flowers arranged by local people and groups, while at the infant school there will be craft stalls and, on the Saturday, a fête will provide something for all the family. Attractions will include five-a-side football, a dog-show, bouncy castle, guess the mileage of a Ferrari and much more!

Alan Clarkson 892988 and Andrew King 897832



Down below: owners wait for their bears to land

Picture by Andrew Clarkson

LVC dig uncovers headless bodies

EXCAVATIONS at Linton Village College have revealed the remains of two headless people with three other intact skeletons, thought to be from Roman times.

Discovered by CAMARC, Cambridgeshire county council's archaeological field unit, one headless skeleton was a woman and the other was a man whose skull was buried beside his legs.

The complete skeletons were of a woman and a child and another man. The spine of a horse, games counters, pottery, flint tools and coins were also found in the same area.

The remains of an extensive Roman settlement have been uncovered. These include pits, postholes and ditches which would have enclosed the settlement.



Two of the finds from the dig: a Roman gaming counter, left, and a mesolithic tool

Pictures by Lian Watkin



Large amounts of Roman pottery have been recovered, indicating that a substantial settlement once stood on the site of the modern college and the Iron Age remains indicate that an earlier settlement once stood on the same site.

Of additional interest has been the discovery of earlier

Neolithic remains, which date back around 5,000 years, more than 2,000 years before the Romans even arrived.

Stephen Macaulay, CAMARC project manager said: "These finds are very exciting and can now be added to the archaeology we investigated beneath the Granta

building in 2004."

The excavation will continue for several weeks and is due to finish in mid-May.

At some time in the future, the finds excavated here will go on permanent display at the college.

Stephen Macaulay
01954 204192

THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

THE A1307 has again drawn comments from our MP and locally elected representatives, following another series of accidents and yet more tragic loss of life. Unfortunately, the focus is still on the 'Road of Death'.

Inexplicably, those apparently in authority are still calling for improvements to the road itself, while completely avoiding the issue that is inextricably linked to it. Inexplicable, because the 'improvements' carried out over recent years have been orchestrated in no small part by the very same people, who, subconsciously at least, acknowledge where the problems start.

All the flashing speed signs, pinch points, rumble strips and the new red lines at Abington point to the fact that, locally, drivers simply will not keep to speed limits and concentrate. For so many the journey along this road is an opportunity to play with their satellite system, catch up with phone calls, apply some make-up or, in one instance recently, finish getting dressed!

When one becomes familiar with a road, complacency creeps in. It is no coincidence that most incidents involve motorists who use the road on a daily basis. A few interesting points of view have emerged recently, from those most regularly travelling along the A1307. To some, the fact that it clearly is overburdened with traffic – at certain times of the day at least – means that there is a serious problem with it and 'something should be done' and 'of course there will be accidents until something is done.' What's wrong with simply taking greater care when driving, regardless of the volume of vehicles and the weather?

There are parts of the road less safe than others, but it is not beyond any driver to act accordingly.

In some places where tragedy has struck, memorials adorn the verges – a reminder to us all that it is our duty to take care on the highways. A point forced home during a recent spell of wet weather, when one such memorial was being tidied by the occupants of a car parked partially in the road to avoid sinking into the soft verge.

The flashing reminder signs at Linton have done little to slow the traffic. Indeed, anyone daring to adhere to the speed limit for all of half a mile will have a close-up of a snarling tailgater in their rear-view mirror, ready to fly past the moment the traffic lights are passed. The signs stay permanently lit every morning until the number of cars exceeds the capacity and the road becomes a car park. At least this brings down the average speed for the day!

A piece of literature that arrived through my letterbox two weeks ago informed me that the county council has 'just ignored the problems' and that 'progress is still painfully slow and limited'. It is easy to point the finger at the county council, but, although there could be room for improvement, it doesn't take away the need to do something about the casual attitude to driving laws. Why aren't the police being criticised, if positions of authority are to be targeted, instead of the road users? I'm sure Gordon Brown would be furious if he found that all the potential revenue from fines was being allowed to slip through the net. It could be used to finance the extra officers our chief constable wants, or a new driveway for Chequers.

Wanted ... sub-editors

WE are currently looking for someone to help us with making up the pages of the Linton News. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and give up a few hours each month. If interested, please email the Editor at the address on Page 8.

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Scotland in words and music



Bonnie: St Mary's church choir on their tour of Scotland

Picture by Geoff Brown

ON Saturday 5th April a few members of the St Mary's church choir, accompanied by David Parry-Smith at the piano, put on a concert in the infant school hall, entitled A Tour of Scotland in Words and Music.

The McLintons took you around Scotland in words and music, starting with *Scotland the Brave* and thereafter followed a journey taking you up the west coast, across to the

east, and down again to the borders. The evening ended, after much audience participation, with a rousing version of *Auld Lang Syne*.

The first raffle prize of a visit to a Chilford Hall wine tasting was won by Alex Todd. The total amount raised was £130 which will go to defray the expenses of putting on the *St John Passion* last March. Janet and Bruce Conochie

How gardeners used to straighten cucumbers

MORE than 50 members and visitors gathered to hear David Holmes speak about garden antiques and to see part of his collection at the Gardening club's meeting this month. David entertained us with numerous examples of old tools from the garden, descriptions of their uses and tales of how they came to be. Among several children's tools was, to our amazement, a child's lawnmower, complete with working blades, that was still being sold as recently as the 1960s. The early adult lawnmowers with six-inch blades that replaced sheep as the best way to achieve a manicured lawn, took a leap forward when the design allowed a horse, or Victorian lady, to be hitched to the front to help pull along the exceedingly heavy machine.

Other highlights included glass vases to straighten cucumbers, rollers from the early 18th century that were manufactured from Greek and Roman columns, an American variation on a spade used for digging up long horseradish roots and a gentleman's walking stick that conveniently turned into a garden saw. I'm sure that many of the golfers among us would most appreciate the golf club blade used to obliterate any offensive weeds daring to poke their heads through the lawn while out practising.

For our next meeting at 7.30pm on 13th May, Mr Talman will be providing the club with a practical demonstration of hanging baskets.

Come and join us for this, our colourful final talk of the season in the village hall.

Also, do join us for a wonderful chance to buy new treats for your garden and to enjoy the produce and refreshments at the annual plant and produce sale on Saturday 10th May from 10am to 12 noon at 3 Mill Lane.

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How to tackle the evil that is hate crime

HATE crimes are an unpleasant aspect of today's society so when you come across them, it's helpful to know how to deal with them.

Open Out is a multi-agency project, offering victims and witnesses of hate crime the opportunity to report and resolve incidents with or without police involvement.

Since its inception in 2001, the scheme has established more than 100 reporting centres and information points and, through these successfully tackles hate crime in Cambridgeshire. It was set up to meet recommendations of the Macpherson report following the death of Stephen Lawrence. The report recommended that the public should have more access to facilities to report incidents, other than police stations.

Hate crimes can take many forms, from verbal abuse, threatening attacks and bullying in the school or workplace to damaging homes and property or physical harassment.

Many such crimes go unreported, leaving offenders free to commit similar offences with impunity. Indeed, many offenders consider minorities an easy target because incidents are rarely recorded. Even when they are, the person reporting them may feel uncomfortable notifying the police.

Hate crime hurts and destroys lives and communities. Reporting it enables Open Out and other agencies to highlight areas of concern and take appropriate steps.

On the following Fridays, surgeries to report hate crimes will be held in South Cambs Hall: 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.

The scheme has several objectives; to provide alternative centres, other than police stations, in which victims and witnesses can report incidents in complete confidence, these centres being easily accessible to the public such as community centres, libraries, leisure centres, councils, cafes and colleges; to provide support, information and advice to victims and witnesses of hate crime; to share information with other relevant agencies; to investigate thoroughly each incident based on the wishes of the individual.

If you or anyone you know has been a victim of hate crime please contact an Open Out coordinator.

Rukshana Begum

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Email: rukshana.begum@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Tenants form new council homes campaign group

FOLLOWING South Cambridgeshire district council's decision to pursue the possibility of selling off all the council's housing stock to a housing association (HA), a tenant-led group has been formed to campaign against the plans.

South Cambs Against Transfer (SCAT) says it believes that transfer to a HA will lead to higher rents, the loss of secure tenancies, and the removal of accountability through local councillors.

SCAT is chaired by Dave Kelleway, an SCDC tenant of 30 years, and also includes councillors and residents in its membership.

Dave said: "We are

particularly concerned that tenants seem to be getting only one side of the story, and our aim is to balance that by informing tenants of the clear case against transfer. We also believe that all the money received from the sale of council homes should be re-invested in council housing – not used on such projects as the new council offices at Cambourne."

For more information please see www.scambs.org.uk or contact me.

Dave Kelleway, 293743
Or SCAT, 87 Fulbourn Road, Teversham, Cambridge or email the.kelleways@tesco.net

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PLODDING ALONG

A round-up of police matters

Dealing with callers at the door

THE Police Crime Reduction Unit continues to visit sheltered schemes to offer support and guidance on home security and how to deal with callers. During our visits in the South Cambs area, we have been hearing some very amusing examples of how some residents deal with callers at the door. Thankfully they are all legal, although sometimes the language used did cause me to blush.

On a serious note, it has become apparent to me and my colleagues that the crime prevention message is getting across and people are becoming more aware of the need for caution before we open our doors. It is also very comforting to note how many neighbours are keeping an eye on the more vulnerable ones among us.

Home security and personal safety

With funding from South Cambs, we have trained a retired Special Constable, Karoly Von-Glos, who has agreed to provide evening talks to any group that would like one.

Available to purchase are window alarms, door mirrors, window locks etc, that can be fitted to properties fairly easily. If you know someone who could make use of any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact us at Parkside police station, on 0845 456 456 4 or speak to your local neighbourhood team and we can arrange for the equipment to be sent to you.

Lock your doors

Now that spring is on its way, it is very tempting for all of us to pop out for a few minutes having left windows open and doors unlocked.

Please remember a burglar only needs a few seconds to gain entry and steal your property. For peace of mind, take the time to close and lock your windows and doors before leaving your home.

Good news update

Earlier this year an elderly couple agreed to have their driveway resurfaced at a cost of £3,600. Two days later, the cost shot up to £6,900. Luckily the couple contacted Trading Standards, who alerted the police, who were able to intercept the gang.

Also, fraudsters tricked an older lady with Alzheimer's into thinking she owed some men money for work done on her property. The gang ordered a taxi to take her to the bank to withdraw a large sum of money. Fortunately, the taxi driver became suspicious and immediately phoned 999.

Remember, the Registered Trader Scheme was initiated to stop this type of crime. If you would like a workman to call, please contact the scheme, which will put you in touch with a wide choice of traders who have all been police checked.

Don't forget, with your help we can put a stop to these despicable crimes.

Hilary Conner, Parkside police station 0845 456 456 4

Linton neighbourhood policing team sound a warning note

WE have been contacted by a local resident who has been given a counterfeit £20 note.

He has taken advice from the bank and has the following advice for other residents:

"Take time to examine any note you may be given.

"Apparently, if you 'feel' the words 'Bank of England' on the front (and who does?), you should be able to tell the difference.

"The forgery is smoother than on a real note, ie the words on a genuine note are slightly rougher and more elevated from the paper."

Zally Huseyin PCSO - Linton
zally.huseyin@cambs.pnn.police.uk

The report from the meeting on rogue traders and distraction burglaries is on Page 7

A magical meeting

ANNUAL meeting time again, however ours was anything but dull: it was tinged with a touch of magic.

Our president Ann Simpkin welcomed everyone, including a new member and a visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and reminders given out for a coffee morning at Bel's at 38 Joiners Court on 9th May. Refreshments provided by June and Bel were then enjoyed - delicious canapés, wine and juice.

A draw for the Cambs WI Federation Denman bursary will be held at the spring council meeting. It was proposed by the committee that our bursary be increased and this was approved by the meeting.

An application is also being sent to the parish council for provision of a seat at the bus stop near Swan Bridge.

The minutes of the annual meeting for 2007 were also read and reports by secretary Brenda Smith, treasurer Anne Harmer and president Ann Simpkin were presented. The draw took place for our Linton



Ann Simpkin at the mercy of the magician. What is he doing?

WI Denman bursary and was won by Cynthia Norris. The committee and president were re-elected, together with new committee member Trysha Hunt.

Jeremy Bond then provided us with a highly entertaining and amusing show of magic and fun.

June Bunn was cut in half and Lottie won two cans of baked beans. Margaret Clark's bottle kept turning upside down and Marjorie and Trisha were crowned with balloons - all in all a great way to end our annual meeting.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th May deciding resolutions and entertainment. Do come and join us; a warm welcome awaits you.

Trisha Lewis 893609

ACEs weather the cold

WE would like to thank the Anderson Benefaction for their support of ACEs - their handsome donation will finance the hire of the Chalklands room for our lunch meetings. The re-opening of the Dog and Duck was another cause for celebration; the competition prize was shared with ACEs and generously supplemented by the landlord. Your support is much appreciated.

The curse of the ACEs coach trip has struck again. For our outing on 20th March to Anglesey Abbey, the weather was showery, breezy and, well, bracing - a foretaste of the icy Easter holiday. However, the atmosphere was warm and friendly and we found plenty of ways to spend the day enjoyably. Some hardy souls never made it out of the newly built visitor centre, cafe and shop. Understandable, if a little expensive ...

The coach journeys were through some of the most picturesque Cambridgeshire villages - best seen when someone else is driving and you don't have the GPS (or Sat-nag) guiding you down cart tracks - which neatly complemented the beauty of Anglesey Abbey.

The gardens always hold surprises, and give ideas for how your own garden *could* look. The innovative Winter Garden was a particular delight. Narcissi, cyclamen and other hardy flowers were out, including beautiful British bluebells, although we had missed the snowdrops. When the winter sun came out, the statues were seen at their best - or, remembering our last trip, when we had our visually impaired ladies with us - felt at their best (especially those of the Greek gods, which raised a few blushes). More in hope than expectation, we plan another coach trip - this time to Wisbech on 12th June. Details to follow.

By the time you read this, we will have had our meeting of St George's Day +1; a ploughman's lunch and a quiz with an English theme.

Enid Bald 891069

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.

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WEEKLY

Junior badminton, 10am-12noon Sundays	SC
Adult tennis coaching, Sundays (call 07791 150141)	SC
Pilates, 10 and 11.15am Mondays	VH
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Men's all-age keep fit club, 8pm Mondays	SC
Ladies' netball, 7-9pm Mondays	SC
WEA, 10am Tuesdays	VH
Linton Granta toddlers, 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays term time	LVC
Hadstock toddler group, 2-3.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hadstock VH
Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays	LVC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays	CC
Tae Kwon Do, 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays	SC
Ladies' badminton, 8-10pm Tuesdays	SC
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Yoga, 7.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hildersham VH
Yoga, 1-2.45pm Wednesdays term time	VH
Bowling roll-ups, 2pm Wednesdays	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Men's keep fit club, 8pm Wednesdays	SC
Linton theatre workshop, Wednesdays	(call 892076)
Tots-in-tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time	VH
Music Matters, 9.45am & 11am Thursdays	VH
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays	SC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Rhyme'n'rhythm tots music group, Fridays 10.30 & 1.30 term time	URC hall
Junior basketball, 6-7pm Fridays	SC
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC
Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm Fridays	VH
Granta badminton club, 8-10pm Fridays	SC

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MAY

3 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
3-11 Children's book festival, varying times and venues	
4 Three Counties charity walk, 9.30am	meet at Bartlow
5 Camera club meeting, 7.15pm	CC
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Storytime, 2.15pm	Library
7 Reading group, 8pm	Dog & Duck
10 Gardening club plant sale 10am	3 Mill Lane
11 Oxfam walk	Wimpole Hall
10 Balsham singers, 7.30pm	Balsham church
11-18 Christian Aid week	
13 Fair in aid of Asthma UK, 10am	Chilford Hall
13 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
13 Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
15 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
15 West Highland railway meeting, 8pm	The Pear Tree, Hildersham
16 Linton Granta playgroup disco, 8pm	LVC
16 Race night, junior cricket club, 8pm	Infant school
17 Dads and tots, 9.30am	VH
17 Music society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
18 Christian Aid service, 6pm	St Mary's church
20 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
21 CAMTAD hearing help, 9am-12noon	HC
25 Wacky races, 3pm	The Crown
26 Camera club, 9.30am	Coles Lane Car Park
26 Cambridge Voices concert, 6pm	St Botolph's, Hadstock
31 Monroe's Revenge, 9pm	King's Head, Hadstock

JUNE

5 Alzheimer's research coffee morning, 10.30am	29 Hollybush Way
5 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
5 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
7 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
7 80s disco	Linton Heights school

KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, HC Health Centre, LVC Linton Village College, SC Sports Centre, URC United Reform Church, VH Village Hall.

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Marathon successes



Stephane (left) and Fiona at the finishing line



PERSONAL achievement is one of the things that athletes take away from the London Marathon but four Linton runners have found something else ... a sense of relationship.

The athletes – Stephane Toussnel, Fiona Tideswell, Keith Savill and Jane Roote – found that training regularly together developed a friendship and a sense of commitment to new interests.

Stephane, who runs for the Saffron Striders, said: "It was my sixth marathon and I beat my personal best time by 30 minutes. I've run four in Paris and one in Monaco and now one in London. I reckon the London Marathon is amazing.

"I had a fantastic time with the crowd – I'd heard how amazing it was but until you experience it for yourself, you don't realise how unbelievable the atmosphere is.

"People were lined up the entire way round the course. I had my name on my vest and so many people called out 'Stephane' that I played the game and raised my arms – it was overwhelming and one of the greatest experiences I've ever had."

He added: "The most important thing is the relationship a marathon can build between people. Since we knew that we would have a number through our club or from the charity we decided to run for, we started to train regularly. It gave us the opportunity to meet other runners from Linton and plan our training."

One of the first achievements of the new relationship was the Linton 5K project held in March, which was managed by Jane Roote and Claire Whiffen, from Linton infant school PSA. It started from Linton Infants School and took the runners through the scenic drive to Chilford Hall and through the grounds and back into the village to finish at the school.

Of the marathon, Jane said: "I ran it in 4 hours 45 minutes, which I am chuffed to bits with as I had bronchitis two weeks before, which set my training back a little.

"I have currently raised around £1,000 for the CGD research trust in memory of Daniel Meeks who sadly died last March from this disorder. I had fantastic support from my family and friends on the day and would like to say a big thank you to them."

Another of the marathon runners, Keith Savill, said: "My time was 3:58:53; not bad for a first timer and an old man of 43! I ran on behalf of my chosen charity, the Stroke Association, and have raised in excess of £2,000 so far."



Keith, also at the finishing line, and Jane in action

Pictures submitted by Nathalie Toussnel



Meet the monsters



Playground parade: some monsters pose for the camera

Pictures by Roger Lapwood

"APRIL is the start of the National Year of Reading and everyone has to read lots of books," said Louise Clerk, acting headteacher at the infant school. She encouraged the 165 children to read favourite stories like *The Gruffalo* and reminded them that the man who drew the pictures will be visiting the school.

With help from their parents, the children were dressed up as all sorts of monsters and listened to a story, *When a Monster is Born*, before parading round the playground to show off their monster outfits. Dragons, little green men, ghosts, witches and a Dalek all joined in the parade. Jamie from Red Class and Autumn from Orange Class won prizes for their costumes.

Kate France 891602

Five years of success ... and still growing



A tempting array of foods from one of the stalls at Linton's Farmers' market and fine food fayre

Picture by Jan Lupton

LINTON Farmers' Market and Fine Food Fayre has been running for five years at the college and there is still a remarkable selection of local and fresh produce available. We are always interested to hear from local people making and selling their own produce and, for several producers, the market has been a springboard onto a thriving business.

The market itself is classed as being one of the very best in East Anglia and during the summer the Galloping Chef will be producing delicious elderflower cordial, and Gary from Proctors will be supplying his stupendous variety of sausages for the barbecue. Hawthorn Farm now produce their own free range chickens as well as chicken and duck eggs. Liz Goddard has started bringing salad items along and a new variety of cider is available from David Upson of Stoke Farm Orchard. Local people have already discovered the delights of Will's beer from his micro brewery at Much Hadham, which has taken off in a big way at our monthly market.

The main reason for the success of the market has been the constant support of all our customers. Many have supported us right from our faltering days at Chilford Hall through to the present.

Jan Lupton

Diary of an ordinand ... she's nearly there

IT'S the last leg of the journey for Kathy before the big day at the end of June, but there are still some testing hurdles for her to jump.

Happily, Marmalade is well again, keeping her company while she studies. The effort needed to deliver the essay on Christian doctrine was a struggle, but eventually it was completed, much to Kathy's relief. Essay writing is not over yet as later this month a further piece on ethics must be prepared, although when we spoke Kathy was still undecided about the particular aspect on which it will be based. However, there are at last some glimpses of light at the end of the tunnel.

Kathy has now met the tutor from the course who, with rector Mark Mills-Powell, will draft the report on her 'ministerial formation' which will be submitted this month to the Bishop of Ely. An important occasion to come will be the meeting with the bishop on her pre-ordination retreat in June, when they will discuss together her report.

The last three years of training have indeed changed Kathy, the most notable aspect being the improvement in her time management skills which has helped in all aspects of her life. It was sometimes difficult to refuse church commitments when study had to take priority, but new situations arose such as attendance at a funeral with the rector, when she became aware that the privilege of her situation as a trainee priest allows and encourages a rapport with the bereaved. She has gained confidence by acceptance of her dyslexia, making it part of her routine, and she says that the regular sustenance gained from increased prayer has enabled her to cope with any difficulties which have arisen.

In passing, Kathy mentioned the clothing worn after ordination, saying that during her first year as a deacon she will wear a stole knotted like a sash. I asked: "What do you wear at the moment?" to which came the immediate response: "I don't wear anything." When we stopped laughing, she explained further that from her second year, the stole will be undone and worn like a scarf.

Her new clothes have been chosen; a white cassock, worn with a white stole colourfully decorated with hedgerow flowers, butterflies and a cross. These will be her attire when preaching at services in the six parishes assigned to her: Dullingham, Stetchworth, Brinkley, Carlton, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless.

When we hear again from Kathy she will have been ordained at a ceremony taking place at 3pm on Saturday 28th June at Ely Cathedral. Our good wishes go with her.

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Calling all picnic lovers

FAMILIES and visitors in Cambridgeshire are being urged to vote for Wandlebury Country Park, which is running for the UK's favourite picnic spot title in this year's Warburtons' picnic awards.

Warburtons' is hosting the second annual awards in the build-up to this year's National Bread Week, which runs from 5th-11th May, and celebrates the Great British picnic.

Wandlebury country park has been shortlisted. To vote for this site and to be in with a chance of winning a family picnic in Central Park, New York, log on to www.welovebread.co.uk and register your vote today. Alternatively, send your vote c/o Brand Development, Warburtons, Hereford House, Bolton, BL1 8JB.

The closing date for the regional round is Friday 16th May. Emma Hunt, emma@getvital.co.uk

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All in the musical month of May ...

FRESH from their recent tour of Europe, Cambridge Voices will be making a welcome return to St Botolph's church in Hadstock at 6pm on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May.

Under the dynamic leadership of Ian de Massini, the choir will be performing a varied programme, including pieces to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Ralph Vaughan Williams.

There will also be choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, Fauré, Parry and Duruflé, plus what Ian describes as "a pair of cosmographical madrigals by



Ian de Massini: leading the choir

Picture submitted by Sue Walker Thomas Weelkes that include references to flying fishes, china dishes, cochineal, Mount Etna, Trinacreeon and Andalusian merchants!"

The concert is in aid of Friends of St Botolph's Hadstock, and tickets priced £8 (£6 concessions) will be available on the door or from Saffron Walden tourist information office. Tel: 01799 510444.

Sue Walker



Hands in harmony: Joseph Tong and Waka Hasegawa will be playing music by Mozart, Schubert and Debussy

Picture by Hanya Chlala/ArenaPAL"



THE next concert from the Linton Music society will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th May at Linton village college and will feature Joseph Tong and Waka Hasegawa on piano as *Piano 4 Hands*.

Piano 4 Hands has rapidly established a reputation as one of the leading piano duos of its generation, widely acclaimed in the UK and abroad, both as versatile duettists and also as a dynamic two piano team.

Joseph and Waka are regular performers at

London's Wigmore Hall, the South Bank Centre and Fairfield Halls and were prize winners at the 2003 Tokyo International Piano Duo Competition and at the Schubert International Competition in the Czech Republic in 2001.

Their programme includes Mozart's *Sonata in C major K521*, Schubert's *Fantasia in F minor D940* and Debussy's *La Mer*.

Tickets are available at

the door or can be reserved in advance or bought from Sweet Talk News, Linton (893480).

Ticket prices for individual concerts are: adults £9 (no concessions), students (up to 21) £2, family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £16.

There is a brochure available for the whole season. For a brochure or concert tickets, please call 894460 or 897983.

Hayley Donnan

COME and join us for a concert with a very 20th century British flavour. The Balsham Singers will be singing *Three English Folk Songs* by Vaughan-Williams, the beautiful anthem *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by John Rutter, and Parry's well-known *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*.

The grandeur of the new organ in the church will be demonstrated with organ solos, and the orchestra will play its own specially selected mystery piece.

The major work in the concert will be Elgar's *Coronation Ode*. This is a rousing work for orchestra, soloists and chorus written to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII. There are many fine tunes, and the finale is the original version of *Land of Hope and Glory*. This will be an evening not to be missed. Come and join us for a slightly different Proms Last Night.

All this can be yours at 7.30 pm on Saturday 10th May at Balsham church (including free Union Jacks). Tickets are available on the door, at Balsham Post Office or from members of the Singers, price £7 or £5 concessions.

Rodney Bryant 290420

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How Many Rectangles?

Having seen paving with rectangular bricks being laid, I wondered how many rectangular shapes could be made from a 3 x 3 rectangular grid.
NB: a 2 x 2 grid gives nine rectangular shapes.

Solution to No 39 - What part of the field?

The goats had left 21.8% of the field ungrazed.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Come and dance the night away

DID you or your children attend the Linton Granta playgroup or toddlers? Did you know that it has been running for 30 years? We are very proud to be the longest running playgroup in the village. In honour of this milestone, we are celebrating by holding an anniversary disco with bar at 8pm on Friday 16th May at the village college (grown-ups only please). If you would like to celebrate with us, you can get tickets from the playgroup or one of the committee members or by calling 897937.
Kate Kell 894970

Red-hot music ... and a rabbit

RED-HOT traditional bluegrass band Monroe's Revenge returns to the King's Head at 9pm on 31st May with another programme of songs of hardship, murder and love (sometimes all three), and at least one song about a rabbit, plus hard-driving banjo, fiddle and mandolin workouts. Call the King's Head on 890990.
Richard Partridge

Fancy a trip to Elton Hall?

THE Linton WI has a few places left on its trip to Elton Hall near Peterborough on 10th July, leaving at 9.15am and returning to Linton at 5pm. If you would like to go on this trip please phone:
Bel Griffiths 894149

Christian Aid collection week

HOUSE-to-house collections for Christian Aid week will take place from 11th-18th May. Then at 6pm on Sunday 18th May, a united service will take place in St Mary's church when the speaker will be Sue Walker from Mill Green House. All welcome.
Brenda Cole 892286

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Linton children benefit from Making Music



A scene from a previous Chalemina production

Picture submitted by Juliet Abrahamson

ORGANISERS of the Cambridge summer music festival are pleased to have been awarded a grant that will enable Chalemina to come to entertain the children as part of the Linton Children's Book Festival this year.

Chalemina have been a regular feature of Music 4 Kids at the music festival and have always proved very popular. Thanks to a grant of £750 from Making Music Reach Out programme, children will be able to see Chalemina for free right here in Linton.

Chalemina, will be doing a performance of *Sir Goward the Coward* and the *Feasty Beasty* for the infant school children on Tuesday 6th May, and *Little Bo Peep* at 10.30am on Wednesday 7th May in the village hall. Don't forget your teddies.

Linton music society has also been awarded a Making Music grant to enable concerts by the talented percussionist Dewi Ellis Jones to take place at the Linton Heights junior school and the Granta special school, later this month. (See page 5 for details of the next Linton music society concert.)

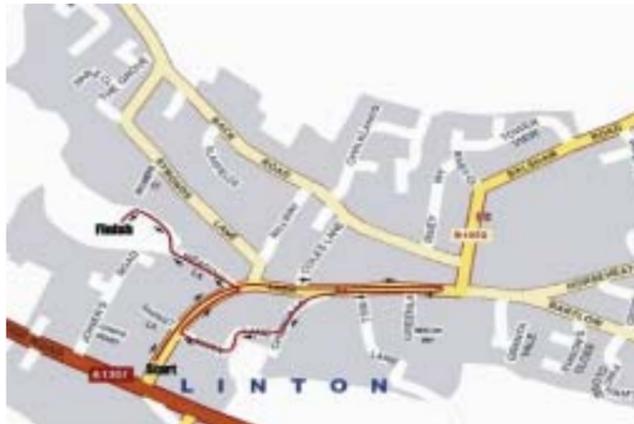
For the Cambridge summer music festival, please see the website www.cambridgesummermusic.com; for the Linton music society please see www.lintonmusic.org.uk or for the Bookfest www.lintonbookfest.org.

Juliet Abrahamson 894161

Don't just sit there ... do something!

DON'T forget the Wacky Races will be held this year on Sunday 25th May, starting at the Crown Inn and finishing at the recreation ground with entertainment for all the family. Runners and chariots are still needed, for without them there will be no event.

There will be a hog roast and many other food stands, music, karaoke, pony rides and lots of other stalls. Everyone is welcome.



Map submitted by Joel Palmer

The adult race will start at 3pm at the Crown. (Please see map above for the route.) The junior Wacky Races will begin at 4pm on the recreation ground.

If you run an organisation which would like to get involved, we have many pitches for stalls available at the recreation ground. These are available at £5 and all money you raise on the day will go to your organisation.

If you would like to be involved, or if you would like any more information, please contact Joel at the Crown on 891759. Entry forms and sponsorship forms for the adult and the junior race are available at the Crown in Linton.

Joel Palmer



Chef's corner

with Joel

Souper day out

ONE of the staples of our ancestral diets and even, sometimes, the only food that people could afford would have been a soup of some kind. Probably it would be based on a piece of leftover mutton, if they were lucky, or maybe the tail from the ox. Today I find that most people buy a tin or one of those trendy tetra packs of posh 'fresh' soup. I often wonder why?

It's quite criminal when I hear of all the food we throw away because it's either not enough for a meal or it's simply a little old.

Making a basic homemade soup is so simple and the ingredients are all in our own kitchens. There is also a degree of self-satisfaction when cooking something as humble as soup. Soups can be truly vegetarian by using a vegetable stock or even saving the water from boiling your Sunday vegetables. This recipe is based on the Monday after the Sunday roast chicken having had some friends around (because you know you're going to over-cater).

Chicken soup

First, pull any remaining meat from the carcass and place to one side.

Place the carcass in a large saucepan and fill with water (2 litres).

Bring this to a simmer with 8 peppercorns, 2 carrots, 1 leek, 2 bay leaves, 1 bunch of parsley (this is making the stock).

Peel and dice 1 large onion, 2 large potatoes, 4 sticks of celery, 2 carrots.

Gently sweat the diced vegetables in a separate large pan with a little butter until soft.

Add the stock through a sieve to the vegetables. Simmer for 1 hour.

The vegetables will slowly thicken the soup giving it the correct consistency. This is where you can season the soup to your own preference, also adding some chopped parsley at this stage, along with the meat from the carcass.

How simple was that?

This can be enjoyed by everybody at any time of the day. I like to take it in a flask as an alternative at a picnic, but I am a touch mad.

To "wine" on about the soup, it's always a grey area as to which wine to drink. I would always go for a very cold Riesling, nothing too dry, or even a fortified wine, such as a chilled medium sherry. Give it a try, you will be pleasantly surprised. Cheers!

Joel Palmer

Don't forget you can access all Joel's recipes at: www.chefs-corner.co.uk

Crem de la crème of recruitment services

Crem Recruitment founders Tom McKenzie and Colin Saunders



Picture by Rebecca McKenzie

WITH a number of years experience in the world of recruitment, two friends from Linton, Colin Saunders and Tom McKenzie, have set up a new professional recruitment consultancy.

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Linton camera club uncovers the secrets of 'Hidden Cambridge'

APRIL showers managed to catch up with us again and our trip last month was confined to the morning, but this was ample time to address our remit of 'Hidden Cambridge'.

Nine members of Linton camera club joined the Japanese tourists and tried to capture digitally whatever everyone else was not looking at. We started in King's College, which is a must if Cambridge is your subject, and learned that Oliver Cromwell kept his horses in the chapel, and that smudges that were just visible on the wall were graffiti from the time of the English Civil War. Also in King's, there was a pillar with names of students from the college who had died during the 1914-18 war, and one pillar with just one name (at the bottom) which was a German student.

Other members found a haunted book store and a tunnel under a main Cambridge street linking two halves of a college.

Personally, I went up the tower of Great St Mary's church on the market square while the bells were ringing (which made it difficult to keep the camera still, as the whole



Underneath the arches at Emmanuel College

tower was shaking) to get a bird's eye view of the city - it was great to spy on the shoppers using a long lens and some of the roof shapes and chimneys looked very unusual when seen from above.

The next club night will be at the usual time of 7.15-9.15pm on Monday 5th May (which is the bank holiday) in the Cathodeon centre, when a number of photographic items will be up for auction. Bring your wallets and purses.

The next awayday is planned for Monday 26th May

Picture by Tracey Wilson (the second bank holiday) when we hope to visit Luton Carnival, weather permitting. Meet at Coles Lane car park at 9am.

For further information, please visit our website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk or telephone Roger Lapwood on 891104 or me, or if you just need photographic advice, several members of the camera club are always available at the IT club held in Linton library every Tuesday evening from 7-9pm.

Tracey Wilson 891988

Stop, chain, check - residents learn about burglars and rogue traders

A WELL-attended meeting held in the village hall in April gave Linton residents advice and information regarding rogue traders and the recent spate of distraction burglaries in the county. It gave our new PC, Rebecca Parkin, a chance to meet some villagers for the first time.

The meeting began with Roger Hickford, the organiser, welcoming everyone with tea and biscuits before introducing the assembled panel. A short film was shown illustrating both how easy it was to fall victim to rogue traders and how to keep them at bay.

Representatives from Trading Standards and Community Safety gave lots of helpful advice regarding checking the identification of unknown and unexpected callers. Everyone was reminded that a genuine caller will not mind waiting outside while a telephone check is made regarding their identity.

The "Stop-chain-check" message was repeated: **Stop:** Are you expecting a caller? **Chain:** Put the door chain in place before opening the door to any unknown person; **Check:** Ask for identification and close the door while you make any necessary phone calls.

Regarding rogue traders, residents were advised never to agree to have any work carried out by cold callers. Take their contact details and get quotes from elsewhere before agreeing to any work. A rogue trader will often give a cheap quote before work commences, but will demand hundreds, sometimes thousands, of pounds extra when a job is nearing completion.

Also at the meeting was Rita Allen of the Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme, a registered charity providing services to older people (aged 65 and over) by improving home security. For £20, they provide a home visit by a security specialist who will assess vulnerable entry points to your home, and provide new locks, bolts, door chains, etc. This service is free to those already a victim of burglary.

The scheme is funded in part by Cambridgeshire police authority and Cambridge city council, as well as by private donations. They can be contacted by calling 07866 602100. In an emergency, call 999. For all other matters, Cambridgeshire police can be contacted on 0845 456 456 4.

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LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

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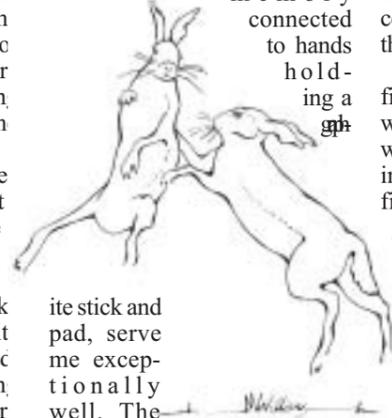
Homer takes flight and a hare hops off

THE sprinkling of snow was fortuitous, enabling the tracking of a local hare to sketch for the forthcoming Country Diary book. On the brow of a small hill, the little unsalted lane I chose made it easy, as I knew this to be an ancient animal thoroughfare. Mind you, by the time I arrived rush hour was over. For there, in the delicate icing, were impressions of all kinds telling tales about the secret life of the wild.

Some earlier tracks were blurred by the new snow, yet others were fresh, like the deer's two-toed cloven print and the badger, who I had just missed, leaving his mark of five forward pointing digits and a broad kidney-shaped patch. However, what I was looking for was not so obvious! There were plenty of rabbit markings in the snow, but as for the hare, well, they resemble rabbit tracks although much longer.

Most of the time these shrewd creatures roam alone, so a solitary set of slightly different tracks should be easy to spot, and there they were, fresh as a daisy over the bank in a zigzag pattern. Better than that, the ragged hare was sitting just 20 feet away in the adjacent field. Now, I am renowned for my photography, so with skilful wit and

cunning I lay down in the snow and clicked away with my digital dummy-proof gadget producing a series of my usual completely useless and blurred photographs. Fortunately for me, my almost photographic eye and



memory connected to hands holding a graph. The charming hare seemed almost glued to the spot, not minding my presence. His radar ears suddenly twitched upright as he gave me a wide-eyed frozen stare. Presently, he hopped awkwardly off in a seemingly bemused and slightly disabled manner due to his comically lanky legs.

A wise guardian of abandoned baby birds will always know when one is about to fly the foster nest. Just before leaving their human carer, minute changes in the bird's behaviour

can be detected. Seemingly erratic footwork is evident with more random feeding while it appears to focus its vision further afield, broadening its sights beyond the garden fence. And so it was that the tiny ball of fluff had grown into little Homer the collared dove, now showing all these signs and more.

After the snows had gone and finer weather mildly assured, we said our goodbyes, and I wished him luck and a good life in the wild bird world. With a final embrace and a few extra grains of corn in his crop, I held Homer high against the mid-morning breeze. Flapping his virgin wings, he launched himself towards the skies, then plummeted, earth-bound, until our great big planet got in his way causing a thud upon the lawn. "OK, Mr Wilbur Wright," I said with drollery as we exchanged a reassuring chirp, "let's try again." He willingly hopped into my palm for another launch, but once again gravity got the better of him. Ironically while writing this diary, I discovered it was indeed the birthday of Wilbur Wright who was born in 1867 on 16th April. Perhaps, we'll stick with the name Homer for now, although he was apparently, a blind bard.

Joanne sets off on the Viking trail

A LINTON Guide has been selected to go to the Icelandic national jamboree in July to join the group of 12 Guides and three leaders from Cambridgeshire East. Fourteen-year-old Joanne Maimaris from 2nd Linton Guides is trying to raise £1,350 to cover the travel and camping costs.

To raise funds, with the help of her family, Joanne has already helped run a jumble sale, is organizing a Brownie disco and plans a pudding party for the summer. She is also collecting prizes for a tombola to raise funds at the Guides' summer events.

Described as an "Opportunity of a lifetime," Joanne's group will join thousands of



Guide Joanne Maimaris

Picture by Julian's Photography

Guides and Scouts from around the world to live in the Viking spirit for a week at the Hamrar Scout Centre in

Akureyri in the north of Iceland. The site offers a range of outdoor activities in Kjarni forest with opportunities for hiking, mountaineering, cave excursions, glacier expeditions and snowmobile tours.

The girls will take part in pioneering projects, and can join Viking workshops for woodcarving, braiding ropes from horsehair, making shoes out of fishskin, dyeing with plants, weaving, carving bones, shaping iron, spinning wool, grinding corn and baking bread. They will be introduced to Nordic mythology and have the chance to go whale watching and visit local museums.

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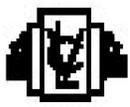
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DURING the Easter holiday, Alice Westland, a member of Year 11, was killed in a road incident on the A1307. The tragedy deeply saddened all at the college and again raises issues over the safety of the children who use the Horseheath/Castle Camps bus stop. If you feel strongly, as we do, about this issue, you might like to look at an e-petition that one of our parents has set up on the 10 Downing Street website. The address is <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/A1307safety> (See story below).

Here are some of the touching words that Dan Christie, Alice's tutor, wrote about her. They capture very well what she meant to us.

"Alice had a quirky nature. She didn't mind being different; in fact I think she relished it. She was never afraid to be different, whether it was the clothes she wore or what music she listened to, she was a unique young lady. Members of our tutor group will remember Alice, with her ukulele under one arm, wearing her green jacket and her vegan boots, entertaining her friends with a song before the school day started. Alice had become a vegan in the last year and I believe she was much happier in herself since she changed her diet. She even tried to get her best friends to eat some vegan food and after much persuasion and a lot of preparation time, she baked some vegan biscuits which were delicious.

"Alice had an amazing thirst for knowledge in all aspects, be it music, literature, languages, culture or simply vocabulary. One of her friends told me that Alice knew words that no one else had ever heard of and she always managed to use them in conversations with ease. When a close friend told Alice that she had decided to become a vegetarian by giving up meat but not fish, Alice said that she should be a *pes-cer-tarian* for that is the correct name for that particular diet.

"Alice worked incredibly hard to be the best that she could be, but she was always willing to give up her free time to help others to achieve their potential. One of Alice's friends said that 'as long as you were happy, she was'. Alice was a very comfortable person to be around and had the most charming smile and she was always ready for a party and a laugh. Although Alice did not see herself as a comedian, she always managed to say that witty remark at exactly the right time to obtain the laughter.

"Alice touched the hearts of so many different people and she will be remembered by them all. Both Alice and Emily, her sister, are a tribute to their family."

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Please sign A1307 safety petition

A PETITION has been set up on the Prime Minister's website by a parent, regarding the bus stop in Horseheath where two young girls have lost their lives.

I am aware that improvements there are scheduled for July but we all know what can happen to scheduled improvements. People are still having to cross the road at that bus stop and every day that passes means the probability of another accident increases. Lives are so precious and too many are being wasted on that road. As a community, we all feel the effects of these constant tragedies, and my thoughts are with the families and friends of Alice and Imogen.

The website address is <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/A1307safety>. It has 100 signatures so far including our MP's. I know everyone is busy but it does only take a few minutes and it can make a real difference. Please sign.

Esther Cornell

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Fortunes of the Axe and Saw beer house



View of the rear of the Axe and Saw beerhouse circa 1910

Picture courtesy of the Cambridge collection

LINTON once had a large number of licensed premises and No 70 High Street (opposite Coles Lane) was formerly a beer house, which meant that it was only licensed to sell beer and excluded from serving spirits and wine. The listed building dates from the late 17th century although the windows and rendering are 20th century features. Various businesses were conducted on this site before the premises became a beer house.

In the 17th century the Hurst and Thorp families, engaged in the tailoring and clothing trade resided there. From the 18th century the Parker and Burton families owned this property and earned their livelihoods as blacksmiths. Things changed when William Day, the owner of Bull House in the High Street acquired the premises in 1852. He soon opened a beer house on the site in order to tap the growing Victorian demand for alcohol. The Axe and Saw beer house name was first recorded in 1866 and tenant publicans paid Mr Day £8 in rent annually. This lowly sum tells us something about the size of the business and the quality of the trade.

From 1887 the Days let the pub to a large brewery chain, Hudson's Breweries of Pampisford and the rent was doubled to £16 a year. The tenants had to pay for all the repairs, general maintenance, rates and land taxes. The average cottage dwelling in Linton was then rented for £3 to £5 a year. The beer house was later sold to the Tredway and Percy Brewery of Soham in 1899.

The Linton rural district council provided further details about the business in its rate survey of 1903. The licensee was then Charles Seeley who was also a shoemaker. There were three public rooms with

one entrance and stabling for two horses and one vehicle. Four guests could be accommodated overnight. The pub catered for labourers and was busiest from 7pm to 10pm. Opening hours were from 6am to 11pm. The average customer in 1903 drank 34 gallons of beer a year and paid 2d a pint (0.8p today). Charles Seeley lived here with his wife Laura née Glasscock and their nine children. The beer house provided food on special occasions. In December 1913, landlord Peters catered for 110 guests attending the Linton Conservative club dinner held at the nearby National School (infant school today).

In December 1919, Harry Hard of Cherry Hinton took over ownership of the Axe and Saw and the landlord then was Arthur Coxall. The pub had a tap room and sitting room with a shop and barber's shop next door. On 5th March 1920, a serious fire broke out at 8pm in the wash house and stables at the rear of the pub. Mr Coxall's pigs were rescued but the damage to the outbuildings was extensive.

There were already 11 licensed premises in Linton and the police opposed the renewal of the licence. Inspector Haylock stated that the two earth closets in the yard were emptied on to an ash heap only two yards from the drinking water well. The pub was said to be in poor repair and finally closed in July 1920. The owners were compensated from the national public house redundancy fund.

The premises were sold in 1923 and John and Emma Rowlandson ran a second-hand furniture business there until 1931 when the site was sold to the Colvill family for £500, and they conducted their successful grocery business there until they sold up in 1976.

At last, it's the cricket season again

ONCE again it's that time of year, when the playing fields of England once again resound to the sound of leather on willow.

Linton village cricket club First XI will be hoping that their one year excursion to the lower leagues was a one-off, as they look to consolidate last season's promotion to the CCA Senior League Division 3. They open their 2008 campaign with a home fixture against Burwell at 1.30pm on 3rd May.

Thanks to a reorganisation of the league structure, the Second XI find themselves in Junior League Division 5C, although with teams from Babraham, Barley, Barrington and Bassingbourn making up half of the division it should probably have been "5B"!

The Seconds have no game in week one, so open their campaign, also at home, against Thriplow III on 10th May. Second XI matches start at 2pm.

Our junior section goes from strength to strength, thanks to

volunteers too numerous to mention, with teams at every age-group from Under 10 to Under 15. Indeed the club is thriving so strongly, that we have recently been invited to become a Focus Club. This represents a major vote of confidence in the people providing cricket for our youngsters, but also brings with it significant responsibilities as well as advantages.

The literature which came with the invitation states that "a focus club" is one that has been identified for a clear strategic reason, and one that is committed to long-term junior development. Each focus club will be expected to do various things by ECB in return for ECB resources." Watch this space for future developments.

So all in all, 2008 promises to be an exciting year for LVCC. Here's hoping that the sun shines, and we see plenty of friendly faces down at the rec.

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Memories of an old Lintonian - Part 2

IN March 2007 I wrote of my memories of the shops in Linton in the late 1940s and early 1950s. I again return to those times to remind old Lintonians of the village as it was then and, newcomers of how Linton has changed in half a century.

In 1950 Linton had a population of 1500 people, it had its own railway station, a manned police station and Magistrates Court, 8 pubs and an expanding National Health Service surgery. There were 2 schools - the Junior School on the current site of the Infants School catering for 5 to 11 year olds and the Village College, which opened in 1937.

In Cambridge Road on the site of the present police office and houses was the Rookery - a collection of properties, which started from the kerbside and proceeded up the slope of what is now the driveway to the police office. There were 2 houses to the left of a central footpath and about 8 to the right. The bottom house was built in such a way that the second house overlapped it and access to that house was by ten steep steps to the front door. Among the families living there were the Salmons, Wisbeys, Hills, Pearson and Tofts, Wallace and Stock. Jack Tofts, who was one of the residents, still lives in the village and used to help to keep our streets clean - a job he has now passed on to his son, Colin Tofts.



The Rookery late 1930s

Supplied by Jack Tofts

Attached to the Rookery, where the police houses now stand, were allotments which ran from Cambridge Road to the railway line, where there was a small footbridge which allowed people to walk to further allotments - some still used - at 'The Claims'.

Looking from the footbridge you could see most of the railway station and its activities. In 1950 rail services ran from Cambridge to Shelford (still operating) then Pampisford Station (now Solopark) on to Linton, Bartlow and Haverhill and Sudbury. At Bartlow there was a branch line operated via Ashdon and Saffron Walden, the main London line at Audley End. The station had a resident station master, porters and signalmen and a manned booking office. Excursions to the coast were heavily used during the 1950s. Regular deliveries of freight and parcels, which had arrived by train, were made to Linton and the surrounding villages. Two coal delivery businesses ran from the station yard where bulk coal was received in trucks direct from the pits. My father and his brother worked for Coote and Warren with Mr Len

Noakes, and across the yard was Myhill and Son with Mr George Balaam and Mr Tom Noakes.



Linton Railway Station 1950

Supplied by Cambridge Collection

John Franklin of Chalklands kindly informed me that rail services through Linton started on 1st June 1865 and being extended beyond Haverhill to Sudbury in August of the same year. Sadly the line became a victim of the Beeching cuts and closed on 4th March 1967 - the Bartlow branch line ceased earlier in 1964. John travelled on the final journey and later watched the tearing-up of the track and the dismantling of signals.

Beyond the station stood the headquarters of the Royal Observer Corps. John Franklin served the Corps for many years for which he received rightful recognition. He told me of the volunteers who detected, tracked and reported all movement of aircraft in the area. Such work began in 1925 with Special Constables and in 1940 a Linton branch was set up. Their work was of vital importance during World War II. Mr Sam Taylor, the local farmer headed the branch for some years and among the volunteers were Cliff Smoothy, George Balaam, George Wass and Ivor Timmins. In the post war period the duties changed and the threat of nuclear war and the monitoring of fall-out became as vital work as the wartime duties. The work ceased in 1992 after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War.

The Village College, which opened in 1937, had not changed much in 1950. The number of youngsters attending varied between 240 and 280. The Warden (Principal) was Mr Edwin Swannell who joined the staff as music teacher at the opening, but soon became Warden - a post he held for many years.

Youngsters aged 5 to 11 years were taught at the Junior School near the Church - still in use for the youngest children of the village. In 1950 the school had 2 separate buildings with the youngest taught by Miss Polly Kitteridge and Miss Gwen Samuels and the older group by Miss Irene Morley and Headmistress Miss Kath Kemp. Between the school buildings stood the Head Teacher's house, which was partly used by the Dobson family. A huge chestnut tree dominated the area overhanging into the infants' playground. The older children had a

playground enclosed by a large flint wall that joined the churchyard. Sadly this wall safely collapsed in windy weather and was not replaced until the recent fencing. The other boundary was a lower flint wall protecting an out-of-bounds garden, now the site of the extension. Being a Church School, the Vicar was a constant visitor and we were required to observe such things as Ascension Day.

The police in Linton in 1950 was headed by Sgt Fred Charter supported by 3 constables. They were based at the Police Station in Symonds Lane. As well as operating as a police office the building also housed 2 cells and also the venue of sittings of the Linton Magistrates Court. Sgt Charter later made the move to the new headquarters in Cambridge Road. The police station was one of the few buildings on the riverside of Symonds Lane - sometimes called Union Lane in the 1950s. Richmonds near the river bridge was the former home of Dr Palmer and its land stretched halfway along Symonds Lane where the boundary wall still stands. Next door was a small telephone exchange and then an expanse of grassland usually occupied by chickens. Beyond the police station stood a small flint cottage - still there today. Symonds House previously known as Linton Hospital and before that the Union. In 1950 the staff was headed by the Master, Mr Gilbert Bradley assisted by Mr Chester. During the war the building had catered for children as well as the elderly.

In my article last year I mentioned attending the doctors surgery in the house of Dr Brown in Bartlow Road. During the war Dr Wilson also had a house surgery at his home at the top of Mill Lane. He retired in 1946 and Dr Brown had by then been joined by Dr Burlin and Dr Cutting. In 1947/1948 the practice moved to new premises next door (now a private house). Garth Collard has kindly given me information of the development of the Linton practice headed by Dr Alex Brown who had started as a Linton doctor in 1926 - a year after Dr Wilson. With the start of the National Health Service in 1948 the business expanded and the surgery in Bartlow Road was extended in 1954/1955, Dr Ellis having arrived in 1953. In 1958 the practice tragically lost the services of Dr Cutting who died in a car accident. His position was filled by Dr Muncey and on the retirement of Dr Burlin in 1962 Dr Anderson joined the team. Dr Brown retired in 1965 and was duly recognised for his service to medicine by a visit to Buckingham Palace and he was replaced by Dr Charles Attwood. The current Health Centre opened in 1976 and the surgery in Bartlow Road closed in 1977.

There were 8 pubs in Linton in 1950. The only pubs still open are the Crown, the Dog and Duck and the Waggon and Horses. The Greenhill at the top of the High Street is now an office, the Swan by the river bridge is now 3 private houses, the Bell - the beamed property in the High Street, which served meals to such customers as the Prince of Wales when he was at Trinity College, Cambridge, is now privately owned. The Princess of Wales (opposite the Co-op) also, now a private house, was one of the few English pubs to carry that name - they were normally 'The Prince of Wales' and finally the Dolphin - the smallest of Linton's former pubs, part of No 1 Bartlow Road.

Finally my thanks to John Franklin and Garth Collard for the information generously supplied.

Cllr J Linsdell

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on 6th March 2008. Present: A Gore (chair), Ms E Cornell (vice chair), Mrs E Bald, S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr V Urwin, Dr D White; Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) and one member of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Rossiter who was attending a CPALC liaison meeting and from Cllr Cox.

Reports from Co-ordinators

Cllr Gore reported that Mrs Anderson, the tree warden, proposed to plant spare hedging on the northern side of the footpath between Balsham Road and Parsonage Way and asked councillors to advise the clerk of any other areas that would benefit from hedge planting.

Open Spaces - Cllr Bald reported that the grass verge in Symonds Lane adjacent to 1A Hillway required restoration, and the road sign replacement, following recent building work. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the owner of the land.

Concerning the replacement of the Grip railings, the county council had estimated it would cost an extra £800 to use oak rather than concrete posts, and advised that the parish council would have to meet the additional cost of doing so. Cllr Bald proposed that oak posts be used subject to the parish council being invoiced in the current financial year and this was agreed.

Recreation Ground - Cllr Krarup reported that he had carried out a risk assessment. Some soil erosion was evident in the vicinity of the youth shelter and some of the benches - it was not dangerous but should be monitored. The main gate had been left open during the evening. Cllr Potter was thanked for dealing with the fallen tree by the storage container.

Cemetery - Cllr Gee reported that a 'tidy up morning' was planned for 8th March. He had carried out a risk assessment, the main concern being the main gates which appeared to have no means of being secured.

Rights of Way - The clerk reported that John Cooper, the county council's rights of way officer, had spoken to a traveller family on the Roman Road by Marks Grave. The family had indicated they would be leaving the site by 10th March. It was agreed that Cllr Daly would check the site over the coming weekend, and Cllr Rossiter on 10th March, so that the clerk could advise the county council of the position.

Glebe Land - The clerk reported that a willow tree had blown down in the recent gales and asked Cllr Potter if he could cut it up.

Communications - Cllr Gee reported that the website should be completed during March. The ".gov.uk" address remained outstanding. In future each edition of parish matters would be edited solely by one of the councillors on the editorial team.

Allotments - A report by Cllr Cornell of the meeting of interested residents on 4th February had been circulated. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs Linsdell and Cornell should seek a meeting with Mr Balaam, whose family owned land on Balsham Road.

Confirmation of terms of reference for advisory groups

A report by Cllr Cornell regarding draft terms of reference had been circulated. Minor changes to the draft were noted, including the addition of risk assessments for relevant advisory groups and confirmation of their membership. Cllr Hickford wished to be added to the youth working party and Cllr Daly to the open spaces working party. The draft terms of reference were adopted subject to the amendments noted.

Report on waste storage at Co-op

A report from Cllr Gore was circulated following his meeting with Keith Nicholls, manager of the Co-op, county councillor Batchelor and Keith Fauch of county council highways. The report was discussed.

Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 32 - County Council Libraries: request for donation towards the summer reading challenge. It was agreed £200 be

donated.

Item 37 - Carter Jonas, on behalf of the Diocese of Ely: proposal that the rent on the glebe land be raised from £100 to £150 pa. It was agreed to advise Carter Jonas that the Council considered £100 remained the appropriate rent.

Item 40 - Cambridgeshire County Council: quotations for lighting on Camping Close. Cllr Hickford was seeking further quotations; matched funding might be available from South Cambridgeshire district council.

Item 47 - S Harrison: concerns regarding Stansted aircraft stacking zone, and Item 48 - Stop Stansted Expansion (SSE): request to make a presentation regarding plans for a second runway at Stansted airport. It was agreed not to make representations nor invite SSE to make a presentation.

Item 59 - Julie Bristow: request to make a presentation regarding Linton action for youth. It was agreed to invite Ms Bristow to speak at the annual parish meeting.

Item 60 - LVC: request to use recreation ground for sport relief on Sunday 16th March. This was agreed.

Reports from councillors (for information only)

A report by Cllr Gore about a crime prevention meeting in Hildersham on 5th March had been circulated. Cllr Hickford stated that he had arranged a similar meeting to take place on 17th April at 2.00pm in the Linton village hall.

Cllr White stated that he would be resigning from the parish council at the end of the month as he was moving away from the area. Cllr Gore expressed the council's thanks to Cllr White for his contribution to the work of the council.

Cllr Krarup reported that he had obtained a draft specification for the various proposed tarmac works and hoped to submit the proposed specification in the near future.

Cllr Urwin reported the existence of a hole in the flint wall at the back of Mr and Mrs Gowletts' property adjacent to Camping Close. Mrs Gowlett had reported it to county councillor Batchelor, the county council education department and the Infants School.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on 20th March 2008. Present: A Gore (chair), Ms E Cornell (vice chair), S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin; Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district Councillor J Batchelor and Mrs K France (press) were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cox and district councillor Bear who was unwell.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 6th March 2008

It was confirmed that the annual parish meeting would be held on Tuesday 22nd April at 8pm in the village hall. It was agreed to invite representatives from Linton churches together and Linton junior cricket club. Julie Bristow would attend on

behalf of Linton action for youth.

Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues

Cllr Hickford reported that at the neighbourhood policing panel meeting on 18th March, the priorities agreed were distraction burglaries, anti-social behaviour in Linton, particularly on the recreation ground and the High Street, and anti-social behaviour in Fulbourn. WPC Rebecca Parkin had been appointed Community Beat Manager in place of PC Mike Dyke.

S/1881/08/RM land r/o Newdigate House, Horseheath Road

Amended designs to plots 3, 4 and 5 and revisions to layout plan to show extensions to dwellings in Dolphin Close, and revised landscaping details. This item was deferred as plans were awaited from the district council.

Report from district councillor Batchelor

He would support the council's request that the district council determination of planning application S/1881/08/RM be deferred from its meeting on 2nd April.

The audit commission's second report on the operation of the district council had identified some improvement but they remained concerned about poor communication with parish councils.

He was opposed to a proposal that the police houses on Cambridge Road be sold.

Written reports from council representatives

A CPALC report from Cllr Rossiter had been circulated. It was agreed to add the Heritage Centre to the parish plan and to request that a planning training meeting be held in Linton following the cancellation of the meeting previously arranged.

Risk Assessment - update

Some safety assessments remained outstanding. The internal auditor had noted that progress was being made in the assessment of hazards, but not in the process of formal risk assessment.

Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 7 - Mouchel: request for access to recreation ground to install mains water and electricity to the Drop In Centre. It was agreed to grant access for temporary works, but to defer a response to the request for further access. Mouchel would be asked why a simpler route for the service pipes could not be taken, with the water supply run from the pavilion supply pipe.

Item 14 - Cambs Local Gov Pension fund: notice of increase in employer contribution rates from 15.9% to 17% wef 1st April 2008, to 18.2% wef 1st April 2009 and to 19.3% wef 1st April 2010. The increases were agreed and adopted.

Item 22 - Friends of Roman Road and Fleam Dyke: request for backdated payment of £10. This was agreed.

Item 25 - J Palmer: request for permission to use the recreation ground for the wacky races on 25th May. The request was agreed. A copy of a risk assessment would be requested from Mr Palmer and Cllr Potter would contact him regarding the terms of the pavilion licence.

Item 26 - Hope 2008 initiative: request to plant daffodils on the bank of Parsonage Way open space. This was agreed.

Item 28 - S Toussnel: request to borrow 'tools' and a supply of rubbish bags in preparation for Linton Infants School 5k run. It was agreed to supply rubbish bags and to loan litter grippers subject to the parish council not being held responsible for their use.

Reports from councillors (for information only)

Cllr Hickford reported that future Linton police panel meetings would be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Cllr Gee reported that the parish council website was almost complete.

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



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