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Flower show
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COLOURFUL DISPLAY OUTSHINES WEATHER

IN spite of grey skies, this year's village flower festival and fête turned into a very happy weekend with something for everyone to enjoy.

Friday was opening day at S' Mary's church with truly amazing flower displays which took hours to create; every year we seem to surpass ourselves and this year was no exception. The traditional barbecue took place in the evening with masses of food and a bar to help top up energy for dancing.

Saturday saw the opening of the fête proper at the Infants school with many stalls including plants and crafts, and throughout the day lunches and teas were served. For the first time, pupils at the village college who are engaged in their enterprise activities and marketing their own businesses had a display, and it is hoped this will become a regular feature.

In the afternoon the action moved to the playing field where many other stalls were set up – hot dogs, a bouncy castle, a football competition, treasure hunting and a fantastic and incredibly popular miniature train.

A large beer tent was the meeting place and build-up for the now established tug o' war competition with this year's finalists including the Waggon and Horses, Dog and Duck, Area Scaffolding and the Church. The winner was again

the Waggon and Horses but it proved to be a very close final.

At this point, the skies cleared so many sat around enjoying the sunshine and stalls, watching the children burn up energy while they regained theirs with a pint.

The afternoon's activities finished with the teddy bears' death-defying parachute jumps from the Church tower watched, it has to be said, with considerable trepidation by some of the younger owners.

In the evening, the Church opened for a simple gathering to listen to music and calm down.

Sunday was a quieter day but many stalls were still there, and there was a superb concert in the afternoon by the Village College. This is really turning into one of the weekend's highspots.

We finished on a frantic note with the white water, knuckle-biting Duck Race along the river. Although we are still seeking a few lost ducks and, we think, one of the organisers, the race lived up to all expectations.

This year's flower festival and fête has raised vital funds for S' Mary's, and with some money still coming in we think we will have grossed more than £5,000. This is mainly due to the increasing number and quality of the attractions and to the goodwill of much of the village. We are also grateful to the many shops and businesses



One of the many beautiful arrangements at this year's flower festival.

Picture by LNT

which have made donations to help with the cost of the flowers or to the raffle.

Lastly, we could not run this weekend if it were not for so many people giving up their time and energy to help set up, run and clear up after events so

that everyone else can enjoy themselves. So, thank you to everyone who contributed in whatever way and we hope to see the villagers at the next flower festival and fête in 2006.

Michael Holden
891418

Another Wet and Wonderful Wacky day at the races

OVER the past three years competitors and sponsors have helped raise more than £9,000 for local and national charities by taking part in the now famous Crown Inn Wacky Races. This year's recipients are the Linton Granta Pre-school Playgroup and Breakthrough for Breast Cancer.

Luckily, the weather held good – although this didn't stop the competitors (and many spectators) from getting a thorough soaking thanks to the Linton youngsters who were out in force with Kalashnikov water pistols! In fact, more than 1,000 spectators lined the streets to watch almost 30 carts push themselves to the limits around the gruelling course – and for the second year running, Team Hot Tub aka local builders Gary Donaldson and Danny Reed stormed home first in a leaky old tub. The first women past the post were the very regal Charles and Camilla and the prize for best costume went to the brilliant Penelope Pitstop Team.

A new addition to the event this year was a Junior Wacky Race held on the meadow after the main race which proved extremely popular – and will, we hope, be repeated next year by popular demand – so watch this space. The event takes a huge amount of organisation and



Wacky winners: Team Hot Tub with their trophy

Picture by LNT

co-operation from the parish council and police through to the ATC and Highways Department.

The Crown Inn would like to thank everyone else involved including the Waggon and Horses, The Dog and Duck, Linton firefighters and all the corporate sponsors – Area Scaffolding, Crofton Engineering and McKenzie & Haywards for contributing towards the total amount raised. If you have any sponsorship

money to submit, please get it in a.s.a.p. to The Crown/Ann Lavery. This year's total will be announced at the end of July.

Remember, our catchphrase "Don't just sit there, do something!" It's even more fun taking part than watching. Just start on your cart now and you too could end up on the front page of all the newspapers next year.

Louise Gooden

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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.

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

Weekly: Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Weekly: Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Weekly: Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays	Village Hall
Weekly: Story Time, 2.15pm-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
Weekly: IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Weekly: Linton Radio Race Car Club, 6pm-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Weekly: Tots in Tow, 10am-11.30am Wednesdays in term time	VH
Weekly: Rock Cafe, 1.30pm-3pm, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Weekly: Little Acorns, 10am-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Weekly: Bowls roll-up, 2pm, Wednesdays	The Pavilion
Weekly: Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Weekly: Bridge Club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Weekly: Ladies' netball, 7pm-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
Weekly: Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays	VH
Weekly: Weight Watchers, 7pm, Wednesdays	Cathodeon Centre

JULY

5 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
6 Linton reading group, 8pm	The Dog and Duck
7 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
7 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
7 Open evening, 7pm	Little Hands Nursery School
9 Dads and tots, 9.30-11am	Village Hall
9 Linton District Guiding Gangshow, 2.30pm & 6.00pm	LVC
9 Concert for young and old, 7.30pm	S' Mary's Church
9/10 Cambridge open studios, 11am-6pm	See page 6
11 ACE fish and chip lunch, 12noon for 12.30pm	Village Hall
12 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre
16/17 Cambridge open studios, 11am-6pm	See page 6
16-24 Summer exhibition, 10am-4pm	Windmill House, Long Lane
17 Impact service, 7.30pm	URC
20 CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
21 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
23/24 Cambridge open studios, 11am-6pm	See page 6
24 Open day, 2-5pm	Tosca Cottage, Horseheath Road
24 Chalkland's open gardens, 2-4.30pm	Chalkland's
31 Open house for Terry Bear, 10am-7pm	16 Emson's Close

AUGUST

2 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
4 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
4 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
9 VIP, 2pm	Chalklands Community Centre

Refuse collection: 11th, 25th, 8th August.
Recycling collection: 4th, 18th, 1st August.

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.

Could you run the K-club?

THE K-Club is our local lottery that raises money for youth work in Linton. Since it started six years ago Peter Dixon has been the organiser, generating about £1,700 every year for charity and an equal amount in prize money. Our thanks to Peter who has done a brilliant job, but now he would like to pass the baton on.

The job involves a monthly draw, managing annual renewals and keeping the books. This is an important job not only for the money raised directly, but also because this local income is essential to gaining much larger sums from council funders and from national sources. It is a chance to make a real contribution to our community.

If you could do this worthwhile job please contact:
John Batchelor 892111
e-mail john@batchelor23.fsnet.co.uk

Chalkland's Remembering open day Terry Bear

CHALKLAND'S residents are organising a "friendly village occasion" from 2-4.30pm on 24th July. Several residents will open their gardens to the public. Refreshments will be available and some families are planning different stalls. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kate France
891602

TO all who knew Terry, who died earlier this year, as a friend and as a councillor, please come and celebrate his life.

Join us for a drink and a chat at 16 Emsons Close, Linton, on Sunday 31st July. There will be an open house from 10am until 7pm.

Tricia Bear

FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

by TONY SMITH

ON 18th July, I am reliably informed, the builders will be moving into the wasteland next to my bungalow to begin a year-long phase two of the development started three and a half years ago.

The Paynes Meadow Residents Association, formed by *Hundred Houses* for their tenants last month, met at the Dog and Duck, and although I received an invitation to go, there were a couple of reasons why I couldn't. One was unavoidable, but the other was that I am not a *Hundred Houses* tenant, even though I am a Paynes Meadow resident. This brings with it some problems as unless *Hundred Houses* tell us what their plans are, we at the bungalow are in fear of simply not knowing. It is with this in mind that since we moved into Paynes Meadow, I have been trying (some would say, working tirelessly) to make sure that both ourselves and the disabled people who will be moving into the new Papworth Trust bungalow are not isolated as regards information, even though we may well be isolated in other ways. I will continue to question the suitability of Linton for the elderly and disabled who simply cannot get around the village, and for my efforts, I have been labelled 'A campaigner'; just like Bob Geldof, except that I wash my hair. The down-side to this is that I have lost my anonymity; Big Brother is watching me and I started to wonder just how much is known about my lifestyle and habits.

Recently, I received an email from the USA advertising *Vioxx*, an excellent drug that was taken off the market without consultation with the people actually benefiting from it. The decision was made by people knowing what is good for us, but Mister Drug companies and Doctors, I would have very much liked an opportunity to be the judge of that, thank you. The worrying thing about this is that I had written an email to a friend only a day or so beforehand, about how much worse my health was since having been forced to stop taking the drug. Coincidence? I'm beginning to think not.

People I have never met before seem to know more about me than I do and have the answers to all my problems, illness and woes sometimes within minutes of meeting me. There is no time to explain or argue, they are already looking at their watches. George Orwell's novel has taken 21 years to come true, but I am convinced it is here now. If you have *Sky* digital television, why does it 'have' to be plugged in to a telephone line? And why does it make phone calls at 3.30 in the morning? Why am I getting calls saying I have won a holiday or lottery when I haven't entered anything? Why do I get letters and emails offering me things I don't know I want? Why do I get brochures about disability products? And drugs? And Viagra? How do these people know? Who's telling 'Them'? I want some answers! Now!

It is said that if you shop in a major city or town these days, you are caught on CCTV an average of six to nine times. In some cases this can increase to over thirty. Supermarkets know what you buy, when you buy it and how you pay, and we accept it. Florence Nightingale tended the wounded up to her neck in mud, filth, germs and disease but no sign of MSRA, and we just accept this as well. Someone at Addenbrooke's said that the hospital would run much better if there were not all those ill people and visitors coming to it. Can we assume then, if we got rid of all those pesky kids from the schools, they would be better as well?

Smoking is suddenly very bad for us we are told, so apparently this must be stopped. Try telling my friend Jess who is 95 in August and has smoked since she was 14. Bless her, she can still get around much better than I can and if you leave out the swear words, she hasn't much to say when I joke she should stop. Why are so many people always trying to tell us what is good for us? Is it that they honestly care that much about us? Do they heck as like! Votes, money, or the nanny state, which is it, or is it all three?

To cap it all, after the recent general election leaders say they are now going to listen to the people of this country. So, tell me, what were they doing before?

I feel another 'campaign' coming on; what colour wrist band should I have?

Please take care of yourselves and one another, and I'll try to see you all next month.

Don't miss this holiday to York

JOIN us for a fun-filled five days. Jacque Wilson is again organising a holiday. From Thursday 8th to Tuesday 13th September.

We will be going to the wonderful historic city of York, travelling by a specially adapted lift-assisted coach, so people in a wheelchair or with mobility problems can easily get on and off the vehicle. We will be staying at the Marriott York hotel.

This hotel is set in beautiful grounds and has an indoor swimming pool and good facilities for disabled travellers.

Each day we will be making excursions to local attractions including Scarborough, the National Railway Museum and the Jorvik Viking centre.

York also has a wonderful array of shops and the world famous Betty's Tea Rooms are

a must. If you have any particular places you would like to visit, we will make every effort to accommodate you.

We will also be having a private dinner with entertainment during our stay.

Jacque and her team have many years of experience of working with older people and people with disabilities. They will be available 24 hours a day should any problems occur.

Included in the price of your holiday will be transport to and from a local pick-up point, dinner, bed and breakfast at the hotel and transport for all excursions as well as holiday insurance.

For further information please call: if you get an answerphone, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Jacque Wilson
07850755269

Never look down ... Ann abseils for charity

TAKING her courage in her hands and flying the union flag on her back, Ann Simkin climbed up eight floors to the roof of the residential building at Bedford college one windy day in May to do her bit for charity.

Ann joined 69 other volunteers in successfully abseiling down the 110ft high building to raise money for Rotary charities including Hospice At Home. "It was scary," said Ann, "but I never looked down, so fortunately I didn't see the ambulance crew waiting." When collecting sponsor money from her many friends in Linton, Ann said that although she had never done it before, she wasn't so frightened that she would not do it again.



Height of courage: Ann at the start of her charity abseil

"The sponsors paid up so cheerfully," she added. "They were so kind. I think they were just glad not to be abseiling themselves."

Ann was delighted by sponsors' generosity and raised £300. Rotary expects to raise £12,000 from the event.

Kate France 891602

Help grow trees from tin cans

John Craven, presenter of BBC's *Countryfile*, has launched an appeal for local families to help plant trees in Africa and the UK by recycling their aluminium cans and foil.

For every tonne of aluminium packaging recycled in South Cambridgeshire, a tree will be grown in Africa and the UK until September 2006.

John Craven, patron of *Tree Aid* said, "Trees breathe life into the world and we have fewer trees in the UK than any other country in Europe. In rural Africa there are even more reasons why trees are important - they improve soil quality as well as providing shelter, food and income for many very poor families. It is easy to get involved; just put aluminium

drinks cans and foil into your green recycling box, separated from your glass. The more that is recycled the more trees will be planted."

In Africa bush fires, fire-wood cutting and clearance for agriculture are all threats to the sustainability of the forest and the people it supports. The new scheme, sponsored by not-for-profit industry organisation *Alupro*, in partnership with *Tree Aid*, means that people in the UK can help the project achieve its environmental aims and help our own environment as well.

For recycling advice in South Cambridgeshire call 08450 450 063.

For further information contact: Alupro 0845 7227722 or visit www.alupro.org.uk

Fantastic honour, says new leader

COUNCILLOR Sebastian Kindersley was elected leader of South Cambridgeshire district council at the annual meeting of full council on Thursday 26th May.

Councillor Kindersley has represented Gamlingay ward as a district councillor since 1999 and most recently served as portfolio holder for environmental health during 2004/05.

A member of the development and conservation control committee for the past four years, he also served as first chairman of the scrutiny committee during 2002/03 and 2003/04. He was also elected as county councillor earlier this month to represent Gamlingay ward at Cambridgeshire county council.

He said, "It's a fantastic honour to be elected leader and I'm looking forward to serving the people of South Cambridgeshire as well as possible over the next year."

Councillor Kindersley takes over from Councillor Daphne Spink MBE who has stood down after four years as leader.

Other appointments at the meeting included new chairman of council, Councillor

Cicely Murfitt. She takes over from outgoing chairman Councillor Bob Bryant. The new vice-chairman of council is Councillor Jim Stewart.

Following the annual meeting, a public meeting of the council's cabinet was held with the following portfolio holders appointed:

Planning and economic development: Councillor Dr David Bard;

Information and customer services: Councillor John Batchelor;

Conservation, sustainability and community planning: Councillor Jane Healey;

Housing: Councillor Liz Heazell;

Environmental health: Councillor Daphne Spink;

Community development: Councillor Mrs Deborah Roberts;

Resources and staffing: Councillor Richard Summerfield (deputy leader).

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A view from the bus

Dear Editor
I think the one-way system is an improvement. From a bus driver's point of view, the Coles Lane part of the journey is the most difficult, especially at school pick-up/drop-off times - if a car doesn't park tight into the kerb, there is a risk of damage as buses cannot go up the bank to pass.

The bumps in Back Road are no trouble as the bus can straddle them and we have seen a distinct improvement since Back Road also became one-way.

The only other problem for us is at the point where the one-way system ends at the junction of the High Street and Coles Lane, going towards Cambridge. It would be much better if there were give way markings as, due to the overhang of the building on the corner of Coles Lane, the buses have to approach the left turn from the right side of the road, and some traffic will not get out of the way. The present sign warning of oncoming traffic in the middle of the road is just not strong enough.

Brian the Bus Driver
Stagecoach Buses

Less risk and a better flow

Dear Editor
The new one way system has been a wonderful success. As a driver, pedestrian and cyclist the whole system works extremely well with less aggravation and danger, better visibility and safety. I hope the system remains permanent as it seems to improve the flow of traffic and reduce the risks to all concerned.

Bel Griffiths
Joiners Court

Speed bumps not needed in Back Road

Dear Editor
The one-way system is OK most of the time (except early morning) but I don't agree with the speed bumps that have been placed in Back Road, especially the one close to Balsham Road. Surely the money could have been spent more wisely in filling in the existing holes in Back Road, especially outside the cemetery.

Sheila Wilson
Finchams Close

But is one way really the right way

Dear Editor
In response to the letter in the June Linton News, "is one way the right way" - it may well prove to be so. However, we, the extremely selfish residents of the low numbered section of Back Road (as labelled by your correspondent) do have a right to our opinion. We are not at all happy about the new traffic system.

Unlike the residents of the narrow part of the High Street, we did not choose to live either on a bus route or a busy street.

The entire character of Back Road, since the installation of bollards, lines, cushion pads, arrows and signs, has now changed completely.

We live in a lively village with shops, businesses and a post office; many villages no longer have these amenities. If the traffic and parking is removed from certain areas we will lose all of these and become yet another dormitory village.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor
Since the experimental one-way system was put in place on the High Street, it has become really dangerous crossing Coles Lane at the High Street end because cars just turn up the road without looking.

It is not as if pedestrians can walk on the other side of the road to avoid it.

Can anything be done about this?
Name and address supplied

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor
I wish to thank Nell Orriss and Pat and Margaret Morley for their help and caring for my wife during my recent stay in hospital. This is most appreciated by both of us as no way could we have managed without them.
George and Thelma Shore,
Chalklands

A new pair of glasses in 20 minutes for £2.50

IF you break your glasses and want a new pair made in 20 minutes and for only £2.50, go to an optician in China.

This is the message from Mrs Pat Dalrymple when she told Linton WI members of her adventures on a charity car rally from Peking to Paris.

She spoke of her six weeks spent in a classic Cadillac with 100 other cars covering 41,000 miles in 62 days. The trip was her husband's surprise 25th wedding anniversary present - he drove and she navigated.

The rally went through some grim parts of China and on to Tibet and Nepal, where she spoke

of the strikingly beautiful people she saw there. In Iran, she had to cover her body completely before entering the country. She noticed that even little girls at play there were shrouded from head to toe.

Pat's fee for the evening took the form of a donation to the Arthur Rank Hospice in Cambridge where she is one of their many fund-raisers. She was thanked by Clare Neville.

The next WI meeting is at the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th July when the speaker will be Mr Tom Mor speaking about the making of the New World tapes.

Ann Simpkin
892090

Mementoes of India come to Hildersham

A TASTE of India came to Hildersham in May when the local WI hosted a group meeting.

Those present were WI members from Abington, Balsham, West Wrattling and Hildersham totalling about 70 guests who were very welcome.

The guest speaker was Mrs Dina Mandalia, who enlightened members about some of the Hindu gods and their history before the advent of Christianity.

They also found out exactly

why the sacred cow is so sacred.

Members learned about the way the younger generations born in Britain were changing beliefs concerning Hinduism.

The evening finished with some guests being dressed in saris and joining the Hildersham members in a Hindu costume dress parade while having refreshments and drawing the raffle.

Many guests went home with Indian mementoes kindly donated by Mrs Mandalia, which is also a Hindu custom.

Pam Parris 892026

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Enter, stage left ... Dan Schumann, working to help you boost local arts

SOUTH Cambridgeshire district council and Sawston and Linton village colleges have formed a partnership to employ a full time arts development manager shared between the Sawston and Linton patches.

This scheme, known as the 'dual use arts strategy', means that you now have a dedicated officer working for Linton and the surrounding villages to develop arts opportunities for residents and to support existing arts groups or local groups who wish to include the arts in what they do or offer.

There are several exciting projects in the pipeline but in order to make a real difference Linton's arts manager Dan Schumann needs to hear from you ... and he will be only too pleased to help.

Essentially there are two sides to this role. Dan is here to enable new projects to happen if there is a local need or desire to make them happen, and to support existing groups or projects that feel they need help. He can give advice on anything from set-

Dan's the man

ting up a group or developing membership of an existing organisation to funding projects and running or marketing events. He is keen to hear from anyone who has an interest in the arts in any way so that he can start to make a real difference to the people of Linton and the surrounding area.

Dan is very flexible and is more than happy to meet with groups or individuals at their convenience to see how he can be of most use.

He believes that the best projects are ones which come from local people for local people and is keen to help in any way he can to set things up or support them to flourish or grow.

If you have any contacts, ideas or comments, please get in touch with:

Dan Schumann 712825 or dschumann@sawstonvc.org



Introducing Dan Schumann, Linton's new arts development manager

Picture by Amy Wormald

Getting started

WOULD your community / organisation like a cinema facility or to start a film club?

Does your venue lack sound and lighting equipment?

Do you know any community groups who need access to equipment for their events?

Fancy doing a fundraiser but can't afford to hire the technical equipment you need? Is your village arts group desperate for access to affordable equipment for their events?

South Cambridgeshire District Council has great pleasure in announcing the launch of a brand new South Cambridgeshire Event Facilities Bank and Touring Cinema Kit available to venues, schools, colleges, theatre and drama groups, music societies, and commu-

nity groups, offering significant reductions compared with commercial hire rates.

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This exciting facility is being managed by the Sawston and Linton Broadening Education Partnership from Sawston village college and is funded by South Cambridgeshire district council.

There will also be annual training events for local promoters to help parishes make best use of the facilities on offer.

For more information please ring: Dan Schumann 712825

Starring role for drama group

DAN Schumann, Arts Development Manager for the Sawston and Linton area, would like to hear from anyone who is interested in being part of a new adult drama group in Linton. The group would perform one or two public shows a year and will be based at Linton Village College as part of the dual use Arts agreement between the college and South Cambridgeshire district council.

Whether you are interested in directing, acting, writing, backstage, wardrobe, publicity and marketing, front of house management or just have lots of enthusiasm and a love of the theatre, Dan would love to hear from you.

The group will meet on a weekday evening (selected by the members) in the drama studio at LVC and would perform

in the main hall. Thanks to a successful funding campaign led by Dan, the college can now invest heavily in the main hall at Linton enabling it to be equipped with lighting and sound facilities.

Dan said, "The new equipment in the hall, along with the new drama facilities the college will have as part of the building programme will be a great venue for productions. We therefore want to encourage the formation of a local drama group to help showcase this wonderful new facility for the village and the area, and get best use of the space for the community."

"The new group will receive a lot of support from me in order to establish itself. I have some funding in mind for the first production and the col-

lege will supply the room and do the box office and administration. This will mean that the group has the best possible start with no one having to take on too much too quickly. I hope to get funding to bring in professional directors, writers and actors to work with the group and to allow the group to buy costumes, scenery and so on."

"An inaugural meeting has been booked for 7.30pm on Monday 12th September in the Chilford room at LVC. At this meeting, we hope to elect a committee, choose a name for the group, a night for the group to meet and so on. I look forward to seeing many local people there."

For more information about the group, please contact: Dan 712825 or LVC 892400

Sophie gives herself an Olympic birthday present

CITY of Cambridge diver Sophie Clark celebrated her 14th birthday by winning a bronze medal on the 3-metre board at the National Diving Age Group Competition at Ponds Forge International sports centre in Sheffield.

More importantly, the Linton Village College pupil scored the necessary points to secure her place on the British diving junior Olympic programme.

Needing 308.65 from her eight 3-metre dives in the 14-15 age group to take her place on the junior Olympic programme, Sophie held her nerve on her final dive and secured an overall total of 314.80.

Sophie joins 14 other young people on the programme which will give her access to the very best facilities, coaches and services that British diving has to offer.

Having secured a place on the World Class Start programme only in January, Sophie has continued to develop under the guidance of her coach, James Etherington. He said, "It was a fantastic achievement for Sophie to win the selection points for the junior Olympic programme."

Robert Lindsell 07795410337

Hooked on Books?

DO you have a passion for books? Would you like to share your love of literature with children and young people in the Linton area?

Plans are afoot to hold a Linton Children's Book Festival in spring 2006, in association with the local Community Arts programme. Top-name children's writers and illustrators will be invited, and an exciting programme of book related workshops and events will be scheduled.

Can you help? If you have contacts in the book world, useful experience, ideas or just enthusiasm I would love to hear from you. The first steering meeting will be held this month. Please contact

Anna McMahon 892977

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Episode 5: Coaching India's Michael Owen

IT'S hot, and getting hotter here all the time - I'm sorry to go on about it but it is the most prominent feature of life in Chennai.

The building works have become a real headache. It is a huge undertaking, as I am project manager and receive very little help from anyone apart from the architects. Unfortunately architects are better at providing pictures of how things should look when they are finished rather than offering practical advice.

However, I'm confident all will turn out fine, but it's a huge physical and mental drain - physically because of the heat and mentally because of the pressure of the responsibility and also the language barrier which, after a while, becomes very frustrating and tiresome.

I've also started taking the boys for football practice - a case of the blind leading the blind, but we're all enjoying it. I've also started some teaching, which required a quick refresher course as it has been a good few years since I have done long division and multiplication. I am also tutoring one of the young lads at the

house I go to a couple of nights a week - in exchange for some excellent food; fish being the speciality.

The football coaching is going particularly well and the boys seem to be enjoying it as they pester me for a game every day. It can be a bit frustrating as few of them know the rules and tactics of the game.

It's mostly a case of bees around honey, which I demonstrate to them by blowing the whistle and asking them to stay where they are and count at least a dozen players around the ball.

They have got wise to this but instead of mending their ways and holding their positions or using the space available, they hear the whistle and scatter like a bomb's gone off to avoid being caught in the example of what not to do. This provides me with a certain amount of amusement and at times I'm a little whistle-happy.

I haven't gone through the offside rule yet. Let's face it, if half the linesmen in the Premiership can't get it right, these guys don't stand a chance!

There are a few talented play-

ers beginning to emerge, and one in particular whose name is Sylvester. Sylvester isn't very good at cricket or hockey, so in the past hasn't been that involved with the sporting crowd and in turn hasn't had much confidence in a group. Now, however, he is the star player with three goals in two games (one of which had a touch of Michael Owen about it).

This alone has made the frustration and glaring heat while coaching worth enduring, though it's not all sunshine and roses and in the last game I organised, I had to send three players off for fighting. They were on different sides, though, so at least they're better behaved than the Geordies!

Things in general are going well, and the major works should start in a couple of weeks when the kids are on holiday.

I'm being given a house for the duration of the holidays, normally occupied by the senior girls during term time. This will allow me to do some good old English home cooking and have a proper bath, but not at the same time.

Gary Dixon

Full steam ahead for camera club

LINTON Camera Club members were at Bressingham railway museum and gardens near Diss in Norfolk on 5th June. Rain threatening in the morning persuaded us to head for cover so we started the visit in the coffee shop.

Outside, the narrow gauge steam engine *Gwynedd*, on retirement from the Welsh slate quarries, was waiting for passengers and looking a picture with gleaming brass and paintwork. We joined the queue and found seats under cover. Some of us enjoyed this trip so much that we immediately headed for the second line with a train pulled by the German locomotive *Mannertreu* on a 2.5km track passing rhododendron bushes in full bloom.

With the weather still moist, we toured the standard gauge locomotive sheds and some members tried out the gallopers



Club members Maureen Williams and Julie Supcik

Picture by Tracey Wilson

steam carousel built in King's Lynn in 1900. I spoke to Maurice Ruffles, who told me the history of *Bunty*, a traction engine that was steamed up and gently ticking over outside. He had wanted to be a traction engine driver as a child and has been living out his dream as a volunteer for the past 10 years.

After lunch, the sun finally appeared and we strolled round the extensive gardens stopping to get the perfect flower photograph for the gardening club competition in July. Despite

the weather, Bressingham turned out to be an excellent source of material to be shared at later club meetings.

The next awayday is on Sunday 3rd July to the Raptor Foundation, a rescue centre for birds of prey near St Ives. Meet at Coles Lane car park for 9.30am. For more information about the Linton Camera Club, visit the club's website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk or contact Roger Lapwood on 891104.

Mike Crofts

Aztecs girls just wanna have fun!



Aztecs girls under 12 football team

Picture by Bridget Savill

AZTECS Under 12 girls team has just finished its first season.

The squad consists of 13 girls and is sponsored by Karen Oliver of Kaz's Mobile Hairdressers, Linton. Manager Dave Brooker says "the commitment from core members of the squad has been terrific and their development clearly represents this. We are ready to start training again in August and I am sure they will go from strength to strength, but most of all will continue to enjoy what is now the biggest girls' sport in the country."

The team trains on Thursdays at Linton village college and has competed in the S-TEC Cambridgeshire Girls'

League. It has also benefited from some great parental support with coaching assistance from Bridget Savill, Neil Claxton and manager cover provided by Paul Bowden.

News is spreading fast in Linton, so much so that a second team for younger girls starts in September. If your daughter will be in years 5 or 6 in September 2005 she will be eligible.

Also the current team is going to be playing 11 a-side next year and require four new players to boost the team. Anyone who is interested and will be in year 7 or 8 in September 2005 (Under 12/Under 13) please contact either: Julie Howe 890405 or Dave Brooker 891097

K-club June winners

THE winners of the June K-Club monthly draw are:

- 1st prize (£50) **Pam Kenyon** (No.039)
- 2nd prize (£25) **D.W. George** (No.356)
- 3rd prize (£10) **C. S. Bennett** (No. 152)

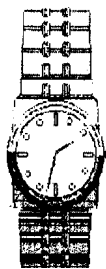
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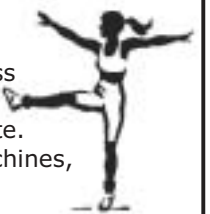
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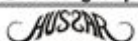
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Windmill exhibition

FOUR artists have come together at Linton this summer to mount their first exhibition.

The four - Tereza Votre, Susan Tutton, Nicola Collard and Alistair Burgass - will be showing their work at Windmill House, Long Lane, Linton, from 10am-4pm from 16th-24th July including the week-

end. The Summer Exhibition at the Windmill will represent the first exhibition at Windmill House.

It will feature a range of gold and silver jewellery and silver smithing, clay pottery, paintings and sculptures in the form of carved wood.

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Cambridge Open Studios in Your Area

DURING the first four weekends in July about twenty painters, photographers, printmakers, potters and sculptors, jewellers and furniture makers in the Linton and Saffron Walden areas will be waiting to welcome you to their studios.

Perhaps you would like to visit painters at work at their easels, find out about printmaking, want an original ornament for your house or garden, or would like an unusual piece of jewellery or some handmade furniture; this is your chance!

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to our studios and to showing you something of the creative process. So please do pick up a free colour guide and pay us a visit.

The guide, giving full details of studio locations and opening dates, is available from Linton library, the Post Office, Tourist Information centres and the Riverslade Gallery in Harts bookshop, or visit the website at www.camopenstudios.co.uk

Sue Walker 891710

Impact on youth

IMPACT, the youth group of Linton Churches Together is planning its own service of celebration and worship. The group, which started as Youth Alpha in January, became Impact once the Alpha course had finished and attracts people aged from 11 to 17 who want to build on their knowledge of the Gospel and like getting together on Sunday evenings for games, food and discussion. It has grown to 45 youngsters on a regular basis.

Louise Woolcock, the youth co-ordinator, said "The serv-

ice is being designed by the kids themselves; they are entirely responsible for what goes into it, and the length and style of service. Our group comes from those who regularly attend church with their families and others who rarely go, so it is going to be fascinating to see what they want to put into a service".

The service will take place at the URC in Horn Lane at 7.30pm on Sunday 17th July and is open to all.

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Crash: one team has a minor problem at the start but does not seem to be holding up the others.

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Wacky fun in Linton



How it all began: the surfers and the chariot team, above and right, show early promise but there's a long way to go



Above, youngsters head for the finishing line in the junior Wacky Races



Water, water everywhere: teams get a soaking.

Pictures by Mike Crofts and Tracey Wilson

Zoo news

LINTON Zoo has, for the third year running, been voted "Best place for kids to visit in Cambridge." thank you to all who voted and for your continued support.

At Easter we launched our 2005 wildlife conservation appeal "Shellshock". You can find out more about this special campaign to help save tortoises at our tortoise conservation talk. Several hundred

pounds have been donated by zoo visitors already and keepers have organised some activities to raise more funds. We are

also collecting used foreign and British stamps to raise money for the campaign. Stamps need to be on a single paper thickness and with no more than a 4mm to 8mm border if possible. Used stamps can be dropped at the zoo gate house or we can collect locally. Sacks of tapir and zebra stable manure for composting, is also helping to raise money. This is available from the zoo.

Linton Zoo is open daily from 10am to 5pm, last admission 4pm, including the Bank Holidays.

Please check our website www.lintonzoo.com for an up to date schedule of activities and times.

Kim Simmons 891308

Ladies of ACEs to the rescue

WE had thought that 1st June would be guaranteed to be fine, but for the afternoon tea in my garden, it was the usual start to an ACEs event – disaster! The day dawned dull and overcast, my dishwasher loaded with crockery for the afternoon was not working properly and there were serious cooker problems on the scene and pie front.

The rest of the day could only be better, especially once the capable ladies of ACEs took over. The raffle was organised, the bring-and buy stall swung into action, cakes were baked and seats were delivered. Nearly 40 guests were not daunted by the weather or even the light showers. The best 'waitresses' in the world sped cream teas and cakes to all. Thank you everyone, for making it such a good day.

The next event will be a fish and chips lunch at the Village Hall on Monday 11th July (12noon for 12:30 start), with a speaker. There will be a coach trip to Ely on 5th September; watch out for posters with details.

Please contact Sue or Dawn on 891001 to book the coach and to order fish and chips.

Summer fun continues

JULY marks the end of the summer term, but for the Granta Playgroup, the fun will continue.

We are organising three special sessions in August at our usual venue, the youth centre at the back of the LVC, offering all the usual play activities, outdoors when possible, including crafts, singing and storytime.

All children aged from 0-5 are very welcome. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10am-12 noon on 17th, 24th and 31st August – parents/carers will need to stay for the sessions with their children. For further information, please call Siedah on 891067 or Liz on 892471. Frances Reynolds

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Dog and Duck serves up a prize winning recipe

HAVING seen the sign outside the Dog and Duck proclaiming the pub as the winner of Greene King's 'Excellence in Service Award', I went to talk to Tracy Harrison, one half of the couple who run this first-rate establishment to ask what the award was about.

Tracy runs the Dog and Duck with her partner Bob Hackett, and they have now been in residence for just over four years, during which time Linton suffered the terrible floods and the whole place had to be refurbished.

Since then a restaurant extension has been added with seating for 48 (plus 18 in the extra room, and up to 80 in the garden). Mystery diners were used for the award selection process, one with a telephone



The Dog and Duck looking lovely with its summer flowers
Picture by Tracey Wilson

enquiry, one with a face-to-face enquiry and the other two who enjoyed meals on the premises. You will be pleased to know that Tracy and Bob received 100% of the possible marks during these tests; a rarity according to a Greene King

representative. The actual final was held at the Crowne Plaza in Marlow, Bucks, where Tracy and Bob, along with all the other regional finalists, were looked after in style with a meal, along with champagne, chocolates and gifts in their room.

To top it off they walked away with the winning trophy (an engraved glass plaque), a two-week holiday to a destination of their choice, a magnum of champagne and a certificate.

When I asked Tracy whether they look for ideas in other pubs or restaurants on their days off, she said it would be difficult not to make comparisons but they are happy with the service they provide.

Tracey Wilson
LNT

Benefits of local charcoal

LOCAL sustainably produced barbecue charcoal has several benefits to the environment. It produces 90% less carbon dioxide than charcoal imported from tropical forests. About 50% of Indonesian charcoal is made from mangrove forests, which have been reduced by half in the past 50 years.

I started making charcoal in the winter by cutting a small area of a woodland near Clare. It sounds rather drastic but is best regarded as a severe pruning. This lets light to the ground and encourages wild flowers.

An area is cut every year on

a 15-20 year cycle which creates many different habitats depending on the stage of regrowth. The older, thicker regrowth favours nesting birds.

The logs obtained from the wood are stacked as tightly as possible inside a 6ft diameter steel kiln which has eight air ducts. I then light a fire in the centre of the kiln. When the fire has taken hold, the lid goes on and chimneys are placed on four of the air ducts.

The lid is sealed with soil so the only air going into the kiln is through the remaining four ducts.

White smoke billows from the chimneys as the water is

driven out of the wood. Brown smoke indicates that the tars are also coming out and the burn is nearly done. The art is in knowing when the wood has been cooked, hopefully before it becomes ash.

At the end of the burn, the chimneys are removed and all the ducts are filled in with soil which stops all combustion and the kiln is left to cool.

The last part of the process involves bagging the charcoal, a dirty job but someone has to do it, and I then sell it at Linton Farmers' Market.

For further information, please ring:
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Discover all about Fenland

WISBECH and Fenland Museum is a major resource for material on the fens; it has major collections of artefacts, is an archive depository and it also has an extensive library.

The library will be the venue for a series of meetings on 15th and 29th July, 12th and 26th August. The programme is for two sessions each day; the first runs from 10.30am-12 noon, the second from 1.30-3pm.

For details, call the museum's education officer Christine Bartram on 01945 583817 or send an email to wisbechmuseum@beeb.net

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A weight misplaced

A SET of scales used to have various weights which have been misplaced. We find that if one is prepared to use a weight (or weights) on both pans, one can weigh up to 40kg in any number of kilograms.

What are the weights in kilograms needed, such that fewer weights could not be used to weigh 40 kg in one kg steps?

Solution to No.6- A Horizon and the Height

The platform is eight times my height. The height is found by Pythagorean triangles.

Urania

Glimpse into our past

SCHOLARS have known about the churchwardens' book of Bassingbourn since the 18th century as an illustration of life in Cambridgeshire from 1496 to c. 1540.

Now, on 2nd July, the Cambridgeshire Record Society is publishing for the first time the entire text, with related wills and a tax return.

They illustrate nearly all aspects of parochial life now being debated by historians, but of particular interest are the inventory of church goods (1498 and later), the open-air play of S' George (1511) and the campaign to provide the church with an image of S' George (1511-1523).

For all students of the late-medieval parish and of contemporary drama, these detailed accounts are essential reading. For details call:

Andrew Westwood-Bate
892430

Dogs, bears and a BBQ

THE Recreation Group and Weston Colville cricket club are holding a Summer Fayre from 2-5pm on Sunday 10th July on the cricket field. There will be stalls, games, tombola, a raffle, teas and a barbecue. There will also be a dog agility demonstration and (wind permitting) a teddy bear kite drop. Details from:
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THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

SOMETIMES what is in the news really catches the imagination of children and the 'Make Poverty History' campaign of the last few weeks is one such example. In a school like LVC where the international dimension is never very far away from our day to day activities, it has been very pleasing to see the number of students and staff who have taken the campaign to heart and done all they can to support this important cause. It is vital that we all look beyond ourselves and our country from time to time to understand better the world in which we live and schools have a duty to teach such understanding.

There have been several other examples of this at the College recently. We welcomed 32 Swedish teachers from our link school in Sweden in mid-June, including the three head teachers who manage the different parts of the school. They spent time in lessons and talked with children and staff about school and home life in Sweden. Also that week we welcomed five educationalists from Canada who were part of a delegation looking at specific aspects of the English school system. Four college teachers are preparing to travel to South Africa in July to spend a week working in our link school there and it is not long since our French and German exchange students returned from their stays with families in those countries. One particular highpoint in June was our International Day when students were able to meet and talk with many people who have connections with other parts of the world including the recently returned British ambassador to Iraq. All this is about enriching the educational experience of all young people and developing attitudes and qualities that will make the world a better and more humane place for all of us.

Many of you will have noticed the progress of the building work at the College and here is a brief update. The all weather pitch itself is finished and operational although the paths around it cannot be completed until the adjacent new tennis courts are built over the summer. The new playing field has been levelled and prepared for seeding and will be ready on schedule next year. The fitness suite will be completed by the end of July and the new equipment will also arrive at that time. It should be in action in early August. The changing rooms have all been fully refurbished and are in use. We intend to formally open the sports facilities in October, and Sir Trevor Brooking has agreed to do the honours. The Granta school is on schedule and will be complete by this time next year. The new head teacher of the Granta school Lucie Calow, is very keen to get to know Linton, and hopes to be able to write a short article about the new school in a forthcoming Linton News.

The GCSE examinations have gone very well this year and are now finished. After the splendid and sumptuous Leavers Ball at Abington Hall the next major event for the year group is the fateful day in August when the results are issued. We have high hopes!

Clive Bush

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/0999/05/F Dr Harris, Church Cottage, 6 Church Lane, Linton. Extension.

S/1095/05/LB Dr Harris, Church Cottage, 6 Church Lane, Linton. Alterations, removal of pantiled/weatherboarded kitchen, shed and adjacent garage/outbuilding. Raising of front boundary wall. Conversion of existing utility/pantry to WC. Construction of extension comprising single storey link to one and a half storey breakfast room and kitchen with lobby, utility, bedroom one and ensuite shower room and first floor bedroom two with ensuite shower room.

S/1104/05/F T Chipps, 37 Wheatsheaf Way, Linton. Conservatory.

The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

Dick Turpin in Linton

THE famous highwayman came from Great Hempstead in Essex and probably carried out numerous robberies in this area. Many places claim a connection with Dick Turpin and we must obviously treat any story with a certain amount of caution. Nevertheless, he did rob people and he obviously had to operate somewhere, so why not in Linton!

Miss Enid Porter was a well respected Cambridgeshire historian and she related the following story in her book "The Folklore of East Anglia." The Linton Wedge Map of 1786 can be used to locate the places mentioned in her account.

Her tale runs as follows, "In the days when the notorious highwayman, Dick Turpin (1705 to 1739) was making his name feared in many parts of England, a tanner named Mallyon lived in an old house on the Green in the Cambridgeshire village of Linton. He used to send his tanned hides to be sold in Cambridge market and was in the habit of journeying there himself once a week, returning in the evening with a well filled purse. As he always arrived home punctually at the same hour, his servant had orders to wait by the gates of his house, ready to open them immediately he saw his master approaching.

One dark winter's evening, as Mallyon was approaching the outskirts of Linton on his way back from Cambridge, he was overtaken by a stranger on horseback, who entered into a conversation with him. He talked so much about Dick Turpin and his exploits that the tanner became convinced that he was the highwayman himself, attempting to divert suspicion by professing alarm at the very thought of his own deeds. If this was so, then he would be certain, Mallyon thought, to attack him as he went along the main road to Linton overshadowed by Cow Gallery Woods."

We know that these woods were just outside Linton on the present A1307, on the site of Dalehead Foods.

The story continued, "Mallyon prepared himself, therefore, by gathering his reins together as they neared the Woods. He continued chatting to his companion and tried to appear unconcerned. Once in the shadow of the trees, he dug his spurs into his horse and galloped on ahead, only to hear the highwayman increase his pace behind



The Old Manor House as it is today

him. Mallyon knew that the main street of Linton would afford him no protection from attack, for it was dark and deserted at that time of night, so he quickly decided to approach his house by way of the Dovehouse Fields."

This is the area between the by-pass and the river Granta flowing past the Camping Close. At that time it was intersected by a number of ditches over which broad planks were laid so that cattle and horses could cross over them. Mallyon's local knowledge of the terrain makes sense of the rest of Miss Porter's account.

"His horse knew every inch of the way, so the tanner was able to gain ground on his pursuer, whose mount kept stumbling over the rough grass and floundering in the boggy places by the ditches, almost throwing the rider. Having arrived at last near the gates of his house, Mallyon shouted to his waiting servant to throw them open and to close them immediately after him. Hardly had he ridden through them and the servant slammed them to, when the highwayman rode against them, but they were strong enough to resist him and he was obliged to turn and ride away."

The story is very interesting, yet Miss Porter provides no documentary evidence to support it. However, there is some local documentation which seems to support parts of the story. The 1786 Wedge Map of Linton confirms the existence of the places mentioned on the route Mallyon claimed he took. We have ample documentation about the existence of a large tannery at the bottom of Green Lane. This operated from Tudor times until the early nineteenth century, and Linton Manorial Rentals record Thomas Maling (Mallyon) as the owner of this Green Lane tannery between 1706 and 1725. The property is now

known as the Old Manor House, but it was a tannery and never a manor house. In 1706, the Linton Manor court allowed the tanner Thomas Maling "to lay bark on the Green." Until Linton's enclosure in 1840 the Linton Green ran from the tannery front garden as far as the track leading to the Old Malting.

Leather was a very valuable commodity at that time and one pound by weight fetched between five and 10 pence. The average weekly wage of a farm labourer was only 30 pence so you can understand the relative wealth of a tanner like Mallyon. In the eighteenth century the river was closer to the present day house and the front entrance was on the river side of the property. This would match much of the detail in the story. Mallyon's income from sales of his hides would be a tempting prize for any brigand, let alone the famous Dick Turpin!

Dick Turpin was born in 1706 at Hempstead in Essex, the son of a farmer and landlord of the Crown Inn. After serving an apprenticeship as a butcher he took up a life of crime and joined the notorious Essex or Gregory gang. A group of up to 20 villains raided isolated farmhouses or robbed rich local businessmen. Thomas Mallyon would fit the latter category and the dates of his tannery ownership would also match the period when Turpin operated from his base in Epping Forest.



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Parish Council Matters

View From The Driving Seat

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Graham Potter - the new chairman of Linton Parish Council

WELL... I go away on holiday and look what happens.... I return to find I am now Chairman of Linton Parish Council! After an eight year rest I am in the chair again, but then it's never really a rest, it's like driving a car. I'm behind a wheel and I have 14 councillors as navigators. However, this car can go in multiple directions all at the same time. Added to this we now have a new Clerk, Sue Parry. We all require keeping on course.

Our last chairman, and her leader Jasper were day people often seen walking together around Linton. As for Cracker and I we prefer the night. Some of you may remember I took the pictures of the Co-op ram raid last year. Cracker and I

were having our night time stroll when we heard the noise and decided to investigate.

So the challenges facing the new chairman.... well the one-way system is a mighty challenge; one that I am sure *all* will have been touched by in some way! My only concern is what was a major problem, regarding danger to children in the high street caused by congested traffic, could in the future, although reducing congestion, create more serious accidents because of increased speed.

Please remember that you will all be asked for your comments towards the end of the trial; they will be received with interest. In the meantime let us know of any problems. Your

responses will be collated during the trial and taken into consideration on conclusion.

As for local issues, although minor and of no concern to some, I intend to replace the missing dog bins with metal ones as a priority.

That's all for this month; the new clerk, Sue and I will continue with the day-to-day running of the council.

Graham Potter
Chairman
Linton Parish Council



Cracker - In the passenger seat

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MINUTES of Linton Parish Council Meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 2nd June 2005 at 8pm.

During public participation, M^{rs} France commented that whilst working in the guide hut last Tuesday and Wednesday, during a six hour period she was aware of at least two minor accidents regarding cars parked outside the Post Office.

C^{lr} Kenyon queried the signage turning out of Church L^a. It was pointed out that there was an arrow sign opposite but no arrow marking in the road.

The Clerk reported that there were two additions to the Planning Committee and Traffic Working Party.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 5th and 19th May were duly approved and signed.

Open Spaces Co-ordinator C^{lr} Clay reported the footpaths in Finchams C^l were being re-surfaced and he was concerned about the condition of some of the roads. He asked that Councillors make note of any road that requires attention and report it to him or the Clerk. Concern was noted regarding the condition of Emsons Close.

Recreation ground - Co-



Poor road surfaces

ordinator C^{lr} Kenyon reported that a tree in the Jubilee Crescent was dead. The clerk to contact M^{rs} Anderson, tree warden. C^{lr} Potter queried whether the grass between the container and the LA4Y drop-in-centre should be weed killed. The Clerk to check the grass and maintenance contract.

With regard to the cemetery the Clerk was asked to check the grass contracts.

It was agreed that the footpath from Symonds L^a to Flaxfields and Bakers L^a to Horseheath R^d be treated with weed killer. The Clerk to check contracts and ask for a quotation from *Herald* if necessary.

C^{lr} Rossiter reported that the Friends of Fleam Dyke and Roman Road have a very good information leaflet available.

Venture Playground - co-

ordinator C^{lr} Hammett had nothing to report at this time.

Regarding Leadwell Meadows, C^{lr} Cox reported that the dead willow tree which had fallen across the river still had not been removed. The Clerk was asked to write to M^r Fairey regarding this.

Parish Plan - Co-ordinator C^{lr} Rossiter reported that the application for the final grant had been sent.

The churchyard co-ordinator C^{lr} Cox reported that the dead lime tree had been removed.

All items from Correspondence Sheet 22 (May) 2005 were noted. Of particular interest:-

Items 43 & 47 - Copies of these should be forward to CCC.

Item 49 - for information only.

Item 62 - request was noted - the clerk to write declining to make a contribution.

Item 64 - C^{lr} Bald proposed and C^{lr} Clay seconded. All agreed that a £200 donation be sent.

Item 65 - Discussion took place regarding the astro turf level of fee structure. C^{lr} Hickford commented that it



Astroturf at LVC

should be a village amenity and due to the charging system this was not economically viable for most potential village users, both individuals and teams. C^{lr} Cornell suggested that a letter be sent to LVC complaining that this was against the ethos of the facility. DC Batchelor suggested that SCDC should be made aware of the situation as £300,000 had been awarded as part of the dual-use service agreement with ongoing grants. The Clerk was asked to write to Jane Thompson, Community Development at SCDC.

Item 71 - C^{lr} Rossiter reported that Cambridgeshire ACRE is now known as Rural Action East.

Item 77 - complaints regarding the number of vehicles parked in Symonds L^a. C^{lr} Gore reported that a family of build-

ers resided in the area in question in Symonds L^a and as such were entitled to park their vehicles in the road. A planning application to move their driveway was refused. The Clerk has informed the local Police who will monitor the situation.

Item 80 - A quotation received from *Herald* for grass cutting and maintenance for Paynes Meadow Phase 2 will be copied to SCDC and *Hundred Houses* as part of the section S106 agreement.

Under Any Other Business C^{lr} Kenyon reported that she had been approached by a resident of Coles L^a complaining about three youths on motorbikes. This was noted and will be reported to the local CBM.

C^{lr} Hickford reported that the Wacky Races had been a great success and he thanked everyone who had helped. He also commented that the playing fields at LVC would not be ready for next season and expressed concerns that local teams would again have serious problems with regard to pitch availability. C^{lr} Urwin proposed a letter should be sent to LVC stating that due to the expected costs of the

astro turf a concessionary rate for two years duration should be offered to Aztecs. All were in agreement.

C^{lr} Clay reported that residents in Finchams C^l have received a flood report. They had also received information regarding a meeting at LVC set for Tuesday, 7th May at 7.30pm. C^{lr}'s Rossiter and Cox said they too had received this information as they had been directly affected by the flooding. The Environment Agency will not agree to a flood-warning scheme for the village as existing arrangements already more than meet the criteria set by government.

Concern was expressed that the Environment Agency had not felt it necessary to inform the Parish Council on any of these points. A letter of complaint will be sent.

C^{lr} Cox commented that the grassed area of the Cathodeon site was looking untidy. C^{lr} Gore replied that at a recent trustees' meeting it had been agreed that the area would be re-seeded in the autumn.

The meeting closed at 21.15pm.

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MINUTES of Linton Parish Council Annual General Meeting held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th May, 2005.

C^lr Cox proposed M^r Graham Potter as Chairman. This was seconded by C^lr Gee.

There were no other nominations and the meeting agreed unanimously. The Declaration of Office will be signed.

C^lr Urwin proposed D^r Brian Cox as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by C^lr Clay. C^lr Cornell proposed M^r Roger Hickford as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by C^lr Alper.

A ballot took place and D^r Brian Cox was duly elected as Vice Chairman.

Further appointments were made, a list of which may be found in the Parish Council Office.

During Public Participation, a local resident voiced concerns regarding the speed and weight of traffic in Hadstock R^d, particularly from the direction of Saffron Walden, and

restriction, access for businesses is allowed. C^lr Cornell confirmed that lorries are using this route as an alternative and that the Council should request a speed check to be carried out. C^lr Cox stated that one had been applied for in the past but had been refused. It was decided that this would be investigated again.

M^s Read, on behalf of the village, thanked M^{rs} Gill Barker for all her hard work and help during her time as Clerk.

C^lr Bald added her thanks on behalf of the Parish Council. M^s Read was concerned for pedestrians regarding the speed of traffic at the junction of Coles L^a and High S^t. C^lr Kenyon agreed. C^lr Cornell agreed that the trial one way system was compounding the traffic speed. C^lr Urwin emphasised the need to complete the trial 1-way questionnaires when they are issued.

The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 5th May were agreed and signed.

had been actioned. 22 had received no action. However the crime statistics were only listing 7 crimes. C^lr Hickford explained that the web page from where this information is retrieved is selective.

C^lr Cox congratulated C^lr Batchelor on the recent election results. C^lr Batchelor reported that he attended a meeting advising that the County Council is being reorganised. It will consist of Department

the Cambridge Evening News regarding secrecy. She reported that there were often valid and sensible reasons for secrecy.

On the subject of capping C^lr Smith added that no definite decision has yet been made. C^lr Batchelor confirmed that a meeting with the Minister has been called and a different view may be taken.

The Planning and Finance Minutes from the previous

ond half of the trial 1-way system provided Back R^d Balsham R^d residents did not disagree and the movement of the farm machinery could be accommodated elsewhere within Linton. After a lengthy discussion the meeting agreed to this recommendation.

C^lr Urwin also reported the Chalklands Residents Association's concerns regarding vehicle speed from Paynes Meadow. The meeting agreed this item should be passed to Linton Steering Group, C^lr Gore proposed that these should be accepted. C^lr Bald seconded. All were in favour.

The Minutes of the Linton Steering Group (LSG) were unable to be considered at present, however, C^lr Urwin added that the main discussion was the trial one way system. The issue of speed needs to be addressed along with pedestrian safety. The LSG are monitoring the collection of raw data

firmly that a meeting had been held with Sheila Griffiths, Linton Health Centre and Mark Crofts regarding the siting and emptying of the re-cycling banks to alleviate the problem.

Item 17 - The Vice Chairman, D^r Brian Cox, reported that the claim for the remaining Parish Plan grant could now be made.

Item 21 - The Clerk reported that £1,260 had been applied for through the Parish Paths Partnership but only £1,000 had been granted.

Items 29 & 30 - This item had already been dealt with by the planning committee and a letter of support will be sent.

Item 31 - C^lr Gee reported that the grass in the cemetery has since been cut.

Item 36 - A cheque has been received by Council from Linton 3W's. Council to order benches as required.

Under Any Other Business



District Councillor - John Batchelor

for Children and Young Peoples Services and Environment and Community. C^lr Batchelor will be part of the scrutiny group for policy and development for Inclusion of children.

C^lr Smith reported that the Government has decided that the Local Development Framework will have to be re-submitted. C^lr Smith urged Licenses to submit their applications for licences as soon as possible. A discussion took place and C^lr Alper added that the forms were not easy to complete and there would be cost implications for the Village Hall, Schools and Fire Station etc. C^lr Smith was concerned about the recent publicity in

meeting were both agreed and signed.

Regarding the renewal of Licences for Linton Granta Football Club and Linton Village Cricket Club. C^lr Gore proposed that the Licences to both the Football Club and the Cricket Club be renewed at the usual terms. This was seconded by C^lr Kenyon and agreed unanimously by the meeting.

The Minutes of the Traffic Working Party meeting, held on 10th May 05, were circulated prior to the meeting.

C^lr Urwin reported that the meeting had agreed to recommend to Full Council that 1-way in Back Road should be implemented during the sec-



One-Way System begins in Back Road

All Items from Correspondence sheet (21) June 05 were noted:

Item 11 - The Clerk con-

M^{rs} G Barker was presented with a gift and card to record her retirement from the post of Parish Clerk.

The meeting closed 21.25.



Traffic in Hadstock Road

asked if a speed gateway had been considered.

C^lr Batchelor advised that although there is a weight re-

The Clerk presented a police report. She reported that there had been 61 calls to the police for service. 39 of these

Traffic Working Party Update on Trial One-Way System

THE second phase of the one-trial commenced on 9th June when Back Road went one-way, west to east, between Coles Lane and Balsham Road. Three speed cushions were installed to control traffic speed. If you have a problem with these contact CCC before 30th June.

Questionnaires will be circulated by end of June to be returned to CCC before 12th August. Please make additional relevant comments, should you wish, when returning the questionnaires. If possible, please send a copy of your comments and questionnaire to the Parish Clerk.

There will be an exhibition of the One-Way

system by CCC on Friday 8th July and Saturday 9th July between 1pm and 6pm at Linton Village Hall. Please take this opportunity to come and meet CCC officers to discuss your concerns/ views/ideas.

A permanent one-way system needs local support. **Your views are important.**

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