

## Lent lunches to help less fortunate children

**E**AT less lunch one day a week, make a donation and educate a disadvantaged Kenyan child for a year. This is the opportunity you have in Linton for seven weeks.

All you need to do is join us for a simple soup and cheese lunch from 12 noon until 2pm every Wednesday during Lent. The dates and places are as follows; 9<sup>th</sup> March with Monica and Alan Clarkson at 4 Harefield Rise, 16<sup>th</sup> March with Colleen and Derek Lockstone at 1 Rhugarve Gardens, 23<sup>rd</sup> March with Judy and Keith Nightingale at 11 Mill Lane, 30<sup>th</sup> March with Lesley and Andrew Gore at 38 Symonds Lane, 6<sup>th</sup> April with Rosemary and Richard Read at 8 The Furrells, 13<sup>th</sup> April with Joan and Maurice Smith at 10 Symonds Lane, at 12 noon on 20<sup>th</sup> April with Cynthia Norris and Friends at the church pavilion with a speaker at 12.45pm.

Starehe in Swahili means 'haven or a safe place', and that is exactly what Starehe Boys' and Girls' Centres offer to 1,350 students from severely disadvantaged backgrounds and communities in Kenya. The students usually arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their back, with many arriving barefoot as they may never have owned a pair of shoes.

In Kenya, over half the population survives on less than a \$1 per day and the cost of secondary education is beyond the reach of many. Starehe schools are the only free secondary schools in Kenya, and students are provided with a first class education, uniforms and shoes, and a home for 365 days a year. Without continued support from communities such as St. Mary's Linton, Starehe Centres would not be able to provide a passport out of poverty to some of Kenya's brightest boys and girls.

In 2008, there were 23,000 applications for 200 free places at Starehe Boys' Centre and 12,000 applications for 80 free places at Starehe Girls' Centre. This year saw an increase in the intake for both schools, due to a request from the government, as the number of disadvantaged and bright students in Kenya continues to exceed the free secondary school places available.

Many old boys and girls support their siblings' education or provide their communities with employment opportunities. Starehe alumni are now leaders in business and government in Kenya and the diaspora and are supporting their families and communities as well as contributing to the development of Kenya and Africa as a whole. One third of all trainee doctors in public universities in Kenya are former students of Starehe.



The schoolchildren in Kenya having fun

Photo contributed by Ashleigh Thompson

How can you help? It costs £750 to sponsor a student for a year. This includes three meals 365 days a year, school uniforms and shoes, sports kit and housing in dormitories in the care of full-time house parents.

Support such as yours is invaluable as it assists in providing young men and women in Kenya an opportunity to empower themselves as well as to contribute to the develop-

ment of their communities. Your gift will allow these students to achieve their full potential, building a new generation of African leaders with integrity and purpose.

For more information please visit the Starehe website at: [www.starehe.org](http://www.starehe.org)

Joan Smith  
892904

## Beautiful willow creations

THERE is such an infinite variety of artefacts that can be fashioned from willow and other stems. Jane Frost, a textile and environmental artist brought to the gardening club small items she had created, such as plant supports and a trug, and then showed us a selection of slides of huge structures she has fabricated in her garden and on other sites.

From a giant dragonfly at Wicken Fen garden centre to larger than life 'people' who live on her allotment, Jane demonstrated her skill and artistry. Any of these structures which are not sold gradually go back to the soil so her work is truly earth to earth.

Most of the willow she uses is grown on her allotment and she scotched the myth that it needs to grow in very wet conditions. The willow thrives on clay and doesn't necessarily need a lot of water, but sadly longhorn beetles and wood peckers are enemies.

Jane makes hedges by



Jane Frost with some of her creations.

Picture by Roger Lapwood

wrapping the tops of stems horizontally across each other which make an eye-catching barrier. Other plants, such as yew, can also be incorporated within them.

People visiting the beach exhibition in July at Salt-house in Norfolk can climb inside and play in her sculpture, which is her way of including others in her passion for willow by touching as well as seeing the items she makes.

At 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the village hall, Chris Day from Buckingham Nursery will present 'Grow your five a day: The Good Life Garden'. We welcome you to join us to hear some of his great time saving ideas.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Gloria Fidler for writing the article this month.

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## Advertising changes

AS the Linton News is going to go down to six pages instead of eight from April we need to lose some adverts for the coming year.

If you are invited to renew you will have just two options to pay, for six or 12 months in advance, preferably by bacs directly into the Linton News bank account.

If payment is not received by the date given in the renewal your advert will not appear and you will have to go back onto the waiting list.

Hopefully this new method will prove beneficial to us all.

J. Rouse  
Ad Manager

## Too good for jumble...

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Wanted: a child's first bed please.

A high chair sold for £25 for the Air Ambulance; the rowing machine raised £20 for Boepathuse school; the carpets raised £40 for the Guides' senior section and the dishwasher went for £25 for Help for Heroes.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone Kate France 891602 or email new address: [kfrance@profsoundconsult.com](mailto:kfrance@profsoundconsult.com). The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

The opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the LN team.

Despite popular opinion, the ranta is NOT written by the same person each month. If you would like to rant in this paper please contact me at the address on page 3.

I AM very sad to see the amount of dog excrement that has been left around our beautiful village. Over the past few weeks I have trodden in it and run the buggy wheel in it, only realising when collapsing the buggy and getting covered in it, a traumatic experience to say the least. All of this while using footpaths that are regularly used by pedestrians with children and buggies.

Recently, I have twice had to clear up dog excrement from my own front lawn. Today, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February, we were witness to a child, walking a black labrador around the Heights area, allowing the dog to do his 'business'. The child quickly looked around to make sure the dog wasn't seen and very hastily walked off.

Please can you all make your children aware of the dangers of dog mess and also arm your child with some bags on their way out to collect the dog waste (nappy bags are great). I have children and don't want to have to stop them walking on my front lawn or picking daisies for fear of stepping in or touching dog mess. It is highly toxic and extremely dangerous.

I am sure on the odd occasion that a bag could have been forgotten, and I would be happy to supply one if someone knocked at my door. I am certain others would do the same. So the message here is a strong one, as I am sure we would all agree. Please tell your children of the dangers and antisocial aspect of leaving dog excrement and please make sure you clear up after your dogs.

## Late Christmas lunch is a real hit

THE Deadwood Stage went a rolling on down the aisle, and O, what a beautiful day we had. Yes, the Chestnut Singers hit Linton, and scored a real success with the ACEs.

We had intended to have a festive lunch and entertainment in mid-December - instead we had snow, ice and treacherous weather and had to cancel it. Fortunately, we managed to rearrange the event for 25<sup>th</sup> January, and had a few pale rays of sunshine to cheer us too.

The buffet lunch was provided by a local firm, Elite Catering, and we thought that Jenny would never stop bringing in the trays! Every type of savoury was on offer - traditional sandwiches, rolls, quiches and pastries, wonderful prawns and chicken, salmon, blinis, and samosas - and then we had wicked gateaux. Well most of us had, but they went long before I managed to get to them...I take that as an endorsement of the cooking. Well recommended - and thank you Janet for arranging the food.

The Chestnut Singers were a delight - they started dressed formally with sashes (including Sunderland colours, for my Mum), singing a mixture of humorous and romantic songs - we knew them all and they surely brought back memories. Then into cowboy mode - perky cowgirls, rugged cowboys and even a character with feather headdress and tomahawk! That has not been seen in the church before...they did not mind if you sang along, either. What fun, and what applause they got.

The next event will celebrate the history of Linton through pictures. These are a collection gathered by Garth, and the Collard Collection is now on DVD. Hugo Brown will present "Linton in Pictures" on 8<sup>th</sup> March, meeting for a 12:30 start, at the church pavilion. Before the talk we will have a soup and rolls lunch, a raffle and a good natter. Transport is available if you call me on 891069. Look out for the posters on our new notice boards - alongside the heritage trail information maps.

Enid Bald

# Time travelling Tardis arrives

AS mentioned in last month's edition, Linton CE infant school has been travelling in time. Unfortunately, the Year 1 team were zooming around in the Tardis when the controls got jammed and they have been

stuck back in the 1800's during the reign of Queen Victoria. You may have noticed many children in mob-caps and flat caps wandering around the village. The first occasion was for the school trip to the Braintree mu-

seum, where the children met a very strict teacher. Luckily no-one returned with the dreaded line across the palm of the hand from the cane. Well done children and you remembered your manners too. The second time was when the children ran a traditional street market. This coincided with Valentine's Day and the children received orders of posy bouquets from their parents. 90 orders rolled in and each bouquet had five flowers. Yes, that's right: the children set about making 450 flowers. It was truly a workhouse; that's about 8 flowers per child. Bouquets could be ordered in orange and yellow or red and purple and after analysing all the orders the children found out that red and purple were more popular than orange and yellow! All the bouquets were labelled and the children then set about sorting them alphabetically ready for collection. Alongside the flower stall, the children made and sold pomanders and Valentine cards. Traditional bread and gruel were sold and the children offered to shine shoes too. The school library was converted into The Victorian Museum. The children escorted the adults round discussing the objects on show and answering questions asked by the visitors. We were all impressed by the standard of curators here at the infant school.

fun too as Victorian costumes were on hand and a room set made, so mums, dads and children could come together for a traditional Victorian style family portrait. No smiling was allowed but that was nigh on impossible (well you try not to smile when your mum and dad are dressed like that).

The street market was the product of a great deal of hard work, effort and learning from everyone involved. My thanks to the school staff for the idea and the additional organisation, the parents for the amazing costumes which the children wore, Leentje from Flower Boutique for helping the children learn about flowers and floristry and last but by no means least the children for learning all the facts about the Victorian objects and making the flowers, pomanders and cards and oh yes, the hard sell! Everyone involved commented on how much they enjoyed the event. This is not the end of the adventure for Year 1s as Alice, the house maid, has been accused of stealing from the rich family and has been sent to the workhouse. The Year 1 children are working hard as detectives to help her out, but I think a visit to the Linton workhouse is imminent! I am not sure the children want to live in Victorian times so let's hope someone mends the Tardis soon.

Louise Clark



The children learn to shine shoes in Victorian Britain

Photo by Louise Clark

The adults could join in the

## Amdram is definitely not humdrum

ASMALL but enthusiastic group of local 'amdrammers' will be treading the boards at Linton village college on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. Following last year's successful, 'Don't dress for dinner', Linton theatre workshop will be presenting 'Confusions' a collection of short comic plays by Alan Ayckbourn.

In 'Mother Figure', Lucy spends so much time at home with the kids, that she's started to treat everyone like children. Errant salesman husband Harry is miles away in a hotel and has other things on his mind - namely, the charms of Paula and Bernice in 'Drinking Companion'; and five people meet on four benches in 'A Talk in the Park'.

The whole evening offers a light-hearted insight into human communication and despera-

tion. There is also the bonus of an original work by a local writer in 'Rules of Assortment'; where at a bank's sorting centre, a new employee's ambivalence to the confectionery around the office raises suspicion of his commitment to the company.

The cast, directed by Ross Howard, includes Angela Stansall, Joe Osborne, Keith Osborne, Hannah Gosling and Lawrence Cohen.

You can book your tickets by phoning the box office on 891930. Curtain up 8pm.

We always welcome new members. If you would like to tread the boards or help out with our productions, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Joe on 01440 703701 or Angela Stansall on 891930.

Angela Stansall



Mother Figure being rehearsed

Photo by Angela Stansall

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## OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,  
Colin and the family of the late Jack 'Braddy' Tofts would like to thank Mr Paintin and all his staff, the nurses that cared for Jack, and everyone who sent cards and attended the funeral. Also thanks to everyone who stopped me down the street with messages of condolence. Thank you very much.  
Colin Tofts

Dear Editor,  
Thank you very much to all my relations and friends for attending my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party in the Village hall on 5<sup>th</sup> February, and hope you enjoyed the food and entertainment. The amazing sum of £440 was donated for Polyclinic 2 in Chernigoo (Ukraine), and £106 was raised from a raffle, which will go to the intensive care unit at the Rosie. I will let you know at a later date how the money will be spent at the Polyclinic.  
Another big thank you for all the helpers and donors of everything, my daughter especially and Rose, who parked herself in the kitchen (unasked). I cannot thank everyone enough.  
Jean Whitby

## Spring cleaning?

LINTON Guides' annual bumper jumble sale will be in the hall at Linton infants' school at 2.00pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We would much appreciate your support by donating all the items you are turning out - clothing, bric-a-brac, books, etc. on the Saturday morning. To arrange a collection please phone 891602 or 892925.

Although Linton homes are constantly bombarded with 'charity bags' for unwanted items, some of these are for commercial ventures rather than charities and many bags are left uncollected. The Guides are a registered charity and will definitely collect whenever we are asked.

Kate France

## Beacon's birthday

THE Beacon community trust would like you to join them on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's church, Linton, to celebrate three years since the launch of the trust in April 2008. Doors will open at 7pm for refreshments, and the service will take place from 7.30pm until around 8.30pm.

Christian charity that runs a youth work programme for the village and surrounding area. During the service we will hear from the young people about the social action work they have been doing, and their experiences on a recent weekend away. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Beacon trust is a

Sharon Whittle

## Library storytime

STORYTIME for under 5's is run at Linton library (every Wednesday term time only). It recommenced this year on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm - 2:45pm.

Why not bring your youngster along for half an hour of stories, rhymes and an activity. There's no need to book to join in, and it's free. Please ask the library staff about Bookstart bookcrawl. Parents and carers please stay with your children. Storytime is delivered by parent volunteers with support from Cambridgeshire Libraries.

Anne Worthington



## Stress relief

'It ain't what you do it's the way that you do it' as quoted by Deborah Coote, our guest speaker and teacher on the Alexander Technique. I think many of us have tried different ways to release stress and overcome painful conditions and have found success, but for some the Alexander technique may be the answer.

Deborah began her talk by getting us all to get up from our seated position and then asking us what part of our bodies felt the pressure. Of course we all seemed to have knee and thigh discomfort and we were then shown the correct way to stand, believe it or not we had no discomfort

this time.  
The Alexander technique is not easy as it is a case of getting rid of habits that we have formed over our lifetime, posture being the key factor. Deborah certainly gave us food for thought; it was common sense and many of us are interested to follow up the technique. Deborah runs various workshops and classes throughout the year.  
The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March with speaker Vic Botterill: *Who killed the Baroness?* So if you are intrigued why not join us in the village hall at 7.30pm.

Cynthia Norris

## Can you recognise anyone please?

MORE pictures from Garth Collard's collect. If you can put names to any of the faces in these please contact him on 892395. He would love to hear from you. LNT



1936 Pumping Station



Party in Green Lane on VJ Day 1945



Cathodeon outing 1960's

## LINTON DIARY

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

WEEKLY		
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays		VH
Pilates classes, 11.15 - 12.15pm, Mondays		VH
Chestnut baby/toddler group, Mondays term time, 9.30-11.30am		CC
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)		CC
WEA, 10am Tuesdays		VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays		CP
Linton Granta Toddlers, 9.30 - 11.30am Tuesdays		LVC
Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays		LVC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays		CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays		VH
Junior choir, 6pm-6.45pm Tuesdays		St Mary's
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays		CC
Linton children's centre, call 07768 008919		CC
Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only		VH
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays		VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays		VH
The Karate Club, 5.15-6.15pm, Thursdays		VH
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays		CP
Buffy bus, 11am-12.15pm Fridays		Hadstock village green
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays		CC
<i>For sports centre courses please call Linton village college sports centre on 890248</i>		

### MARCH

1	<b>WI meeting, 7.30pm</b>	VH
2	Linton reading group, 8pm	D&D
3	Linton lunch club, 12.30pm	D&D
3	Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
4	Women's world day of prayer, 7pm	St. Mary's
5	Farmers' market, from 9.30am	LVC
7	<b>Camera club, 7.15pm</b>	CC
8	<b>Soup and rolls lunch with speaker, 12.30pm</b>	CP
8	<b>Gardening club, 7.30pm</b>	VH
8	VIP meeting, 2pm	Chalklands
9	<b>Lent lunch, 12 noon</b>	4 Harefield Rise
11	<b>Linton theatre workshop, 7.30pm</b>	LVC
12	<b>Linton theatre workshop, 7.30pm</b>	LVC
15	<b>Historical society, 7.30pm</b>	VH
16	<b>Lent lunch, 12 noon</b>	1 Rhugarve Gardens
16	CAMTAD, hearing help, 9.30am - 12 noon	HC
17	Parish council meeting, 7.30pm	CC
19	<b>Linton Guides jumble sale, 2pm</b>	Infants school
21	Mother's union, 8pm	CP
23	<b>Lent lunch, 12 noon</b>	11 Mill Lane
29	Blood donor session, 10.30am	VH
30	<b>Lent lunch, 12 noon</b>	38 Symonds Lane

### APRIL

2	Farmers' market	LVC
4	Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
5	WI, 7.30pm	VH

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, 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: 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March

Recycling collection: 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April

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## Playgroup praise

SINCE opening in September, Chestnut playgroup parent and toddler group has welcomed many new and familiar faces into the Cathodeon centre on Monday mornings from 9.30 - 11.30am during term time.

Whilst the children play and experience activities relating to the playgroup theme of the week, parents and grandparents take the welcome opportunity to relax, chat and enjoy the refreshments on offer.

As the weather gets warmer, the children will have increased use of the Cathodeon centre garden with access to the play adventure equipment and use of the vast array of playgroup outdoor toys on the grass, tarmac, sand pit, tyre and undercover areas. They will also be able to monitor the progress of the vegetables, herbs, etc that the playgroup children will soon be planting.

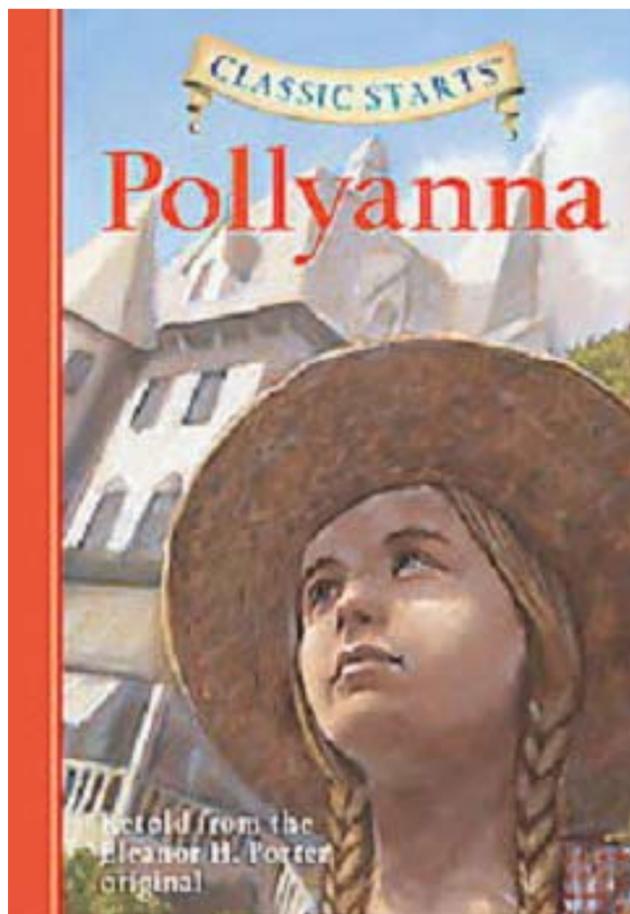
A number of toddler group children have already made

the transition into our regular playgroup sessions and have appreciated the chance to get to know the setting in advance of making the leap to independence. One playgroup parent felt that the emotional transition into the pre-school setting was eased as a result of her son's prior attendance at the toddler group; "my son was a little unsure at first but as the weeks rolled by his confidence grew... we are in capable experienced hands with Chestnuts - they are always reassuring, confident and above all warm and kind. My son is now settling well and enjoying his new education".

To find out more information about our Parent and Toddler group, term time breakfast club or regular playgroup sessions, please make an enquiry through our website at [www.chestnut-playgroup.btck.co.uk](http://www.chestnut-playgroup.btck.co.uk) or call our admissions officer Karen Graves on 891416.

Nikki Linsdell

## Could this be your big break?



The classic story of Pollyanna will be transformed on stage  
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SKY Blue Theatre are looking for adults for their new musical *Pollyanna*. Several leading parts and chorus members of all ages are needed. We will be taking this production to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of August and then we will be presenting it at the Cambridge Corn Exchange from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Rehearsals will not be starting until the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> July then three weekend rehearsals with previews on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. As rehearsals are mainly in the holiday season we do realise that not everyone will be able to attend all the rehearsals.

This is a great opportunity to have a wonderful week at the Edinburgh Fringe, performing and enjoying theatre, which is an unforgettable experience, and then afterwards to perform in the largest venue in Cambridge, the Corn Exchange.

If you are interested please get in touch with Frances on 832288 or email [frances.wyse@btinternet.com](mailto:frances.wyse@btinternet.com). If you're not a budding actor why not support us instead by coming to see the production?

Frances Brownlie

## Maths team bag final spot

A TEAM of maths students from Linton village college (LVC) has qualified for the regional final of the Further Mathematics Network Year 10 team challenge to be held at Cambridge University in May.

Kieran Glasssmith, Katie Howard, Alice Merryweather and Sophie Mitchell came second out of 15 teams in the southern Cambridgeshire regional heats, which took place at Linton village college on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

LVC was narrowly beaten to first place by Perse School for Boys but both schools go through to the regional final.

Contestants had to solve a number of complex mathematical problems, including some rapid countdown challenges, using teamwork to reach the answers as quickly as possible. 'This is a tremendous achievement by a truly talented group of students,' said maths teacher Will Scheilling.

The final will take place at Cambridge University's centre for mathematical sciences on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

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LVC maths team proudly show off their certificates

Photo by Tony Kelly

## Unsure of disabled childcare options?

THE Cambridgeshire county council Disabled Children's Access to Childcare project is aimed at supporting parents/carers of disabled children in accessing suitable childcare; allowing them the chance of returning to employment and or training. It is part of the Cambridgeshire Childcare Information Service (CIS).

The aim of DCATCH is to highlight that "a child with a disability and his/her family should have access to the full range of childcare options that are open to other families" (Sure Start, 2005).

"A lack of information about the childcare services which are available, and confusion about the quality

and potential benefits of using childcare, continue to create barriers for some parents". (Department for children, schools and families, December 2009).

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding our principles; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service.

Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable

childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required.

The DCATCH project provides a service to families, which is free of charge and completely impartial.

If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or send an email to [denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk](mailto:denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk). Alternatively check our website [www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk](http://www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk) and click on the DCATCH link.

Denis Green

## New drama classes have started

DRAMAWISE are opening up a new one hour class for 4-6year olds where they will learn social mixing and to be a member of the team.

There will be movement, singing and drama, learning poetry and mime and how to communicate easily.

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have a concert at the end of each term so that parents can see their progress. This

new class will take place at the Free church, Sawston on Fridays from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. There are just one or two places in other age group classes 7yrs-18yrs.

Our older students will be presenting a new musical based on the story of Tom Sawyer at the Junction Theatre in Cambridge. You can see the standard of our 11yrs-13yrs students at the Sawston drama festival on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March, when they present their festival play "Mission Impossible".

If you would like more information, please phone Frances on 832288 or email [frances.wyse@btinternet.com](mailto:frances.wyse@btinternet.com).

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## In your own time .....

RICHARD Read says that the two most important interests in his life, railways and art, started from an early age.

At prep school the pupils could see the ex LNER main line from King's Cross to Edinburgh from their top floor classroom window. The class bought a pair of binoculars to assist with names and number recognition. Richard preferred the London, Midland & Scottish line from Euston, as it had associations with holidays at his grandmother's house in Cheshire. Their train usually had a rebuilt Royal Scot class engine at the head.

One day, when Richard was in his late 30s, he was asked to organise and run a railway conference for 250 delegates at UMIST, Manchester (near to his home in Cheshire). This proved a great success and was held in association with the Great Railway Exposition to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Liverpool Road station, the oldest surviving passenger station in the world. Much lobbying of GMC (Greater Manchester Council) helped prevent the area being redeveloped and allowed the exposition to take place with GMC's backing. This led to the site becoming the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry.

Latterly, he has been privileged to be a member of the A1 Locomotive Trust, which has uniquely achieved the building of an exact working



Richard putting the finishing touches to his latest painting

Photo by Georgina Page

replica of the last class to be produced by LNER prior to nationalisation in 1948.

With the looming prospect of diesels and electrification, all 48 were withdrawn quickly in the 1960s. Richard said: "Our new A1 is called Tornado and was constructed in Britain apart from the boiler, which came from Meiningen in Germany. Tornado has been well publicised on TV and in the press. Her base was established in Darlington in 1991."

Richard's interest in art includes painting in all mediums, as well as drawing. He

has enjoyed diverse scenery such as the industrial north and Mediterranean landscapes, especially Tuscany and southern France. Richard said: "There have been entertaining moments; I was drawing on a quiet Sunday morning in a British Waterways yard, sitting on a cold steel RSJ, when I heard footsteps that stopped just behind me. Not a word passed until the man turned to go saying: "You'll get piles if you sit there much longer".

"On another occasion in one village near Avignon, I was drawing in the square early in the morning. A cyclist

stopped in front of me and commissioned me to paint his house. I agreed and duly arrived after lunch. I climbed the steps to the patio by his front door, where he was sitting with a bottle of pastis and two glasses. After an hour drinking in the hot sun, he explained what he wanted. It took me a few of hours to do the painting, which I showed him the following day. Sitting at his usual table, he insisted I join him for pastis in the hot sun. I eventually negotiated a price, which helped me pay for my holiday in the south of France."

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## 'Digging' for the past

ON the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011, the Year 5 pupils at Linton Heights spent an exciting morning identifying Victorian artefacts. The time flew by very quickly and, by the end, the children were bursting with evidence on how Victorian people had lived many years ago. The activity took place in the school hall, where a giant grid had been set up. In each of the squares the children could 'dig up' a Victorian artefact.

The children were then set the challenge of choosing an artefact and studying its uses and features.

"I really enjoyed watching the children so engrossed in their activity," said Mrs. Smelik, the Class 5 teacher who organised the event. "It was really excellent!" Deanna Hawkins exclaimed: "Everyone enjoyed it."

It wasn't only history the children enjoyed; maths and literacy were involved too.

Coordinates were part of activity; the children had to create a bird's eye view of the grid in order to pinpoint the square where the artifact was 'discovered'. Next, they had to write the coordinates in which they found the object. To include literacy, the pupils had to write a first class description of the chosen object. The butter pats, for example, which were made of wood and used to shape butter.

"I enjoyed this very much

and hope it will happen to the next Year 5 pupils," Gemma Whiffen said with a grin that lit up her face. Lots of faces were alight with excitement as the pupils worked their way through the morning.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience being archaeologists for a day.

Blakeney Clark and Dorothy King Pupils in Year 5 at Linton Heights



## Chef's corner

### Mixed fish pie

Serves 4

#### Ingredients

- 400g skinless white fish fillet
- 400g skinless smoked haddock fillet
- 200g peeled cooked prawns.
- 600ml full-fat milk
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 4 cloves
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 eggs
- small bunch parsley, leaves only, chopped
- 100g butter
- 50g plain flour
- pinch freshly grated nutmeg
- 1kg floury potato, peeled and cut into even-sized chunks
- 50g Cheddar grated

POACH the fish. Put the fish in a frying pan and pour over 500ml of the milk. Stud each onion quarter with a clove, then add to the milk, with the bay leaves. Bring the milk just to the boil - you will see a few small bubbles. Reduce the heat and simmer for 8 mins. Lift the fish onto a plate and strain the milk into a jug to cool. Flake the fish into large pieces in the baking dish. Scatter over the chopped parsley and prawns.

Make the sauce. Melt half the butter in a pan, stir in the flour and cook for 1 min over moderate heat. Take off the heat, pour in a little of the cold poaching milk, then stir until blended. Continue to add the milk gradually, mixing well until you have a smooth sauce. Return to the heat, bring to the boil and cook for 5 mins, stirring continually, until it coats the back of a spoon. Remove from the heat, season with salt, pepper and nutmeg, then pour over the fish.

Assemble and bake. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Boil the potatoes for 20 mins. Drain, season and mash with the remaining butter and milk. Use to top the pie, starting at the edge of the dish and working your way in - push the mash right to the edges to seal. Fluff the top with a fork, sprinkle with cheese, then bake for 30 mins. Make up to a day ahead, chill, then bake for 40 mins.

## Anyone for cake?

AFTER receiving so many compliments on her cakes, a Hadstock mum has decided to set up in business making homemade cakes to order.

Many Linton mums will know Isabel Fish's cakes from Music Matters, where Isabel provides different cakes each week during the refreshment time. "I have always loved baking and enjoy the creative side, looking at different flavour combinations and tempting people into trying something new" says Isabel. "A lot of people don't want to buy supermarket cakes but simply don't

have the time to cook a cake themselves. I can provide a real homebaked cake made with fresh quality ingredients and local eggs. You can even pretend you made it yourself!"

Isabel's menu also offers an extra special 'cake of the month', to take advantage of seasonal produce, can also provide cakes to local companies for a team treat on a regular or ad hoc basis.

For more information, please ring Isabel on 890924 or check out the website [www.isabelscakes.co.uk](http://www.isabelscakes.co.uk)

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# Open days at Spains Hall

SPAINS Hall Estate will be holding a series of open days this spring to which everyone in Linton is invited, check the website [www.spainshall.co.uk](http://www.spainshall.co.uk) for more details.

"We have built up a great reputation as a first-class wedding venue" said Archie Ruggles-Brise, son of Sir Timothy Ruggles-Brise Bt and resident of the High Street "but that is only part of what we offer at Spains. The historic Elizabethan hall was meticulously restored last year to compliment the stunning conversion of the Stables complex in 2006, which means that we can cater for 30 or 130".

And not just weddings, guests can use one or all of the rooms and facilities at Spains Hall, making it ideal for smaller gatherings. The team is also keen to bring the venue to the attention of local businesses that may be looking for a corporate venue, entertainment or top class meeting location.



The likes of Mick Jagger and Marianne Faithful can vouch for the hospitality at Spains Hall. Needless to say, visiting yourself is the only way to appreciate this

unique venue.

For further information please contact Annette Stockwell or Archie Ruggles-Brise on 01371 811596.

Sam Ruggles-Brise

**Spains Hall looks beautiful in the sunshine**

Photo by Sam Ruggles-Brise

## LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Ian Storey

photo by Maureen Williams



LINTON must have nearly 5,000 people in the village by now, which will no doubt be confirmed after the next census, but it is interesting that I always seem to see the same people wherever I go.

I don't know how many dog owners there are in the village either, but I must have exchanged pleasantries with just about everyone now. I often wonder if I didn't have any dogs, would I actually walk around the village as much as I do, or go off in random directions on the footpaths and bridleways



that dissect the countryside.

A few years ago I invested in a booklet called 'Linton Walks' which if anyone is not familiar with it was put together by a team of local volunteers, including illustrations by Maureen Williams and gives detailed instructions on thirteen walks around or from the village. One of my favourite views is from the top of Rivey Hill looking down onto the village. The bridleway leading up from the telephone exchange is a popular route for ramblers, joggers, cyclists and just about anyone who likes to get out in the country, even skiers and snowboarders during the snow.

But now, if the weather allows, is an ideal time to explore the countryside in all its glory. From March to April, the bluebells appear in abundance and the creepy woods suddenly become a much more welcoming place.

When the ground is a little firmer, a favourite haunt is walking through Borley Wood where I have never failed to spot a deer or at least a muntjac, but there is an amazing variety of creatures living in there, which is hardly surprising as I have rarely seen anyone else on this trail. It can be a bit muddy though, so maybe I shouldn't be too surprised.

Some of these pathways will be too overgrown in a few months time and become impassable, so if you have a spare couple of hours, why not try one of these walks, you'll never know what you are missing.

# Help from Chilford

CHILFORD Hall vineyard and conference centre in Linton is pleased to announce that staff and guests raised £676.94 for national charity Help for Heroes over the Christmas and January event season.

Every year Chilford Hall hosts a New Year celebration evening and several themed Christmas parties, which are attended by hundreds of local people, groups and businesses from around the region during December and January. Guests are given the opportunity to make voluntary donations to charity on the night.

After hearing about the vital work which Help for Heroes undertakes to support wounded troops and their families, the staff gathered their collecting buckets to help raise as much as possible.

Leah Mejias, sales coordinator at Chilford Hall, says, "We would like to thank all our guests who so generously contributed to Help for Heroes this year, supporting the forces and making a difference to people's lives."

Robert Altham, Cambridgeshire coordinator at Help for Heroes, says, "We are enormously appreciative of the willingness of the local community to continue donating to Help for Heroes."

Members of the armed forces see the growth of Help for Heroes as a measure of public support for them and their service to the country, and helps to keep their morale up when they are in frightening and dangerous circumstances."

Laura Hazell  
PR Director



Robert Altham, Cambridgeshire coordinator at Help for Heroes accepts a cheque from Leah Mejias, sales coordinator at Chilford Hall.

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# The honey pot inside the chimney pot

IT was when I was stung last May that I realized what I had thought were wasps flying round the chimney and occasionally landing in the fireplace, were actually bees.

Local beekeeper Graham Potter (the Linton News technical guru) checked them out and confirmed I had a colony of honey bees living in the chimney. He advised leaving them until early the following year when they should have consumed most of their honey.

Although I closed up the sides of the gas fire to prevent any shafts of light from attracting the insects into the lounge, I helped the escapee bees out of the window throughout the summer and autumn.

In case the bees had blocked the chimney I bought a carbon monoxide alarm before turning the fire on again. Graham assured me the bees would appreciate a little warmth during those cold November evenings and suggested the end of January would be a good time for him to take them.

There are so many useful contacts advertising in the Linton News and I was very pleased to find Andrew Gilling of A J Pest Control living nearby. He willingly climbed up to the chimney, took a picture of the inactive bees in the cold January weather and agreed to move them on when the gas fire was disconnected.

Protected by a hood and boiler suit Geoff Norby dealt with the fire, avoiding the few emerging bees. The next day Andrew was back on the roof taking pictures before safely collecting the bees from inside the chimney stack while Graham waited below. It was all over in an hour and the chimney sweep brushed through the chimney later that morning.

It was an interesting experience but not, I hope, one to be repeated.

Kate France



Above: The honey bees nesting in Kate's chimney

Photo by Andrew Gilling

Below: Andrew examining the nest before collecting the bees and taking them to safety

Photo by Roger Lapwood



## Cricket champions

THE LVC under-13 girls' cricket team continued their winning streak by clinching the Lady Taverners indoor championship at Cambridge regional college on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The team, captained by Becca Free, also won the under-12 Cambridgeshire county championship at Fenners last summer.

The Lady Taverners event involved four fast-paced 20:20 style matches against Melbourn village college, St Bede's school, Manor community college and Perse school for girls. LVC started well with a 16-run victory over Melbourn, helped by some tight bowling by Amie Perry. In their second match against St Bede's, the girls ran up a total of 90 runs including a top score of 30 from Leanne Cox, which they defended thanks to fine catches from Katie Lowe and Becca Free.

Victory over Manor was followed by a difficult run chase against Perse Girls. In the end, LVC fell just short of the required total of 77 but their performances over the day ensured that they won the title on runs scored.

"These girls have been a pleasure to teach," said John Maddock, head of PE at LVC. "Most of them had not played cricket before last year but they are getting stronger all the time. I hope that some of them go on to play for their local village clubs. Thanks are due to the Cambridgeshire cricket association, the South Cambridgeshire school sports partnership and coach Rob Benson for their support." The LVC team will now represent Cambridgeshire in the East of England regional finals on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Tony Kelly

## Rotary raising hope



DID you know that the Haverhill and district Rotary Club raises and distributes over £5,000 every year to various good causes?

Local support in recent years has gone to children's and youth activities, music groups, scouts, volunteer centres as well as St. Nicholas and East Anglian children's hospices.

As part of Rotary International, we have also contributed to the worldwide polio eradication programme, donated funds to water,

medical and educational projects in Africa and funded shelter boxes for immediate disaster relief in Haiti and elsewhere.

We are actively seeking new members. Would you like to find out more about the activities of the Haverhill and district Rotary Club?

Would you like to have some fun and fellowship whilst at the same time raising money for good causes?

If so, please visit our website at [www.haverhill-rotaryuk.org.uk](http://www.haverhill-rotaryuk.org.uk) or call Tony on 01440 764811 (daytime, Monday – Friday).

Tony Bayley

## Easter cards

ST MARY'S church has recently been surveyed to give us an idea of the repairs needed in the next five years. The last five years cost nearly £100,000 to which the Friends of St Mary's contributed £80,000. The next few years look like needing some £50,000 – much still to be done!

One of the Friends' fund-raising activities is a stall with cards, cook books, calendars, aprons, tea towels, mugs and a variety of small items. Each year we try and produce new ideas and different cards.

This Easter we will have some simple Easter cards that are blank inside for your own messages. The flower designs are by Lian Watkin and the photographs by Alan Clarkson.

Our cards are 50p each, or £2.50 for 5. All cards are supplied with an envelope.

Every purchase will help towards topping up our funds. Cards are always available from Monica Clarkson (892988).

Alan Clarkson



Team: Becca Free, Leanne Cox, Connie Hall, Caitlin Hawley, Robyn Jackson, Katie Lowe, Charlotte Murphy, Georgia Parr, Amie Perry, Lauren Scotton.

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## The Way We Were by Garth Collard

ON Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, Linton village college converted to academy status. We were one of two secondary schools in Cambridgeshire to do so (Comberton village college was the other) and our early adoption of the status is a consequence of the fact that the Secretary of State for Education invited only outstanding schools to take this opportunity in the first round of conversions.

The opportunity to convert has now been offered to other schools and we envisage that a large number of secondaries in South Cambridgeshire will take it.

Our conversion follows extensive consultation with staff, parents, the student council and representatives of trade union and professional associations. The Governors did not take this decision lightly. They did, however, conclude that it was in the interests of our students and our local community to convert. Academy status means that we now receive our funding directly from central government and can then make decisions about which services to buy into.

We can look for best value and services that are tailored to our specific needs. As a foundation school we already did that to some extent: we purchased grounds maintenance and admissions

management from the local authority, for example. But now the amount of flexibility has increased. Another attractive feature of academy status is the flexibility we now have around delivering the national curriculum. There may be aspects of the curriculum changes presented in the recent white paper, for example, that we do not wish to pursue. As an academy we have the freedom to decide what is best for our learners. It's a freedom that independent schools have always enjoyed.

However, in real terms and as far as our students and parents are concerned, little will perceptibly change: our name remains 'Linton village college' and our values and ambitions go unaltered.

We still seek to provide the best possible education that we can for our students and to serve the needs of our community in the way that our founder, Henry Morris, intended.

Additionally, we are pledged to support another school in its development now that we are an academy, so the status will enable us to further our supportive partnership with Taverham school in Norfolk as it continues to make its own leaps forward.

Caroline Derbyshire  
Principal

BORLEY Wood is the large wood which can be clearly seen from the Balsham Road or the dual carriage way section of the A1307. It is an ancient woodland and an important part of the local landscape. Few people realise this wood is now in danger because of the Coalition's latest proposal to close the Forestry Commission. The name Borley Wood comes from the Old English name meaning the wood on the hill.

The Domesday book in 1086 stated that Linton parish contained much woodland. The Hundred Rolls of 1279 provided more detailed information about each parish and Linton had a wood called Short Wode of about 30 acres and Borley Wood of around 100 acres. From 1577 both woods using the single name of Borley Wood were owned by the lords of the manor of Barham.

The woods provided ample game as well as timber for housing and bark for the tanning industry. Income from the woodland provided a quarter of the revenue of the manor.

In the 19th century the demand for timber was enormous after the industrial revolution and owners continued to decimate local woodlands and failed to invest in the replanting. This period of privately owned woodland provides a worrying precedent when one hears that the Forestry Commission is to be privatised.

In Linton, in 1807, Pembroke college inherited the whole of Barham Manor, including the woods. The college was one of the poorest and ruthlessly exploited the manorial estate. Hundreds of trees were felled annually including large numbers of oaks, ash, elm, beech, sycamore, poplars and larch and underwood used



Photograph from 1912, Linton hurdle makers

Supplied by Garth Collard

for thatching, fencing and hurdle making. The 1912 photograph shows Linton men including members of the Cottage family who lived in Horseheath Road who were the leading hurdle makers in the parish.

As the area of woodland declined so did the annual income from wood sales. In 1807 wood sales produced £170 per year but by 1882 only £135. In the 20th century the process of felling timber for a quick profit continued but by 1914 only £16 was raised.

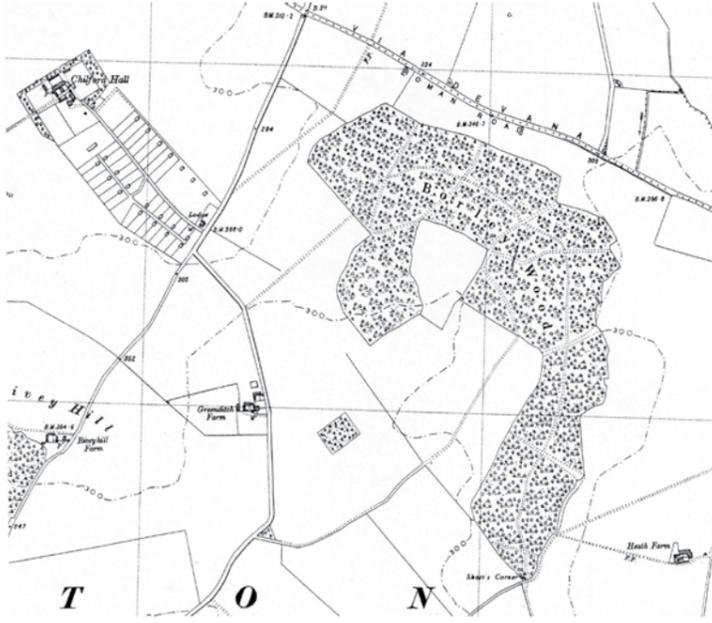
Over 150 years ago there was a large 100 acre wood called Linton Wood. It was located just beyond the Linton Zoo site and there is still a footpath up the scarp to the ridge at Catley Park. The track went through the wood which had all but disappeared by 1900 due to ruthless attempts by the Linton manorial lords, the Keenes, to maximise income. The two World Wars further increased the demand for timber and even the soft woods were felled.

Pembroke college received a report in the 1930s that Borley Wood was exhausted and only a programme of extensive replanting would enable any further timber to be felled. The college dithered for some time since it could not afford the costs involved. The only way forward was to find a buyer who would replant the wood and limit the extent of tree felling. In the end the wood was sold to the Forestry Commission in 1955 for 3s 6d an acre. The Commission were given a 149-year lease and pledged to replant the wood at a cost of over £10,000. By 1971 two thirds of the wood had been replanted.

There is a rumour that woodland might be sold to interested local authorities or local trusts – a clear indication here that local environmentalists could join up with councils to manage local woodland and keep more aggressive individual purchasers from destroying a wonderful environment. Another possibility is that the whole wood might be listed as an area of ancient woodland which could not be sold off. Ancient woodland status would protect Borley Wood in the same way as listed building status protects old houses.

The map shows Borley Wood as it was taken from a sales catalogue in 1886 found in Pembroke college library.

**NB: On hearing of this article and fearing the Linton News, the Coalition immediately back tracked on their decision to sell the forests.**



Aerial map of Linton's Borley Wood

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- S/2135/10 Andrew and Lucy Stebbing, 1 Rivey Way, Linton. Extension to existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.
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# Parish Council Matters

## An introduction

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

HELLO, my name is Jacqueline Wilson. I joined the parish council last year following the success of the Save Linton campaign, which fought off Enertrag's wind farm plans. The experience showed me just what a strong community we enjoy here and how, when needs must, we can pull together for the benefit of all residents.

It also made me realise just how much I enjoy helping my community. Linton is a wonderful place to call home and I am keen to play my part in ensuring it has a prosperous future.

Having lived in the village for 35 years, some readers may already know me, but some may not, so here's a brief history. I have lived in various locations around Linton but have been in Joiners Road for the past 24 years. I am married to Ian and have a daughter, Charlotte, and a lovely Jack Russell, Basil. My elderly mother and aunt also live just up the road.

I was scheme manager at Chalklands and Flaxfields for 10 years. The changes at Flaxfields, which has now been redeveloped as Nichols Court, have benefited many local residents, with the

introduction of extra sheltered places giving vulnerable or disabled residents the opportunity to live as independently as possible in their own homes.

I now work at Addenbrooke's Hospital in the discharge planning service at A&E.

As a local parish councillor I promise to do my best to represent all residents and to help build a strong, vibrant community. But having spent most of my career in the care industry, I am particularly keen to champion the needs of the elderly. We are an ageing population and ensuring our older residents are well cared for, and can access the services they need to help them live independent lives, will become increasingly important in the years to come.

As a councillor I am keen to hear from you and be your voice on the council. Please feel free to contact me on 893477 or email wilsonatlinton@aol.com

Cllr Jacque Wilson

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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
 All meetings held at the Cathodeon centre following the public forum commencing at 8pm

## Theft of heating oil

YOU may have heard on the news recently about the rising number of thefts of heating oil from gardens. With the increasing cost of fuel, heating oil stored in tanks in residents' back gardens has become an easy target for opportunist thieves who are going to great lengths to siphon oil in ever increasing quantities.

Please keep an eye out for any suspicious activity in your street and report any bizarre behaviour to the police. If you have a storage tank, you may also wish to ensure it is secure. Together we can clamp down on these mindless criminals who deprive their victims of vital heating.

Cllr Jacque Wilson

## Dogs off leads

I HAVE received several reports from concerned residents about the number of dogs seen in the village without leads and some even spotted wandering the streets with no owner in sight. Many people may believe they can control their dogs while they are not on a lead, but it's important to remember that some find dogs quite intimidating and the sight of Rover rushing towards them can be terrifying, even if you

know your beloved pet is more likely to lick a stranger to death than growl or bark at them.

The parish council recently agreed to order signs which will be erected at all five entrances to the recreation ground, reminding dog owners to keep their pets under close control at all times. Please play your part by helping to create a safe play space that everyone can enjoy.

Cllr Jacque Wilson

## Parish councillor vacancies

THERE are vacancies on the parish council for two councillors.

If you are interested in being co-opted (no election necessary) on to the parish council please contact the clerk, as shown in box above.

## Are you ready for the digital switchover?

MANY of you will have seen adverts about the switchover from analogue to digital television. Signs have even been put up in the village as a timely reminder. The analogue signal currently beamed to our televisions from a transmitter near Sandy will be switched off in two stages, starting at the end of March. But don't panic: you do not need a new TV – almost any set can be converted using a set top box.

If you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky or freesat on all of your TV sets you will not be affected. If you currently get more than five channels on your TV you are probably already set up to receive digital TV.

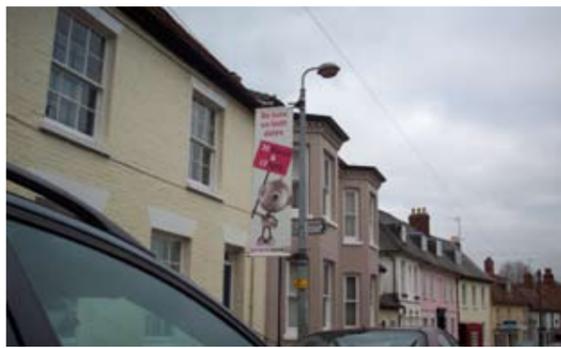
But if you haven't yet got digital TV in your home or you have a service such as Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV, there are two dates you will need to remember.

BBC two will switch to digital and some new digital channels will become available on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This means that if you haven't switched, you'll lose BBC two and if you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment.

All the remaining analogue channels will switch to digital on 13<sup>th</sup> April and the remaining digital channels will become available. This means that if you haven't switched, your screen will go blank. If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you'll need to re-tune your equipment again.

The analogue transmission from Sudbury will be switched off on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Despite all the adverts on television, radio and in newspapers,



Signage in the High Street



Pictures by Charlotte Wilson  
 the switchover is still causing confusion for some. But help is at hand. If you are eligible, the switchover help scheme can arrange for an approved installer to supply and fit everything you'll need.

The scheme has been set up to help: those over the age of 75; anyone who has lived in a care home for more than six months; those who receive disability living allowance, attendance or constant attendance allowance or mobility supplement; and registered blind or partially-sighted people.

Call 0800 40 85 900 or go to www.helpscheme.co.uk for more information.

Other residents with any questions can go to www.digitaluk.co.uk or phone 08456 50 50 50.

With all the changes and confusion, it's also important to watch out for rogue traders, who may take this opportunity to mislead residents about the equipment they will need to receive a digital signal. The Registered Digital Installers Licensing Body (RDI-LB) is the only official body to register licensed digital aerial and TV systems installers. You can check to see if any trader is registered with them by going to www.rdi-lb.tv or phone 01353 644040.

Also remember that no-one from Digital UK, which is overseeing the switchover, will call at your home without a prior appointment. Remember, don't have any equipment installed by someone who calls uninvited or who cannot produce proper identification.

Cllr Jacque Wilson

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# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, J Linsdell, B Manley, G Potter and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were in attendance together with four members of the public.

**Public forum:** A resident of Tower View thanked Cllr Champion and the parish council for their help and advice relating to ongoing anti-social behaviour in Tower View. Cllr Champion confirmed that he had spoken with the ombudsman who had explained the complaints procedure. Cllr Batchelor reported he had that day passed all paperwork to the chief executive officer at South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) resulting in the complaints process being started.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Hunt, Wilson and Mannassi.

**Disclosure of interest:** Cllr Dew disclosed a personal and prejudicial interest under the Nichols Court item as the owner of a property bordering the site.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January:** The clerk confirmed that safety fencing had been erected around the skateramp on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Consideration and agreement of precept request:** The draft precept had been increased by 5% to allow for extra responsibilities which were likely to be delegated to the parish council due to budget cuts in the county council. This could include some street maintenance and grass cutting. Cllr Gee proposed that the draft precept of £145,604 be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

**Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues:** Cllr Champion, referring to parking outside the Co-op, clarified that double yellow lines meant no parking at any time.

**Report from the county councillor:** Cllr Batchelor reported that budget cuts and redundancies were looming. Locally the entire bus subsidy budget of £2.7m would be cut. This would result in only the number 13 service on the A1307 operating, isolating 11 villages. All other services would be lost.

It was also inevitable that the highway network would deteriorate. Cllr Gee reported that potholes were not being properly repaired citing those in Bartlow Road as one example. Cllr Batchelor was asked the cost of repair per pothole.

**Reports from the district councillors:** Cllr Bear reported that a street sign for Green Lane had been ordered and permission for it to be erected on the boundary wall of 100 High Street had been received. The question of why the current one on the Co-op side could not be removed and relocated was asked.

Regarding SCDC's position on Dog Control Orders (DCOs), item deferred from meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January, Cllr Bear confirmed that the parish council could issue DCOs but these would have to be policed by a suitably trained and authorised person or a PCSO. However the process was onerous and careful wording of signs should be relevant to DCOs otherwise it could invalidate any case.

Discussion took place regarding the response received from SCDC regarding Nichols Court, and deferred from meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Batchelor was asked to investigate why Sanctuary had refused to meet with the parish council. He responded that only the local management of Sanctuary had refused to meet. Cllr Batchelor was asked to investigate if the footpath behind the houses on Back Road was part of the planning application.

Cllr Bald reported that following the recent parish planning forum meeting the housing officers and planning committee had agreed to make a site visit in March.

**Consideration of tenders and awarding of grass maintenance contract(s) 2011-2014:** Cllr Hickford proposed that CGM Ltd be awarded the two village maintenance contracts. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

No decision was made regarding the contract for the cemetery. There was a large variation of price in the tenders received. It was agreed to simplify the specification and to ask all those tendering to clarify exactly what they had included in their quotation.

**Consideration of response to Linton Action for Youth:** Cllr Hickford stated that, in his opinion, the parish council had been duped and misled; this was a very serious matter and had to be resolved. Cllr Hickford proposed that, due to the enormity of the task and the importance of the matter, an independent inquiry be carried out, and Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC) be contacted to see if they would carry out the inquiry. If they were unable, then another organisation would be sourced. The Charity Commission may be contacted depending upon the result of the inquiry. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

**Youth provision services:** A request from the locality team for a pro rata contribution for the provision of youth services following budget cuts had been deferred from meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> January. Discussion took place and concerns still remained. Currently the youth service hired the premises at the village college free of charge. However it was possible that when the college received academy status a charge may be made. It was also unclear if the college would continue to use the locality staffing. It was agreed to contact the college for clarification. It was agreed that the locality team be contacted regarding setting up a partnership with the parish council. Advice would also be sought from CPALC.

**Correspondence received and for discussion:** A resident's request for a grit bin in the vicinity of Parsonage Way was added to the wish list, which would be decided at a future meeting.

On the Linton Granta Football Club request Cllr Linsdell proposed that permission be granted to site a memorial bench on the recreation ground in memory of Barry Brewer. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting. Resolved. Clarification of where it would be sited was required.

Mr V Harris had requested permission to use the recreation ground for his annual funfair. Cllr Bald proposed that permission be given to Mr Harris to hold a funfair on the recreation ground from 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May inclusive at a cost of £110. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Gee and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

**Written reports from council representatives:** Cllr Hunt had issued a village hall report which detailed a 5% increase in hire fees.

**Reports from councillors (for information only):** The clerk confirmed that the lease of the proposed children's centre had been signed and returned.

Cllr Bald reported that hedge planting and ground preparation around the fire station had been carried out. Suggestions were required for the area adjacent to the path behind the fire station leading to Parsonage Way. This area was unsuitable for planting but could be a suitable location for a bench.

Cllr Bald would ask the community payback team to draw up plans and ideas for various locations in the village which were in need of improvement.

Cllr Cox reported that following a meeting with the rector and the diocese it had been agreed to erect a boundary fence between Church Cottage and the Rectory. It had also been suggested that part of the Rectory garden be given to the parochial church council for a wildlife area. Additionally it was proposed that a ramp to access the church pavilion be erected through the gap in the flint wall on Church Lane.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Mrs S Dew, M Gee, R Hickford, Ms M Mannassi, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was in attendance together with five members of the public.

**Public forum:** Two village residents raised concerns in respect of the library service review and its implications on the future of Linton library. The construction of a children's centre on the site had been expected to safeguard the future of the library. A

trustee of the Cathodeon centre would be invited to attend the next meeting and all neighbouring parishes which used the library would be contacted.

**Apologies for absence** were received from councillors Hunt, Potter, Cox, Manley and Linsdell.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Cllr Champion reported that the letter of complaint from the resident of Tower View had been acknowledged by South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) and a response would be available in 10 days.

Cllr Batchelor had provided the following information regarding potholes. There was no standard cost for repair it depended on the size of the hole. Costs were calculated on the basis of £55 per square metre. If it was an emergency, usually called in by the police, an additional call out charge was made being daytime and Saturday £77, night call £129 and Sunday/bank holiday £155.

It was agreed to write to Sanctuary Hereward, with a copy to SCDC, stating that the parish council was disenchanted with the response received and their refusal to meet with council. Cllr Batchelor had indicated that Sanctuary would be willing to meet with council. A meeting would be requested.

**Reports from co-ordinators:** Open spaces and environment: Cllr Bald reported that there had been no response from the youth group who had offered to help plant hedging around the fire station therefore she and Mrs Anderson, village tree warden, would be starting work there on the following weekend.

**Cemetery:** Cllr Gee reported that a memorial bench had been installed but several other items in the vicinity should be removed. Cllr Bald requested that letters be sent out to those plot holders who were in breach of cemetery rules.

**Venture playground:** The clerk reported that an order had been placed with Wicksteed Leisure to replace the swings which had been taken out of use in December. Cllr Bald reported that despite erecting security fencing the skateramp was still being used.

**Churchyard:** The clerk reported that the planning application submitted in July to rebuild and repair the churchyard wall had at long last been processed by the district council.

A1307, traffic and recreation ground parking: Cllr Hickford called a recreation ground parking meeting for 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February at The Crown. Councillors Cornell and Hickford were due to attend a meeting in Haverhill on 4<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the A1307.

Allotments: A meeting of the working party was due to take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February in the upstairs meeting room at the village hall.

**Correspondence received for discussion and decision:** The Royal British Legion had mailed news of their Great Poppy Weekend on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that this date coincided with St Mary's Flower Festival. It was agreed to contact the church and ask if they would be willing to incorporate an event to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the British Legion. The parish council would be willing to contribute financially to this.

Linton Junior Cricket Club had sent clarification regarding the request for a donation. This item was passed to the finance committee for a recommendation.

A resident's request for a grit bin in Tower View was added to the wish list for consideration at a future meeting. Further discussion regarding grit bins took place. It was expected that the county council would be cutting back on the filling of grit bins and it maybe that the parish council would need to procure its own supply of grit. Cllr Bald reported that there appeared to be a surplus of grit bins in The Grove, Back Road and Crabtree Croft and suggested that maybe one of these could be relocated.

**Reports from councillors (for information only):** The chair reported on the death of Jack Tofts, a former village custodian, and sent condolences to his family.

Cllr Hickford reported that no response had been received from SCDC regarding council's concerns on the traffic situation in respect of the wind farm.

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

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