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## All aboard the art bus!



### Hop on to have a fun-filled time



LINTON Children's Book Festival and the Darryl Nantais Gallery are thrilled to announce that the Sir Peter Blake Art Bus will be coming to Linton on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The bus will be with us for three days, taking in our four local schools and joining the gallery for an exhibition.

The restored 20-year-old double-decker, which used to serve Liverpool, has been designed so that the top deck, complete with balcony and extended roof height, is a gallery, with an entertainment area downstairs.

Sir Peter, the godfather of British pop art (most famous for designing the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper's album cover) designed the exterior of the bus in a rock'n'roll pop art style.

The exuberant design includes motifs such as Mickey Mouse. The use of childhood characters not only grabs the attention of the young, but also opens their eyes to the fact that art can be fun.

The bus will be visiting all the schools in Linton, creating opportunities to learn first-hand about Sir Peter and the pop art genre. An exhibition of children's Peter Blake inspired art will be on view at the Linton Children's Book Festival on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May.

Also at the festival you will have the opportunity to meet children's authors John Foster, Barbara Mitchell, Simon Chapman, Pete Johnson, Narinder Dhama

and Paul Cooper.

Among other exciting opportunities available will be Manga cartoons, Fairyland Trust and poetry workshops, Beast Quest treasure hunt and many drop-in storytelling and craft activities.

To conclude this weekend of free events for families, Linton Festival Orchestra, with narration by Rod Halls, will perform Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. This is your opportunity to see "The World in a Weekend".

Hop aboard for the modern British masters' exhibition hosted by the Darryl Nantais gallery. The private viewing is from 5-10pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May and the bus will be open outside the gallery for this until 9pm and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

The exhibition continues until 4pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June, and will include, alongside Sir Peter Blake, work by Sandra Blow RA, Charlotte Cornish,

Donald Hamilton Fraser RA, Sir Terry Frost RA, John Hoyland RA, Barbara Rae RA and Storm Thorgeron. For more information about these events please contact the following:

Josephine Paterson,  
893582 Children's Book Festival co-ordinator or  
www.lintonbookfest.org  
Darryl Nantais Gallery  
891289 or www.nantais-gallery.co.uk.  
For the Art Bus visit  
www.ccaartbus.co.uk

## Your news is our news

HAVE you got a grumble or opinion you want to get off your chest, or is there some item of news that you want to share with everyone else in the village?

Well, that is what we are here for. Results from the parish questionnaire have showed that people in 90 per cent of village homes read the Linton News each month.

Judging by the dismayed response to the suggestion that

the paper would close if a new editor could not be found, it has become a village favourite. But the pages won't fill themselves.

Our best reporters and sources for stories are YOU, so if you see any unusual wildlife, if you have a grumble you want to get off your chest or maybe you want to comment on a village feature, please contact us.

We'd love to hear from you

and would willingly send someone along to talk to you.

We are curious about all the activities and interests affecting residents of the four villages Bartlow, Hadstock, Hildersham and Linton.

The Editor can be contacted by phone on 891626, by email at lneditor@linton.info or by leaving a note in the Linton News box at the Post Office.

Kate France

## Waites are coming to entertain Linton

THE Ely Waites will be coming to Linton in April. Their own 'flyer' best describes who they are and what they do.

They are a group of 6-8 skilled musicians, based in Ely, who play for a variety of occasions. One of their number, Rod Halls, was formerly headmaster of the Linton Heights school.

In April they are coming to St Mary's to give a concert which will be of great interest to people in the area.

The concert at 7.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April - entry by tickets at the door £8, children free - is part of the Friends of St Mary's programme to raise funds for the next stage of repair work.

This will cost some £25,000 and will be on the



Music from the past: the Waites are focusing on 1650

north clerestory of the church (similar to work completed on the south side last year).

These municipal musicians are called upon to provide public spectacle and ceremony

at social, civic and religious events in and around Ely.

Since their inception, in April 2008, the Ely Waites have performed at the Ely Mayor-making, the St Etheldreda Day

Procession, Eel Day, Aquafest, Fund-a-Physio, St Winnold's Day Procession (in Downham Market) and at various fundraising and private concerts.

At outdoor venues, where volume is important, the Waites play shawms (forerunner of the oboe), sackbuts (early version of the trombone) and drums. Their focus year is 1650, hence the Cromwellian costume. Music played is therefore chosen from the 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

More recently, the Waites' repertoire has extended into music of the Renaissance for those occasions where a more mellow sound is appropriate. Crumhorns, recorders, oboe and bass viol are then added to the array of instruments the Waites use.



## Write a poem and win a prize ...

ATTENTION children. This is a picture by a very famous artist, Sir Peter Blake. He is most well known for designing the front cover of the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album cover.

He is also one of the key proponents of the pop art movement. If you don't know what an album cover is - ask your parents!

His work is currently being featured at the Darryl Nantais gallery in Linton.

A lot of his work is like this, a collage of cut-out images. You have to look carefully and you will see all sorts going on. Some of it is funny, some worrying and some just

plain weird. But, they make you think.

We would like this picture Birds to inspire you to write a poem. It can be any form you choose and any length, just be creative.

There are two age groups. 7-11 and 12-15. Each winner will receive an Amazon WH Smith voucher for £20. Three runners-up in each age group will receive books.

John Foster will present the prizes at 3.15pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

For further details, please see www.lintonbookfest.org or contact me.

Josephine 893582 or go to info@lintonbookfest.org

## It's time to pay ...

IT is that time of year when most of you will have received a renewal letter for your ad.

Can you please make payment promptly as we rely on your payments to produce the paper. If your ad is not in, it is because you have failed to make a payment despite repeated requests.

We are currently operating a waiting list which gives priority to Linton businesses. However, due to technical difficulties we no longer have a record of email requests before mid-February.

If you think this applies to you please forward a request to adds@linton.info.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ad Manager

## Too good for jumble ...

A PAIR of smart stools, 2ft high with wickerwork seats, suitable for plant stands, a grey 14in Matsui TV with VCR combination unit, a Lexmark P350 photocopier, a Logitech keyboard and a Brother DCP 117C printer are the new items this month. The child's Hamax bicycle seat is still available.

Almost all the March items were sold. The Viewmaster slide projector made £30 for the Alzheimers Trust, two Kenwood Chefs made £40 for Action in the Community for the Elderly (ACE) and the pine cupboard and lawnmower raised £25 and £15 respectively for St Mary's choir.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone me. NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

Kate France on 891602 or email katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk



# Symonds House awarded a star



SYMONDS House nursing home can now accept new residents. Although the number of residents had dropped from 58 to 32, in February the Commission for Social Care inspectorate awarded the home a one star rating – up from last autumn’s zero rating.

Manager Jay Wright says that since coming to Symonds House last April, much of her work has been reconfiguring the house layout to cater for people with similar needs. The two first floor units, Poppy and Orchid, are now designated residential. The ground floor units, Primrose and Honeysuckle, are for nursing care and dementia residents.

Although many residents are privately funded, Symonds House also accepts people paid for by social services from Cambridge, Essex and Suffolk.

New staff have been recruited with training organised through an external agency. But as a qualified teacher and registered nurse, Mrs Wright plans for all training sessions to be undertaken in-house to give staff the

skills to recognise and respond to different needs at every level. Symonds House has some vacancies in the ground floor day care centre for people who live alone, are in domiciliary care or would benefit from mental or physical stimulation.

As well as organising outings, a team of carers helps the visitors enjoy a range of activities including arts and crafts, music, games, quizzes and cookery. A cooked or light lunch and refreshments are served during the day.

Places at the centre can be privately funded or organised through social services and transport to and from the centre is available.

There are plans for designing part of the front garden for day centre use and changing the central courtyard into a sensory garden, to be easily accessible to everyone. The garden on the eastern site could be made into a much requested vegetable patch, with a greenhouse and wheelchair friendly raised beds.

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# Three Counties, four walks and one aim ... to raise cash

ARRANGEMENTS are well advanced for the Bartlow Three Counties charity walk, which will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Banners and roadside signs will appear at the end of the month and we will also distribute sponsorship forms to all who have previously participated in the walk.

This event really thrives on individual participants getting out into the community and raising sponsorship, one contribution at a time, so we would like to encourage people to download a sponsorship form from our website or pick one up at Addenbrooke’s, Linton Health Centre or in the church

at Bartlow, or the Three Hills pub.

Our three top individual fundraisers last year all topped £300 and the number one raised an amazing £540! We offer prizes for fundraising in both adult and junior categories.

Our regulars will find that the 2010 event follows the established pattern, although we always seek to surprise by introducing improvements and innovations each year.

The walk funds local causes through sponsorship. In 2009, a record 660 walkers joined more local businesses than ever before to raise a total of £12,750, bringing the six-year total for the walk to

£50,000.

This year we offer four walks:

- The classic 13-mile walk – from Bartlow to the meeting point of Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex, and back via Ashdon windmill and the three hills.

- The nine-mile family route incorporating the picturesque first and last stages of the long route.

- By popular request from our more senior citizens, this year we will experimentally offer a new five-mile option under which we’ll give you a lift back to Bartlow from Castle Camps High Street before or after you’ve had lunch at The Cock Inn.

- The enormously popular 1½-mile junior nature

trail for the very young, incorporates a nature quiz and many other great outdoor games played in the shadow of our famous three hills. In dry weather this route is pushchair friendly.

Each year a few hardy souls run the walk under the banner: The Bartlow Challenge.

The 2010 ‘Good Causes’ are the Linton health centre, Addenbrooke’s paediatric gastroenterology unit and the Bartlow church restoration fund.

For more details and to download a sponsorship form, visit our website: bartlow.org.uk or look out for our dayglo yellow posters, or simply call me.

Graham Howat  
Walk organiser 891732

## Get some fresh air and help the centre

THE Linton health centre will once again benefit from money raised on the Three Counties walk.

So before the latest health centre update, can I please urge you to do all you can to support this splendid event. We received £4,250 last year and used the money to buy new equipment.

At the centre, we have welcomed Tricia Latimer, who joined us in the new year as our practice pharmacist.

Tricia’s role in the practice is to manage our dispensary and to provide an additional resource for patients with any queries or concerns about their medication.

NHS Cambridgeshire is working with all the practices in Cambridgeshire to help to reduce spending on prescription medication.

There is a limited pot of money and, like all practices, Linton is being asked to review prescribing as there are sometimes alternative drugs which are cheaper and do the same job.

Some patients will already have received letters from the medicines management team of NHS Cambridgeshire advising of changes to their prescriptions.

You can be assured that the doctors have considered very carefully the changes proposed by NHS Cambridgeshire before letters are sent out to patients.

Tricia is very happy to discuss any concerns that you may have and you can get in touch with her at the practice on 891456.

Sheila Griffiths,  
Practice Manager

## Let’s get together

WANT to join the walk and don’t fancy doing it alone? Look no further – Linda Read, of 16 Finchams Close, and Lian Watkin, of 44 Chalklands are hoping to form a group for the eight mile and 12 mile walks. So if you would like to join

them, they would love to hear from you.

There is a minimum £10 donation or you may seek sponsorship. Interested? Then please contact us.

Linda Read 892923,  
Lian Watkin 892782

## PLODDING ALONG

### An update on police matters

THE team has been busy recently dealing with local issues and would like to provide you with a little insight into what it has been doing.

There seems to have been an increase in antisocial behaviour in and around Linton village college and we are working with the college to try to deal with the issues.

Also, a woman purporting to be from a crime prevention magazine has called a resident saying they owed them £125 for a full page advert they had allegedly taken out. This is a scam and the caller hung up when the resident started asking questions.

I am aware that Castle

Camps primary school received a similar call last year. I am sure I don’t need to tell you that this is not genuine, so if you receive such a call, hang up and tell the police.

Lastly, please note that I do not currently have a work mobile. I am waiting for a replacement and would ask that you call 0345 456 4564 if you need to speak to me.

I apologise if anyone has tried to contact me on my mobile recently and I haven’t responded. My email address is rebecca.parkin@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

PC 1881 Rebecca Parkin  
Linton Neighbourhood Office



## It’s fun to run ...

DUST off your running shoes as the Ashdon Fun Run is just approaching. It’s on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May starting at 10am and is a great local community event with all profits going to Ashdon primary school.

It’s open to both novice and experienced runners. The 3K is ideal for families, whereas the 10K is a major event in the local running calendar where you can test yourself against some of the best runners in Essex.

For more information and an entry form, please contact Matt on 890924 or 07758 990920. You can also email him at mattisa@waitrose.com

## The Bard of Linton

Two flies playing football  
In a saucer,  
I haven’t made this up.  
They’re training hard  
All season, next week  
They’re in the Cup.

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## Readers write...

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### My own opinion, not the LVC

Dear Editor  
In a report in the Linton wind farm inquiry in last month's Linton News, it was reported that 'Tony Kelly, press officer at the village college, spoke in favour of the scheme'.

I would like to make it clear that my views on the proposed wind farm were expressed in my personal capacity and not in my role as a spokesperson for Linton Village College. Staff and students at the college have a wide range of views on the wind farm, and the college rightly encourages all of our students to engage with the issues, weigh up the arguments on both sides and reach their own conclusions.  
Tony Kelly

### You have been warned ...

Dear Editor  
For various reasons, there are some changes in the Save the Children fund week, 25<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May this year. I shall only be contacting about 20 collectors in Linton and Hadstock. I wish to thank all the people who have supported us over the years and assure those I am not asking to collect house to house that we need your help in many other ways. You have been warned!  
Anna Newton, Horn Lane

### Could we foodshare?

Dear Editor  
At BBC Gardeners' Question Time recorded at Linton recently, the following website was mentioned. <http://foodshare.ning.com> Founded in the Milton allotments by Mark Desvaux, it aims to supply the excess produce from your garden or allotments to people who need it most. There are now groups right across the country and in the US and Canada. Contact me if you think this is something we could do in our parishes  
Andrew Westwood-Bate, a.westwoodbate@btinternet.com

## OUR THANKS

Dear Editor  
I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and words of support they have given to me and my family, following the sudden death of my dad John Stickells in February at his home in Haverhill. For many years he ran a mobile greengrocer's shop and a small shop from his bungalow in Back Road, where he lived with my mum until three years ago when they moved to Haverhill. Also thank you to everyone who came to his funeral and for the donations to the hospital he attended.  
Angela Reilly, Chalklands

Dear Editor  
I regularly walk up the public footpath towards Borley Wood from the farmer's field. With all this wet weather it has been more like going for a slide than a walk and it was particularly treacherous sliding down the bank and onto the footpath. Recently, persons unknown have very kindly made a step from the field on to the path out of twigs and some wood. It makes a huge difference - it's as if the step fairies have been overnight!  
Josephine Paterson by email

Dear Editor  
In February I joined the Time For Dementia for a 'cuppa coffee' morning. I was overwhelmed by the response which raised £121 just by eating cake! Thank you to all of you who supported me.  
Natalie Morris, by email

## Through icebergs to safety



LOUISE and Blanche Milbourn were two of the many children evacuated to the US during the Second World War. Louise gave us an amazing account of those times, bringing back memories for some and educating others. They lived just outside Plymouth, which by August

1940 had already received bombing raids aimed at the Devonport naval base. The threat of German invasion was keenly felt as the Nazis had overrun many countries in Europe. For their safety, Louise, aged eight, and Blanche, 10, were sent to the US.

But this was not a particularly safe option because the Battle of the Atlantic was at its height. Between September 1939 and June 1940, 2.3m tonnes of shipping was sunk by U-boats. Theirs, the Duchess of Atholl, was the last ship with evacuees to cross the Atlantic safely. They later heard that 11 ships in their convoy of 28 had been sunk.

Louise remembers depth charges being dropped and, as they approached America, encountering huge icebergs and fog. The sinking of the Titanic was still in their minds.

After arriving in Montreal, they were transferred to Philadelphia to meet their new welcoming family with their own three children. Playing with new friends, enjoying hockey and baseball, they soon became American in speech and outlook.

After five years of a wonderful American childhood, their return was arranged for August 1945. But it was extremely difficult to re-establish the relationship with their real mother and after two weeks Louise was sent away to boarding school. She has written a book, *A Very Different War*, which reveals so much more about those times.

Our next meeting will be the annual meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the village hall, followed by Michael Beaumont speaking to us about the role of CCTV in society - fact or fiction.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April, the strolling group will go to Ashdon to see the Post Mill and then have afternoon tea at the museum. We'll meet at 2pm at the Dog and Duck.

The Crown in Little Walden is the venue for the next lunch at 12.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Trysha Hunt

## It's that wonderful time for flowers and a fete

*WHAT A Wonderful World* is the theme for this year's Flower Festival and with spring around the corner and all the spring flowers bursting through it gives us all hope for a lovely summer to come.

We have had to change the date this year so please make a note in your diaries. The event will take place on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June. Flowers will be on view on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am in St Mary's. and anyone interested in doing an arrangement can contact Penny Brown on 897200.

The fete will start at 11am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a variety of entertainments, food, including hot dogs, stalls, games, dog show, bar, Linton Jazz etc. On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> the teddy bears will be jumping plus a tea party, a duck race, LVC Pop Choir, raffle and refreshments.

A Barn Dance and ploughman's supper will be held on Friday evening 25<sup>th</sup> June, and on Saturday evening there will be a Light Music concert in the church. Lunches and teas will be available in the school hall. Do come and join in the fun and don't forget the new date - 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Tricia Lewis

## We've found an earring

*HAVE you lost an earring within the past few weeks. One has been found outside the pavilion on the recreation ground; a silver ear-ring with a green ball in the centre. If you are missing such an item, please call 891800.*

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## LINTON DIARY

For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office.

You may also send an email with your event details to [diary@linton.info](mailto:diary@linton.info), or use the form on [www.linton.info](http://www.linton.info).

Call 891104 for an audio version of the Linton News

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

WEEKLY	
Junior badminton, 10am-12noon Sundays	SC
Adult tennis coaching, Sundays (call 07791 150141)	SC
Jazzercise, 6.45pm Mondays and Wednesdays	Granta School
Pilates, 10 and 11.15am Mondays	VH
Yoga, 7-8.30pm Mondays term time	Hadstock VH
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Men's all-age keep fit club, 8pm Mondays	SC
Ladies' netball, 7.15-8.30pm Mondays	SC
Cempa wu-shu karate, 7-8pm Mondays (age 5 upwards)	LVC
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
Aquacise Mon, Tues and Wed tel 890248	Granta school
WEA, 10am Tuesdays	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	Church pavilion
Linton Granta playgroup, 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
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
Tae Kwon Do, 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays	SC
Ladies' badminton, 8-10pm Tuesdays	SC
Senior mobility, 1-2pm Tuesdays	Hildersham VH
Junior choir, 6pm-6.45pm Tuesdays	St Mary's
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Yoga, 7.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hildersham VH
Linton children's centre, call 07768 008 919	CC
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm Wednesdays Apr-Oct	Bowls pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Men's keep fit club, 8pm Wednesdays	SC
Tots-in-tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time	VH
Music Matters, 10.30am & 1.50pm Thursdays	VH
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays	SC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Yoga class, 8-9pm Thursdays	SC
Mums and Tots Mocha house, 2-4pm Fridays	Church pavilion
Tots music group, 10.30 & 1.30 term time Fridays	URC
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays	Hadstock village green
Junior basketball, 6-7pm Fridays	SC
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC
Adult tap dancing, 7.15-8pm Fridays term time	VH
Granta badminton club, 8-10pm Fridays	SC
Mini kickers, 10-11am Saturdays term time	LVC

For sports centre courses please call Mark Wilson 890248

### APRIL

3 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
3 Community church tea and coffee, 10am	CC
6 Housing surgery, 10am	VH
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Reading group, 8pm	Dog & Duck
8 Luncheon club, 12noon	Dog & Duck
8 Linton Trefoil guild, 7.45pm	3 Cambridge Road
8 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
11 VIP meeting, 2pm	Chalklands CC
11 Camera club outing, 9.30am	Coles Lane
12 Camera club, 7.30pm	CC
13 Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
14 Alpha course	St Mary's
17 Concert, Ely Waites, 7.30pm	St Mary's
20 Housing surgery, 10am	Chalklands CC
20 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
21 CAMTAD, hearing help, 9am	HC
22 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
25 Save the children collection week	
27 What's on for children meeting, 10am	VH
27 Parish council annual meeting, 8pm	VH

### MAY

1 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
1 Community church tea and coffee, 10am	CC
2 Three counties walk, 9.30am	Bartlow
3 Ashdon fun run, 10.30am	Ashdon
3-9 Children's book festival	
3 Camera club, 7.30pm	CC
4 WI, 7.30pm	VH
5 Reading group, 8pm	Dog & Duck
11 House and garden fair, 10am	Chilford Hall
11 VIP meeting, 2pm	Chalklands CC
12 Bellingring open evening, 7-9pm	St Mary's church

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, SC sports centre, URC United Reform church, VH village hall

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

Refuse collection: 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Recycling collection: 6<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May

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# Budding artists



THERE has been the smell of drying paint wafting around the infant school as year one continues to learn about the paintings of famous artists. They have explored the desert where Dali's extraordinary elephants live, been enchanted by Aboriginal 'Dreamtime' stories in the Bush and tried to follow the lines of a Jackson Pollock painting to plan a love bus route around Spaghetti Junction. They created a new recipe for tomato soup to fulfil an order for Andy Warhol. They have also splashed around in Matisse's fish bowl painting and enjoyed it so much, they decided to get some fish as their class pets.

Green class walked, bubbling with curiosity and excitement, to TailsNScales. There the owner, Dave, told them all they needed to know about looking after and feeding a goldfish. They chose two fish and named them Goldie (for tradition) and Yoda (a fashionable name in a six-year-old's world!). Dave gave a tour of his shop to those children who were brave enough to venture into the world of lizards and dragons. We would like to thank him and his staff for their generosity.

This week the children learnt about Picasso and looked at some of his work in his Cubism period. His pictures surprised them and the classroom was full of descriptions such as weird, freaky, colourful, strange and scary. They may have been scary but it did not stop them wanting to have a go. Nina Dye and Chloe from the barbers Boyz2Men visited us to demonstrate how to create sculptures in hair with gels, coloured putty and neon hairsprays. After this expert introduction, the children all had an opportunity to create a Picasso face on their friends.

They added face paints to make themselves look more multi-dimensional and the work of some great artists was finished. Thank you to Nina at Boyz2Men for her contribution to this fun day. We are looking forward to knowledge and understanding week where we will be incorporating science and history into our theme.

Clare Sleeman, assistant headteacher

# Help us boost cash target for asthma fundraiser



An item from last year

Picture: Jo Fairey

CHILFORD Hall will once again be the venue for the annual House and Garden Fair in aid of Asthma UK. This year's event, the 12<sup>th</sup> fair, will take place from 10am-4pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Entry is only £3.50.

Originally the fair sold chic accessories for the home and garden but now sells much, much more, including shoes, bags, clothes, toys and food.

This year there will be an enticing array of goods from gardening gloves to glassware and from picnicware to puppets. Among the more unusual items, you will find beautiful paintings of chickens and hens, French food hampers and colourful, hand-woven raffia bags from Madagascar.

Fabulous raffle prizes, very generously donated by local businesses, include a bracelet from Cellini, dinner and accommodation for two at Swynford Paddocks hotel, a £500 travel voucher from Light Blue Travel and a £250 voucher to spend on Giulio Body Beauty Rooms. Since 1999, we have raised more than £100,000 for Asthma UK. Please come and support us this year and help us raise as much money as possible to help Asthma UK fund vital research investigating the causes of asthma and developing future treatments.

Jo Fairey 07811 339279

# NEWS FROM THE TOWER

## Cold weather, competitions and promises

THE cold weather is particularly hard on ringers; cold towers and damp ropes become a way of life, but we have nevertheless had a good start to the year.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March we gave over our practice to a visit from the Linton Guides. Around two dozen Guides came up to the tower with their leader, Helen.

Having bravely negotiated the spiral staircase, they were dismayed to discover that, yes, they did have to go down the same way! They were given a short introduction to bells and bell-ringing, then a demonstration of Plain Hunt on five bells.

Each of them then had a

chance to have a go on a bell which, despite some initial trepidation, proved the highlight of the evening. We were very honoured when Helen asked whether two of the Guides could make their Guiding Promise in the tower. It was a touching moment which we were delighted to witness.

Unfortunately we failed in our quarter peal attempt in January. We did get a good two-thirds of the way through, and it has encouraged us to try again soon.

Our first Gipson trophy fixture, the ringing competition we are taking part in, is on 14<sup>th</sup> April. It's a home match so if you are near the tower that evening do listen out - the

ringing should be particularly good.

Finally, the open tower evening will be on 12<sup>th</sup> May. I hope it will be a little warmer by then and the evenings will be lighter. Everyone is welcome, but children under 16 must be accompanied by a parent and access is challenging for anyone with restricted mobility.

You will learn a little about bell-ringing in general, our particular bells, and get the chance to pull on a rope. You will also get to see a historic part of the church that has changed little for hundreds of years. We look forward to welcoming you between 7pm-9pm.

Jackie Latham 890898

## Attention all bus users: Changes on Haverhill-Cambridge route

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The next Alpha course in Linton is being run by St Mary's and will start on the evening of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April and will run every Wednesday for the following 10 weeks.

If you would like to know more about any aspect of the course or to put your name down, contact John and Sarah Thorne on 891952.

Gill Powell 893664

## Le bistro de Dan Roro

LINTON Heights pupils watched a one-man show *Le Bistro de Dan Roro* in February. It was presented by Compagnie Tête-à-Tête, a company which 'promotes and encourages the learning and appreciation of languages and culture through drama'.

Two of the year 5 pupils found it fun ... "it was great. Even if you don't know French, you would understand it", said Zoe while Joe said: "The pupils learned loads of French words and found it hilariously funny."

This particular performance was not so much a play as a series of circus acts carried out against the backdrop of a typical French bistro.

Another pupil Holly said: "My favourite part was when

Dan Roro dropped the eggs off his chin and string held the eggs in. I also enjoyed the unicycle ride."

Pupils and staff alike appreciated the skill with which the performer entertained and educated at the same time. Teachers marvelled that the relentless repetition of vocabulary never became boring and were relieved when the Frenchman dressed in beret and striped T-shirt used his costume to encourage observations about stereotyping.

At times, the actor's apparent efforts to learn English, encouraged pupil engagement with the French language. One, Ivor said: "During the show we were asked questions and when Dan (who was learning English) forgot the English word, pupils called it out."

For some, the very fact that speakers of other languages find English difficult to learn was quite a revelation.

For 70 minutes 120 children and a dozen adults were transported to Dan Roro's world of fun. They will have learned many new words without a doubt, but I hope that, in the longer term, this experience will have helped give our children a lasting enthusiasm for learning about foreign languages and the people who use them.

Kate Kelly

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# Finding out all about local history



History lesson: pupils researching the college's past

THE Linton heritage project running at the village college is making good progress with young people from the school having almost completed their sessions on archaeology with Oxford Archaeology East.

The young people participating in the project, which is funded by an award from the heritage lottery fund, have so far learned about the history of the school site and about previous archaeological excavations which have taken place there and what they uncovered.

They will be digging test pits to undertake their own excavations towards the end of March and will then round off this phase of the project with a visit to the Museum of Archaeology and

Anthropology in Cambridge.

The next stage of the project will then see them work with architectural glass artist, Clare Sinclair, to develop an artwork for the school based on what they have learned about the archaeology of the school site.

Following this, the young people will work with a film maker to collect and document older people's memories of the original school building.

Local arts development manager, Lesley Morgan, would like to hear from anyone who attended the village college in its early days and who would be willing to share their memories of this.

For more information, please contact me.  
Lesley Morgan 712825

## POT POURRI (63)

### Hypatia's class

HYPATIA was asked how many were in her tutorial group in her post-graduate MSc mathematical year (remember she is a teenager).

She would not tell me, but said it was a two digit number from which if 10 is subtracted and the result raised to the seventh power, now add 10 and finally take the cube root.

How many are in Hypatia's group?

**Solution to No 62 - How high is the bucket?**

The answer is derived by knowing the volume of a sphere and cylinder. The height of the bucket is 36cm.

Urania

## NEWS IN BRIEF...

### A tail with a happy ending

*THE story of Totty, the unfortunate cat, in last month's Linton News has ended happily. Totty, now called Daisy, is living with a new owner in Hadstock. We hope to visit her soon and see how she has settled in.*

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### Cornerstone church

*CORNERSTONE Community church is open for free tea and coffee on the first Saturday of the month in April, May, June and July at the Cathodeon Centre from 10am-12noon. We also offer friendship, a listening ear, prayer on request or simply a coffee break.*

Penny Cook 892203

### Discover what's going on

DO you know everything that is going on in your community? On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Chestnut Playgroup invite all mums and dads of bumps to pre-schoolers and children to the village hall for a coffee morning from 10am-12pm and to find out what is available in the village.

Please come along, find out what might interest you and even make some new friends or at the very least leave the housework and treat yourself to a cup of tea and a biscuit. For more details, please contact me.

Adele Watson 894117

### Never too old to learn ...

**ADULT education classes for Linton and Sawston village colleges start the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> April. To secure your place, please enrol as soon as possible. For information, please look at our website [bepartnership.org](http://bepartnership.org), email [community@sawstonvc.org](mailto:community@sawstonvc.org) or call Sue King on 712424.**

### Time to get bowling again

*LINTON Granta bowls club held their annual club dinner at Hildersham village hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Members and friends sat down to a delicious meal provided by Poppies caterers. All those attending had a very good time, helped by club member Vic Terry, who organised two quizzes which kept everyone guessing. The evening ended with a bumper raffle and everyone left in very high spirits.*

*The new outdoor season starts again at 2pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April (weather permitting). New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining the club may contact our president Bryan Beavis on 893391, secretary Laurie Boniface or just come down to the green situated in the recreation ground on any Wednesday at 2pm. Our green is an outdoor carpet and not the usual grass which makes it a lot easier to bowl. Flat shoes are the only requirement initially as bowls are available to borrow at the club.*

Laurie Boniface 890047

## Pick up your bow and join us ...

THE Easter holiday activities at the sports centre have a busy programme for April.

For something different, you could come along and learn about archery or climbing. It's great fun for all abilities and it's from 10am-12noon on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April for ages eight-12.

Or you could join the trampolining and fun club, suitable for all levels from beginners through to those following courses. It's from 10am-3pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April. Ages from six upwards.

The badminton and fun club will also be happy to see you on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, from 10am-3pm for ages eight and

upwards; from 1-3pm for ages 14 and over.

If athletics is your interest, there's hurdling, running, long jump and much more. Sessions on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April are for ages six-10 from 10am-12noon and for ages 11-14 from 1-3pm.

For the younger sportsters, there's tots tumble, parachute fun and more from 10am-12noon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Youngsters from ages five to seven can also learn the basic football skills from 10-11am on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Enquiries should be made to Easter holiday activities, at Linton community sports centre.

Mark Wilson 890248

## Enjoy all the excitement of James Bond casino night

LINTON infant school, Chestnuts playgroup and Linton Granta playgroup and toddlers joining forces to put on a night to remember, the *James Bond Casino Night - Licence to Thrill*, on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

If you came along to Linton Granta's disco last year, you will be astounded by this event. We will be transforming the college into a Bond extravaganza with Oscar-style red carpets, Bond movies screened, Bond character silhouettes and much more.

This year's event is aimed at bringing the community together and offers a range of entertainment from Allure Duo, who will be providing a cabaret and music, to a casino and disco to round the evening off. Reception drinks will be served at around 7.30pm -

carriages at midnight. The event is in aid of the three groups and we are hoping to raise money through a raffle, the bar and casino to further our work.

If you would like to be involved in any way from helping on the night to sponsorship or raffle prizes please contact [natalie.morris@tesco.net](mailto:natalie.morris@tesco.net), or call Adele Watson on 894117.

Book your babysitter for 14<sup>th</sup> May and don't make this a Mission Impossible! Tickets will go on sale shortly, so look out for posters around the village.

Tickets can be bought through Sweet Talk News and Boyz2Men as well as at each of the three groups. If you wish to buy a table of eight and ensure you sit together, call Adele.

Natalie Morris

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## The lure of Mah Jong



Playing the game: Ruth with a game of Mah Jong in progress

Picture: Georgina Page

THIS month's article about unusual leisure pursuits features Ruth Joyce, an educational consultant and independent Police Authority member, who has happily settled in Linton where she finds everyone very friendly and is impressed by the many clubs and activities available. Six years ago, Ruth was introduced to the mysteries of a game called Mah Jong when she learned how to pung, chow and fish.

An ancient Chinese game going as far back as 200BC, Mah Jong was adapted for Western use with a standard set of rules in the 1920s. It is played with tiles made of plastic, bone or bamboo. There are three suits – bamboos, circles and characters, four winds and three dragons.

The game begins with the building of four walls, joined at the corners, known as the Great Wall of China. The dice are thrown, the wall cut and tiles distributed to the players, who score by collecting sequences of tiles with such intriguing names as Little Robert, Windy Chows and five Odd Honours. Play is with 13 tiles and the 14<sup>th</sup> is required to go Mah Jong.

Ruth belongs to a small group of people who meet once a week at her house for an evening of relaxation, good company and a bit of a challenge. She says the longer you play, the easier it becomes and after six years the game is not quite the mystery it was. The group enjoys the evenings and as Ruth says: "It's more than just a game – it's become an important part of life and a good social event."

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•• Let us know what you do. We will help you write a story, or interview you and we'll also take a picture. Contact us with information on your hobbies, the more unusual the better.

## LVC's achievement

LINTON Village College has been named as one of the country's highest performing secondary schools at an awards ceremony held in London by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT).

LVC's results were extremely impressive, with over 80% of students gaining five A\*-C grades including English and Maths.

The ceremony and awards dinner was held in London on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Schools minister Vernon Coaker said: "It is encouraging to see so many schools achieving such high standards – a tribute to the hard work of pupils and teachers."

Vivien Corrie, deputy principal of LVC, said: "This award is a recognition of the hard work and outstanding achievement of our students and staff. LVC is striving to be a world-class centre of education and we are delighted to be listed among England's highest attaining schools."

Tony Kelly 891233 Ext 158

## Braving a very cold day the races



Ready for off: horses parade to the start

Picture: Tracey Wilson

ON 30<sup>th</sup> January, five hardy members of Linton camera club donned boots and wellies and many layers with hats and scarves to brave the bright and sunny but extremely cold Point-to-Point race Enfield Chace (sic) meeting at Horseheath.

The overnight frost had left the track with a crusty surface but the official going was good, although numerous trainers and owners decided not to run their horses, therefore most of the bets on offer were win only.

As novices to the betting scene, we decided to club together (£1 each) and put a bet on the first race for *Good Vintage* to win (the favourite). Unfortunately our horse finished third (out of four) so we had no winnings to put on the next race – we felt justified though as our jockey, 16-year-old Bridget Andrews, was the prettiest in the race!

Now it was time to concentrate on the photography aspect of the day which, after all, is what we went for.

We first waited by the finishing post to catch the next winner, then trudged up the hill to where we could get some good action shots by one of the jumps for the next couple of races. There was a remote control camera in place by the fence already which we found out later was still using roll film – how quaint!

Making sure we had our cameras on sports settings, we committed the images to our cameras' memory cards, then walked back down the hill, taking at least a pound of mud with us on each boot. Hot drinks followed, time for a few more action shots, then the cold got the better of us.

The next awayday is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April when we will be going to Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory at Lord's Bridge near Barton. Meet at Coles Lane car park at 9.30am.

The April club night is a little later due to the Bank Holiday, so will be on 12<sup>th</sup> April. This will be an in-house photographic competition open to all fully paid-up members, plus a quiz on Cambridge, with a prize for the winner!

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website, [www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk](http://www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk) where you can also link to our gallery page on the Flickr image website.

For more information about the club please contact Roger Lapwood on 891104 or me.

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## Chef's corner

*BRAISED venison, a great idea if the weather is still as cold as it is as I write this! Our thanks this month go to Jan Lupton from the Farmers' Market for this recipe.*

### Braised venison

#### Ingredients for four:

2 carrots, roughly chopped  
140g turnips, roughly chopped  
2 onions, roughly chopped  
3 celery sticks, roughly chopped  
olive oil and butter  
2 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 kg boned leg or shoulder of venison cut into large chunks  
5 tbsp plain flour  
2 tbsp redcurrant jelly  
450 ml vegetable stock  
2 sprigs of thyme  
2 bay leaves  
Salt and pepper.

*Heat the oven to 180°C, fan 160°C or gas mark 4. Fry the vegetables in a little oil and butter in a heavy-based casserole for 4-5 mins until golden. Add the garlic and fry for a further minute, then set aside. Put the venison into a plastic bag with seasoned flour and shake to coat. Add a little more oil and butter to the pan, then fry the venison over a high heat, stirring now and then until well browned. Cook in batches if necessary. Set aside with the vegetables. Add the redcurrant jelly and some wine to the pan, and bring to the boil, scraping up all the bits that have stuck to the bottom. Pour in the stock, then add the thyme, bay leaves, meat and vegetables. Season and bring to the boil. Cover, and transfer to the oven for about 1½ hours or until tender.*

## Taste of the Mediterranean comes to Linton again

*WE have some good news; olives will again be on sale at Linton farmers' market! There was an outcry when Borough Olives had to leave us, with several phone calls and e-mails coming through, but we are delighted to have an olive stall back with us at Linton from April. Also, extraordinarily fresh vegetables from Littleport are now available at the market regularly. They are literally harvested and shipped to us at the market within a couple of days. No produce from outside the area will be on sale, so it will be very much produce in tune with our seasons – whatever they are these days!*

Jan Lupton

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# It's a jolly holiday with Mary Poppins



Learning and having fun: a scene from the workshop

Picture: Lesley Morgan

THE Mary Poppins three-day musical theatre workshop which took place at Linton village college over the February half-term holiday proved a great success.

Forty-two young people representing 11 schools in Sawston and Linton took part. The workshop involved singing, dance and drama sessions with professional practitioners. There were more than 100 people in the audience for the performance at the end of the workshop and the cast took their bows to warm applause.

There was positive feedback from parents and participants alike. One parent said: 'It's amazing what you accomplished in three days.' A youngster said: 'I liked the games and having weird and wonderful parts'.

The summer academy will come to LVC for the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> August when the challenge will be a production of Oliver. The academy is open to young people aged 8-16. If you would like to book a place or find out more, contact, Lesley Morgan, local arts development manager.

Lesley Morgan 712825  
email lesley@start-arts.org.uk

# Flowers for all seasons



CONSTANT flowering throughout the year should be easily attainable in every garden; all you need to do is plant 12 clematis!

Roy Nunn delighted the Gardening club by showing us a gorgeous clematis in flower for each month of the year, showing that even when the garden was at its most bare after the last spell of freezing weather, we could all have been enjoying flowers outside our windows.

The clematis family is distributed virtually worldwide, hence its ability to offer flowers in the coldest weather.

Roy went on to demystify the clematis pruning and planting advice which is often contradictory. Clematis can be planted at any time of the year and the advice to plant them deeply can often be ignored, one bud below the soil level will suffice.

He also shared his knowledge on propagation and demonstrated considerable patience when describing how long he waited to see the results of his own trials. Clematis enjoy our soil so the hardest thing to do now is to decide which one, or 12, to choose!

On a separate note, please let me reassure those who have been out snapping away in readiness for the photography section of the annual show. The categories for photographs will be as previously announced in the schedule last year:

**Foliage, Winter, An entrance, A holiday.** Please accept my apologies for the error in last month's article when 2011's categories were listed by accident. Sorry!

A local source of much wisdom, Val Spencer, will be joining us on 13<sup>th</sup> April to talk about making the most of our gardens by extending their season.

All are welcome to join us in the village hall at 7.30pm. If you are not a member, why not come as a visitor for only £2 on the night?  
Kirsten Newble 892425

# Impact ventures out in the cold

DURING February, the Beacon Community Trust provided the young people of Impact with the wonderful opportunity to take part in various activities. This was made possible by Linton parish council who gave generous subsidies for which the Beacon is very grateful.

Fourteen young people from Impact, aged 11-14, went on a day trip to Irthlingborough in Northamptonshire. It was a fun-filled day as they took part in mountain biking, climbing and abseiling. Many were challenged as they faced their fears and braved the cold but it was encouraging to see them cheering each other on, giving everyone the confidence to do it.

A few weeks later, 20 young people from the older Impact aged 14+ went away on a residential weekend in Kent. They took part in activities including a very muddy night walk, raft



Facing up to their fears: the team gets ready for the next challenge

Picture: Louise Rose

building, low-ropes, climbing, abseiling and swimming.

The activities were challenging and fun, and initiated some incredible teamwork and encouragement. The weekend was rounded off beautifully with a moving church service. This was led by the young people, with Rev Dr Steve Griffiths leading the group in communion.

Throughout the weekend

there was a beautiful sense of community and sharing together. By the end of the weekend, although everyone was tired and ready for their own beds, it felt as though the whole group had experienced a mutual feeling of deep friendship and fellowship, and that as a whole they had become a stronger group.

Jess West, Impact member and young leader

# Brisk trading at the Fairtrade evening

ABOUT 30 people came together in the pavilion to enjoy an evening learning more about the effects of Fairtrade on the producers and their families and having an opportunity to buy goods from Hatti Trading and Traidcraft.

The evening began with a presentation about the guarantees given by the Fairtrade mark followed by a short video, sponsored by the Co-op about sugar production in Malawi.

Sue Long told how producing bags, which Hatti Trading then sells, helps survivors of human trafficking in Nepal. Jean Wheeler explained how Traidcraft uses its targets of trade, support and influence to help workers



Fair trading: there was no shortage of people wanting to buy

Picture: Peter Wheeler

in the third world.

Refreshments were served - tea, coffee or juice, with biscuits, all Fairtrade of course. Stalls did a lively business. As well as the benefit to the producers of these sales, £50 was sent to the charity Traidcraft Exchange.

Our thanks to St Mary's

for the use of the pavilion and to the Co-op for sponsorship.

The event was hosted by the Linton Trefoil Guild, a group of adults who support Guiding and meet monthly to enjoy a speaker or activity and fellowship together.

Jean Wheeler

# Do you yearn to act?

LINTON Theatre Workshop is starting to plan for its next production.

Our recent presentation of Don't Dress For Dinner was a great success. We've had lots of cards, emails and positive comments from our audience who really enjoyed the play, food and the night-out.

We are now seeking new members who would like to become involved in this

small friendly group. Do you yearn to act? Are you keen to create costumes?

Could you build scenery? Would you like to handle production and publicity with your organising skills?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, then we would like to meet you at an informal get-together on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please call me for more details.

Angela Stansall 891930

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# The Derbyshire Post



IN January a teacher at LVC died after a year-long fight against cancer. He worked at the college for three years and this edition of the Derbyshire Post is in his memory.

David Cox was a quiet, decent man. One of those people who got on with things and didn't make a fuss. I met him six years ago when he was starting to train to be a teacher after having run his own business. Things hadn't worked out for him and he had turned his hand to other kinds of work. He'd ended up packing boxes in a factory and had come to the realisation that he was wasting his talents. We took him onto the Graduate Teaching Programme at Saffron Walden county high school to do ICT teaching in the sixth form there when I was curriculum deputy. It was a successful new direction for him. He had a talent for explaining IT to young people, so he trained to be a teacher. It gave him a new direction, quite late in his career. He went to work at Hedingham School and then came to work for us at Linton. He enjoyed his time here, in particular, because, he told me, he appreciated the good manners of the students here.

He had a wife, Frances and two grown-up children and was a proud family man. He was warden of his local church and had been in the Territorial Army. You'd never guess the latter to look at him. He lived in a gorgeous village in Essex, right in the middle of nowhere. When we went to his funeral, we drove for miles down uninhabited country roads. You don't think such places exist in this part of the world. He was very involved in his community and known by everyone in his village.

I knew Dave as a good-natured, gentle, hard-working man with a northerner's sense of humour that I could relate to. His IT room was his kingdom. It was more than just a classroom. The teachers who knew him best were his colleagues in the Enterprise Faculty and the young people in his Year 10 tutor group. They told me:

'David was a popular member of the Enterprise Faculty who was always friendly and kind, if slightly disorganised. He was a hard-working teacher who took great pleasure from his tutor group, even when they talked too much! He was devoted to his subject and spent many hours developing resources to give the students a better educational experience.'

'David was a good friend and someone I could go to and trust for support. He was a valued member of the faculty who cared for his tutor group and always gave everything to his teaching. He would look for ways to help his students and help them develop as individuals.'

'I remember David would always come into the workshop in the morning with his teapot and cup to wash them up and then shake the water all over the workshop floor. He cared a lot about his subject and made sure that the students always had really good resources to use in lessons. He loved his gadgets and was never happier than when he had something new to investigate.'

Mr Cox's illness was a great surprise to us. He seemed such a fit and energetic man. Even when we knew that he was very ill, we still hoped and prayed that things would improve for him, hiding the extent of his illness from the students. When his brother Paul phoned me to say he had passed away, it still came as a shock. We broke the news to the students and you could feel a wave of deep sadness pass across the face of every child who knew him. He was very much one of us and we will miss him.

Caroline Derbyshire, principal



# The Way We Were by Garth Collard

## A Crimean celebration with plum cake

FOR most of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain was at war and sometimes the wars were very controversial. For example, in the Boer war 1899-1902 the Conservatives were supportive and the Liberal party against. Public opinion usually supported our troops come what may and there were widespread debates over the merits of a career in the army.

The Cambridge Chronicle was inundated with letters about army careers in the 1860s. One correspondent called soldiering a dignified and profitable calling, infinitely preferable to spending hours idling about as an unemployed worker.

In the army, you had a comfortable room and were surrounded by comrades and could keep up any sporting interest you had previously acquired. You also had the advantage of travel. The pay was good, between 40p (8/-) and 60p (12/-) per week compared to the 50p (10/-) of a labourer. If you joined up at the age of 21 you could retire at the young age of



The Bell Inn pre 1914, scene of the celebratory feast in 1856.

Picture from the Cambridge Collection

38 with a pension of £1.50 per week. On the other hand, some letters supported the view of the Duke of Wellington, who had called his infantry at Waterloo 'the scum of the earth'.

The general public was enthusiastic about the progress of every war and there were no questions, as we have today, about the lack of support for the men fighting for their country. Indeed, in Linton, enthusiastic crowds lined the streets when the Essex Borderers returned to

England after the Boer war and there were 20 Linton volunteers in the march.

Victories abroad were celebrated by an enthusiastic populace, especially when the war had been going very badly. In June 1856 news of the capture of Sebastopol in the Crimea after a two-year struggle was celebrated in Linton with a huge feast on land behind the Bell Inn where the bungalows in Back Road are today.

The Bell Inn supplied bread,

cheese, ham and plum cake for a tea. Some 145 Lintonians sat down for the meal for which some better-off adults paid 11p (2/3d). Then there was a dance which continued into the early morning with the music supplied by the Hildersham and Linton brass bands. All the village houses were decorated with flowers and flags.

Soldiers who fought in the unpopular South African war were supported in their actions even though half the population of Linton was against the war.

Leading Liberal politicians like Lloyd George were very vocal in their condemnation of the concentration camps set up by the army to isolate rebel Boer soldiers.

In Linton itself, the leading Liberals against the war were Richard Holttum, proprietor of the grocery and clothing business at 31 High Street and Henry Green, the tenant farmer at Catley Park.

Any pictures of 19<sup>th</sup> century soldiers would be appreciated.  
Garth Collard 892395

## Trophies and change of venue for Dramawise

DRAMAWISE have moved their sessions from St Mary's hall Sawston to the United Free church in Sawston High Street from 4.20-7.20pm on Fridays. This is because we found we had so many new children that St Mary's was too small. At the free church we are lucky enough to have three halls.

We have had a wonderfully successful year with trophies won at festivals, appearances at the Cambridge Buskers festival and street theatre for the turning on of the Cambridge Christmas lights. More than 70 of our children appeared in the musical *Alice*

*In Wonderland* at the Junction Theatre in Cambridge.

To finish the school year 16 of our students went up to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe for a week.

We have had some wonderful tutors over the year, one of whom has now left as he has successfully obtained a part in *Phantom of the Opera* in the West End.

Many of our old students come back to visit and pass on their drama expertise and we find we now have children of some of our ex-students coming to classes.

We are also pleased to report that two of our former students

who have become very successful in the entertainment world, Steven Mackintosh, now on television in *Criminal Justice*, and Richard Woodford, who has just entered the cast of *We Will Rock You* in the West End, have both become patrons of Dramawise.

Our students had a wonderful outing in January to see *WarHorse* at the New London theatre and, in February, many who auditioned for the summer musical at the Cambridge Corn Exchange, *Whistle Down The*

*Wind*, were lucky enough to get through the auditions to be in the show in July.

Dramawise is a wonderful way for your children to gain confidence and communication skills.

There are vacancies in the 6-9 age group, while our oldest students (17-18) are preparing for auditions and interviews.

For more information, please call Frances on 832288 or email her at frances.wyse@btinternet.com

Frances Brownlie

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# Parish Council Matters

## Annual parish meeting

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Parish Council Matters is written, edited and published by the Parish Council with the support of the Linton News Team.

THE annual parish meeting is not a council meeting. It is a meeting of the parish electors. All parish councils throughout England are required by law to hold one each year. The purpose of this meeting is for the parish council to communicate and explain its various involvements over the last year. It also enables the electors to have their say on anything which they consider is important to the people of Linton parish. Many parishes involve local organisations and in practice this meeting often celebrates local activities and debates current issues in the community. The chairman of the council calls the annual parish meeting and, if present, will chair it.

Every year Linton Parish Council holds its annual parish meeting during which we summarise our activities for the last year, provide year end accounts and answer any questions submitted by residents. Sadly, in recent years, only a few residents have attended and very few questions have been asked. Interestingly Anne, our clerk's assistant, recently in the course of her duties read some of our archived minutes, which showed that these

meetings were not always such a quiet affair. In 1979, when Ray Dobson was chairman, over eighty residents attended the meeting. Last April Cllr Hickford attended the APMS of other parish councils which proved to be quite different affairs, and because local organisations were invited and involved were probably of more interest to the village-wide community.

**So this year, as chair of Linton Parish Council, I have called the annual parish meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 8pm in the village hall.** However this year the meeting will be in a different format. The council will still review its activities from the previous twelve months and present its audited and unaudited accounts for the year. Councillors will report on the recent wind farm inquiry and other major issues that have occurred during the past year.

This year we will also be inviting all those local groups who received a charitable grant from the parish council in 2009, so that they can report on how this money was spent. We will also be inviting the successful applicants who will be awarded grants

this year (these are due to be agreed by council on the 8<sup>th</sup> April) and cheques will be presented to them at the meeting. Any other organisations are welcome to report on their activities – there is so much that goes on in this village!

We would like residents to come and tell us what we do well, what we don't do well, what annoys them, what they would like the parish council to concentrate on, or improve, for the benefit of our community. It would be helpful if you could please register questions before the meeting, although you are also welcome to just come and ask. The parish council works for the benefit of its electorate, and this really is your meeting to come and see what we do, find out where the parish funding goes, as well as give your views.

May I finally just take this opportunity to thank the faithful seven residents who have been familiar faces at past meetings. It would have been very lonely without you – but I do hope to see more people, groups and residents alike, on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Esther Cornell

IN December Sue Parry and I attended an 'open day' for councillors at the Whittlesford Highway Maintenance Depot for Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire areas. The highways department are aiming to recycle all the material they remove from our roads and pavements to reduce costs and not use it for landfill. Recycling is a very important aspect of life today and we were very impressed with the demonstrations. To put it in simple terms: beginning with a huge pile of dismantled highways rubble, a mobile 'crusher' vehicle does exactly what it says on the tin – rubble goes in one end, gets crushed into smaller pieces and comes out the other end. Then this goes into a mobile 'sieving' vehicle which sorts and extrudes it into two piles of differing sizes. Finally, to the 'recycler' vehicle which hosts a large furnace. Bitumen is added, along with the newly crushed old highway materials, and hey presto, out comes the 'new tarmac', ready for re-surfacing and patching of roads, paths and pavements. It's good to know it's road fill and not land fill!

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Cllr Trysha Hunt

## Highway recycling



The siever at work during a demonstration at the open day

Picture by Sue Parry

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# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), M Gee, A Gore, B Hammett, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Mrs J Williams and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Cox and Hickford.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January:** Cllr Bald reported that the analysis of the noise maps received from the consultant employed by Uttlesford District Council had indicated that closer to 600 and not 270 homes would be affected by wind turbine noise greater than 40 decibels. No modelling was available for those homes in the river valley and other non standard locations.

**Consideration of the minutes of the pre budget meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January** to include agreement on the precept figure: The chair handed over the meeting to Cllr Hammett, chair of finance. The minutes of the meeting were noted and in particular that any underspend for this year would be allocated to three long term funds - allotments, Coles Lane car park and a new fund to replace the skateramp. Cllr Hammett proposed that the precept figure for 2010/2011 be set at £135,659 an increase of £1089 over last year. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter and resolved by the meeting. Proposal carried.

**Reports from co-ordinators:** Recreation ground: Cllr Krarup had issued a report. The puddle by the Meadow Lane gate had reappeared, it was agreed to contact the county council for advice.

**Cemetery:** Cllr Gee had issued a report following discussion regarding the extension of the ashes plot adjacent to the present plot. It was possible that the new area may be paved but further investigation and advice as to whether planning permission would be required would be sought. The clerk was concerned that this should be done as a matter of urgency as very few ashes plots were currently available. It was agreed that the new section could be used as soon as the area had been measured and planned out. Help would be sought from HJ Paintin. The new burial section was identified as the area adjacent to the houses at the bottom of Chalklands, however test digs would need to take place prior to any mapping to determine if this area was suitable as historically it had been prone to flooding.

**Rights-of-way:** Cllr Rossiter reported that a response had been received from the Ramblers Association regarding the reorganisation of footpaths. A report would follow when the wind farm inquiry had closed.

**Churchyard:** A report from Cllr Gore had been circulated. Following the collapse of a section of the churchyard wall a meeting had been held, attended by members of the churchyard management committee, the council's surveyor Mr Prime, Corrie Newell (principal conservation officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)) and Roz Richardson (tree officer, SCDC). Cllr Gore proposed that the committee's recommendations be accepted, namely that: 1) A report from Andrew Firebrace and Partners, structural engineers, at a cost not exceeding £300 be obtained. 2) Revised quotations for the repair of the wall, based on advice of the engineer, Hugo Prime surveyor, and the response by SCDC to the tree works notification, be obtained. 3) Sources of grant funding for the works be pursued. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and resolved by the meeting. Proposal carried.

**A1307:** Cllr Cornell reported that a response to the HCV consultation had been submitted regarding the monitoring of speed and noise etc. The latest St Edmundsbury plan was under discussion with the county council.

**Allotments:** Cllr Cornell reported that the Site Specific Development Policy had been approved with no changes to the village envelope. Cllr Cornell is seeking to ascertain ownership of various pockets of land for use as allotments.

**Wind Farm:** The Inspector had sanctioned an extra day on 16<sup>th</sup> February for Linton residents to speak. Cllr Rossiter reported that she had attended the inquiry and felt that there had been no local feeling in the presentations. Cllr Gore said that the object of

the presentations of parish councillors should be to convey local colour and experience in a rational manner.

**Camping Close update:** It was agreed to send a letter to the county council requesting clarification of the objection.

**Confirmation of re-appointment of Cllr Gore as Cathodeon trustee:** This was noted.

**Correspondence received and for discussion:**

Stop Linton Wind Farm request for funding. Discussion took place. The clerk reported that she had sought advice and any donation should come from S137 funding. Cllr Bald proposed that a sum of money as available from S137 funds, not exceeding £2000, which is considered to be of direct benefit to the residents be given. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rossiter. A vote took place with seven votes in favour, three votes against and one abstention. Proposal carried.

**Reports from councillors (for information only):**

Cllr Krarup reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the Sure Start Children's Centre extension to the Cathodeon centre. The planning application will be submitted in due course with an expected start date of 6<sup>th</sup> September and completion in March 2011.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), Dr B Cox, A Gore, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were also in attendance.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Gee, Krarup and Hammett.

**Disclosure of Interest:** Request for funding from the village college on behalf of Dynamics Gymnastics club. Cllr Linsdell disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest as a relative of the secretary of the Dynamics Gymnastics club. Cllr Linsdell left the room during the discussion and decision on this matter.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Cllr Cornell thanked all those who had been involved in the proposed wind farm inquiry process so far. Cllr Hickford reported that the appeals manager at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) had forwarded him a letter from the county council's highways development control team addressed to the Planning Inspectorate, stating why they did not consider the proposed turbines would have an adverse effect on the road safety of the A1307. The letter indicated that the team's consideration of the planning application had been limited to a desk top study. He had requested the writer of the letter to review the study and carry out further on-site investigations but he had declined to do so. In the circumstances the inquiry Inspector had agreed that the parish council should be allowed to submit its own highway evidence, to be presented at the adjourned inquiry hearing in September. An independent highways expert had been approached but had withdrawn because of a possible conflict of interest. It was noted that a special meeting of the council, to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, would consider arrangements to secure expert highway evidence.

**Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues:** Concerns were raised regarding the increase in vehicle thefts in the village. The clerk reported that, following their visit to the office, PCSOs Pulley and Allan had confirmed that the majority of vehicles involved were older 4x4s. Cllr Bald reported that the PCSOs were regularly attending the ACEs events.

**Report from the county councillor:** Cllr Batchelor reported that Wheatsheaf Way had been resurfaced. He reported that it would cost in excess of £100,000 to resurface the High Street and that funding was not available in the next financial year. Concerns were raised in respect to the condition of the pavement opposite the Co-op however Cllr Batchelor replied that no funding was currently available for the repair of pavements as it had all been redirected to the repair of pot holes.

**Report from the district councillors:** Cllr Bear reminded

council of the Community Clean Up incentive.

Cllr Batchelor reported that there would be a 3% rise in the SCDC element of the council tax. Funding for the Arts and Sports would be most affected by budget cuts, however funding of £300,000 for the sheltered housing projects had been secured.

**Trees update:** A report had been issued by Cllr Bald. Cllr Bald proposed that two trees in the Cemetery behind 122 Chalklands be removed (before new hedging is planted) at a cost not exceeding £400. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with three votes in favour, nil votes against and six abstentions. Proposal carried.

Cllr Bald proposed that a willow tree at the south east corner of the Cemetery be removed with roots ground out (if possible) to allow revision of the ashes area at a cost not exceeding £400. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford, however it was then agreed that a notice be placed on the tree asking visitors to the Cemetery to contact the council with their views prior to any decision being made.

Cllr Bald proposed that an unhealthy conifer in the north east corner of the Recreation ground be removed (to allow for further planting) at a cost not exceeding £200. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with three votes in favour, one vote against and five abstentions. Proposal carried. It was noted that Mrs Anderson, tree warden was in favour of it being removed.

**Correspondence received and for discussion:**

A request had been received from the friends of a late resident to plant memorial trees on the Recreation ground. Discussion took place and it was agreed to refuse this request. Cllr Bald would liaise with the friends and it was hoped that a suitable compromise could be reached.

A request for funding of £500 had been received from the village college to replace gymnastic equipment. This was to replace the request originally received for the precept under S137 payments. Discussion took place and it was agreed to request further information from the village college regarding other sources of funding. It was also agreed to seek guidance from Mr Ian Dewar, of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC).

**Reports from councillors (for information only):**

Cllr Cornell reported that Cllr Williams had resigned.

The clerk reported that Mr Ian Dewar of CPALC would attend the meeting to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March to give a short presentation on Local Authority Powers and S137 payments.

Cllr Rossiter reported that 10 trees had been planted on Horseheath Road.

ABBREVIATED summary of minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the parish council held upstairs at the village hall on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Dr B Cox, A Gore, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin and Mrs S Parry (clerk).

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Bald, Gee, Krarup, Linsdell and Potter.

**Wind farm:** Following communication with a highways engineer from SLR, the level of funding required to provide an adequate highways report should be increased.

Cllr Hickford confirmed his statement at the meeting of the council held on 18<sup>th</sup> February that SLR had said they could not accept engagement as the council's highways consultant due to a conflict of interest. It was evident that a detailed investigation and report would be required if the council was to present an effective submission to the inquiry. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the council should retain the services of a highways expert, to include a full report incorporating the results of an initial on-site meeting, site visit, and detailed investigation, possible negotiation with other highway experts and attendance at the inquiry.

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

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