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Aliens and spacemen land in Linton in a spectacular burst of stars

Behind the scenes at the fireworks

At 7am on the 9th of November, an icy Saturday morning, Andrew Clark, chair of the Linton fireworks committee, met the Camgrain team on the Camping Close to set up the Linton firework display. Using Camgrain's low loader they started by erecting a bridge across the river. Together with about 20 volunteers who arrived at 8am, the Camgrain team continued to work on site until they finally took up the bridge.

The volunteers put up the gazebos, erected fencing and the entrance gate, installed lighting, built the bonfire and installed the public address system (the second most expensive item after the fireworks).

Delivered by Essex Pyrotechnics in the morning, the fireworks were quickly covered to protect them from the falling rain which didn't clear until about 4pm. Behind schedule, and as the light was fading, the firework display was set up.

As soon as the display was finished the volunteers started clearing the site, taking down gazebos, electrics, fencing and the entrance gate and removing the firework debris which had to be safely destroyed. Fortunately Essex Pyrotechnics had remained on site on Saturday so they were able to load the debris and their stands onto the lorry. In addition to taking up the bridge, the bonfire was safely doused with the use of Camgrain's big bowser, a hose and pump.

It was all over in a day: magic.

Kate France and Andrew Clark



Invasion: the Tardis arrives in Linton with Dr Who and the guys.

Picture by Josephine Paterson



..... and off they went

The bonfire night, had a sci-fi theme. A special guest arrived in the Tardis: yes of course it was Dr Who (played by Jamie Wilson from the Heights).

Fabulous guys were dressed up as spacemen and aliens and seemed far too wonderful to burn – they each deserved a prize for best guy. However there could only be one winner and that was a red Dalek made by the Fish and Walsh families.

The fire was lit and the fantastically themed aerial *Space* display, with amazing shapes and star bursts, began to a soundtrack from sci-fi movies.

Andrew gave special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to set up and take down the scene or helped on gates and car parking duties, those who valiantly served food and drinks and to everyone who entered the guy competition – their efforts are all much appreciated.

Last but definitely not least we are grateful to Camgrain for their immense practical support as well as a generous £2,500 donation.

LNT and Andrew Clark

Dedicated firefighter is recognised for 30 years' service

ALAN Baker was presented with a long-service award at Linton Fire Station on 23rd October for completing 30 years of service as a firefighter at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's on-call station. He joined the service after moving to Linton in 1983 and has experienced many incidents and seen numerous changes since then.

When Alan joined it was all yellow plastic over trousers, heavy thick fire tunics and a helmet made of cork – a far cry from the fire fighting kit of today.

About his role as an on-call firefighter, he said: "What I like about the job is you just do not know what to expect. It is varied to the extreme. It might be an automatic fire alarm in a factory or it could be anything from a road traffic collision with persons trapped or a house fire."

"It is a great job that has become a serious hobby. We are a group of guys who have trades outside of the fire service which often benefits from these. The way I see it, there are no firefighters in Linton – but two electricians, one alarm engineer, one airport firefighter, one computer engineer, one shop



Award-winning Alan and trusty engine

Picture by Julian Edwards

assistant, one house husband, one night shift worker, one building contractor and one architectural technician, all of whom attended 87 calls last year to help keep their community safe."

Alan fits his on-call fire fighting around his architectural work and home life and said his friends and partner, Heather, are incredibly flexible.

Alan doesn't intend to hang up his fire boots yet. He explained: "When my alerter goes off at some unearthly time of the night I still jump out of bed, pull on my jeans, slide my feet into a pair of trainers, grab a t-shirt and, as I run downstairs, check

that I have a sock in each pocket – no socks means blisters and you don't want that – and get to the fire station as soon as I can.

The 30 year award was presented to Alan by Area Commander Maurice Moore, who himself started his own career in Linton. Maurice added: "These days, it is exceptional for on-call firefighters to complete 30 years' service to the community. We commend Alan for his service and dedication to the people of his community."

Leanne Ehren, Media and Communication Officer
Cambridgeshire
Fire Service

Tree down in Horn Lane



Storm
damage in
Linton

Picture
by LNT

A LARGE beech tree by Horn Lane bridge was blown down by the winds which swept through Linton during the early part of the morning of 30th October.

To avoid any problems the men from the Environmental Agency were on the spot the next day to deal with the damaged tree as well as one belonging to Dr Bertram further along the river.

LNT

Air Cadets lead the way to Linton war memorial

SQUADRON 2523 Linton Air Cadets led the parade to the War Memorial at Linton cemetery in the late afternoon of Sunday 10th November. This followed a Remembrance Day service at St Mary's Church.

The parish church was packed as people came to remember those who had lost their lives in the service of our nation. The service was led by Rev Dr Steve Griffiths, rector of Linton, and the preacher was Rev Duncan Keys, the Squadron Padre.

The sermon focused on the words of Jesus in John 15v13 *No-one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

At the war memorial the names of the war dead were read aloud and, as the sun was setting, silence was kept in their memory. Wreaths were laid by the Royal British Legion, the Fire Service, the Guides and the Air Cadets among others.

Sergeant Nathan Young said, "It was a fantastic turnout by the cadets who did themselves and the Squadron proud".

The ranks of the Linton Air Cadets have been swelled by the recent arrival of 11 new recruits, who joined in

early September. Anyone who wants to join this vibrant, growing band of cadets should contact Sgt. Young at training.2523@aircadets.org. The next opportunity to join will be in January 2014. You can find out more about Linton Air Cadets and find pictures of our recent activities at www.2523lintonatc.co.uk/

Rev Duncan Keys

Picture by
Tracey Wilson



Too good for jumble...

AN ALMOST new Panasonic breadmaker with instructions as well as a new pair of ladies green Matlan linen blend trousers size 16 are on offer this month. Also available are the Collins atlas, a pair of unworn ladies TU navy trousers size 16R, the Hewlett Packard Deskjet 930C printer with set up disk, a black plastic dustbin, two fireside chairs needing covers and the patio heater table model Hi-spot Minitac with refillable propane gas cylinder 19 in high.

The Sebo cleaner raised £20 for St Mary's church, the vacuum flask raised £5 for Christian Aid Syrian Crisis and the computer workstation was sold for £10 to benefit Wateraid as well as an older computer which made £20 for Cancer Research

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact Kate France on 891602 or email kfrance@profsoundconsult.com

NB: The donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

ACE and Age UK ask you to get ready for winter

AGE UK will again be offering free Energy Efficiency assessments and the installation of energy-saving measures to older people in this area. This will be funded through an award from EON to Age UK – well done to them for gaining this funding.

This help will be targeted to support those most in need, eg in receipt of a pension or benefits, on a low income, or having difficulty paying fuel bills. Perhaps you are aware of an older person whose house is poorly insulated or has inefficient heating – let us know, as Age UK may be able to help.

Please contact Mark Buckton on mark.

buckton@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk or 01354 696650. Mark will initially concentrate on supporting those most in need, but it is hoped that a further grant from the Department of Health will enable Age UK to support more older people.

This is another initiative from Age UK, who already work with ACE to provide a Community Warden to help older people live independently in their own homes – contact me to link to that support.

The next ACE event is at 12.30pm on 5th December and will be a festive buffet at the church pavilion.

Enid Smith, 891069



Advent gift of chocolate



AT Linton Infant school a popular activity during Advent, and a way to count down to Christmas, is by opening the doors of an Advent calendar.

This year, St Mary's has bought each class their own Real Advent Calendar, created by the Meaningful Chocolate Company. As the children open the doors the Christmas story will be revealed, plus they will find a Fairtrade chocolate behind each door.

We have also used an Advent calendar on the Church Lane notice board to help show how St Mary's will celebrate the Advent season and countdown to the birth of Jesus with various services and events. So if you're passing by, take a moment to see what's happening during this very special time.

Sue Filby, suef4rector@btinternet.com

Sharing your good fortune at Christingle

ST MARY'S will be hosting a Christingle service and Messy Christmas at 2.30pm on Sunday 8th December. The service is open to all, and with children in mind, is planned to promote and support the work of the Children's Society.

There will be craft activities which will include making a Christingle. In addition we will be celebrating and learning about the work of the Children's Society and how they use the funds raised to share God's love for everybody.

During the service a collection will be taken. If you are a family that has a Children's Society moneybox to help you collect all through the year, please bring this to the service.

New collectors will be very welcome and can take a box home with them to collect for Christingle next year.

This is always a very popular service and we look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's for the Christingle and hope that you will enjoy the service and also share some refreshments with us.

For more information please contact Sarah Thorne on 891952.

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Come to Linton's Christmas market



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The old market square in the High Street

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GEMMA Whiting at The Linton Kitchen has organised a Christmas Market from 10am until 3pm on 14th December to be held on the Old Market Square (the cobbled area very close to her café).

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Learn like an Egyptian

ON Wednesday 6th November, Year 3 pupils enjoyed Egyptian Day. We dressed up as pharaohs, Cleopatra, soldiers and slaves. We spent the morning learning about Ancient Egyptian writing and numbers. They used symbols called hieroglyphs rather than letters for writing and we practised using them to write our names.

In the afternoon both Year 3 classes were able to learn together. We wrote about the day for our special books. Here are some examples:

"My favourite part of Egyptian day was when I made the Egyptian god and when I dressed up. I liked it when we wrote in hieroglyphics." (Cassia)

"My favourite part of Egyptian day was dressing up as a soldier. I liked making pharaoh masks. I also liked playing an Egyptian game with my friends." (Alfie)

By Class 2, Year 3, Linton Heights Junior School

More space for activities at the Cathodeon Centre



Councillor Kevin Reynolds about to cut the cake

Picture by Roger Lapwood

ON Saturday 26th October we were delighted that the wind and rain held while we celebrated Linton Cathodeon centre as a community hub and officially opened the extension to the building.

The morning was buzzing with a number of different activities for the whole family to enjoy. It started with Rhymetime for babies and toddlers, followed by 20 lucky families participating in the workshop organised by the Library service with Marion Lindsay, a Cambridgeshire based illustrator.

The children produced some beautiful pieces of artwork, which are now displayed in their section of the library. Meanwhile Conkers Children's centre activity room was open to the under fives, while Chestnuts playgroup embraced the Halloween spirit and provided craft activities and cakes for everyone to relish.

A lot of the groups who use the centre on a regular basis were present: Slimming World, the Cornerstone Church, the

Bridge Club, Friends of Linton Library and Kumon Study Centre, whilst the Camera Club provided a photo display. Although not based at the Cathodeon Centre, Linton Bookfest also took part as they are in the process of organising their 2014 event.

The morning gave everyone a chance to showcase their work.

The celebrations concluded with Councillor Kevin Reynolds, Chairman of the County Council, making a speech and cutting the ribbon. He said: "This is a big day for Linton and I am delighted to be a part of it. The Cathodeon centre is one of the first community hubs in Cambridgeshire."

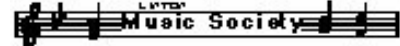
"The Cathodeon centre is a place where local authority services, voluntary groups and the private and independent sectors are all represented - all working together for the benefit of the community." Afterwards a celebration cake, made by local resident Liz Hunt, was enjoyed by everyone. Debby Jepps 893594

Prime Brass to perform in Linton



Top brass: let us entertain you

Picture supplied by Linton Music



CAMBRIDGE based brass ensemble Prime Brass is a ten-piece line-up of four trumpets, four trombones, horn and tuba which regularly performs in Ely Cathedral and King's College Chapel and which tours Europe. Classic FM have called them an exceptional brass ensemble.

Their next concert for Linton Music is at 7.30pm on Saturday 7th December in St Mary's church and has a very seasonal aspect to it. They will be playing some excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* plus Christmas favourites such as Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*. They will also play non-seasonal works by Beethoven, Britten and Gershwin, including a suite from his *Porgy and Bess*.

Tickets are available on the door or in advance from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, 893480 or from Saffron Walden Tourist Information Office (01799 524002 or 524003 or online www.saffrontickets.com).

For more information please contact lindabird@waitrose.com or phone 893600 or info@cambridgesummertime.com

Linda Bird



LVC charity fund-raising



Sunshine smiles on the walkers

Picture by Ruth Keys

FROM the sponsored walk to non-uniform days and the Great Linton Bake-Off, staff and students have been busy raising funds over the last few weeks. LVC has a strong tradition of charitable fundraising which will continue with the Christmas Charities fayre on the last day of term.

Students walked 10km through the local countryside on a gloriously sunny autumn morning some in fancy dress including brightly coloured *onsies*. The Friends organised the walk.

More than £4,000 has been donated using the Just Giving website (rising to £5,000 when Gift Aid is included) and another £1,500 was given in cash on the day. With your help we can reach our fundraising target of £8,000. You can read how the money is being spent in the Principal's letter on the back page and you can find links to all of the tutor group Just Giving pages on the new LVC website at www.lvc.org

Celebrating Dr Who's anniversary

ON Friday 18th October, students took part in activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the popular BBC series *Dr Who*. Students were encouraged to dress as their favourite Dr Who. Thanks to Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Keys for organising this special event.

And more fundraising....

MR Taylor raised £100 for the senior citizens' Christmas party by having a Mohican haircut for the day.

The School Council raised over £700 for the Bone Cancer Research Trust by organising a Blue for Bones non-uniform day in October.

Tony Kelly tony.kelly@lvc.org

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Development in Linton

Dear Editor
There are plans to build three houses on the garden of 8 Green Lane which used to be the old village green. Architects’ drawings exist; estate agents stand ready. But what constitutes the centre or heart of the village? What shape is Linton? These questions arise in the context of this proposal to build on the ancient village green. Traditionally the village green was a focus – a space around which a village was created. If this space is built on, the spirit of centre is destroyed.
Anyone fortunate enough to own land, which has been a village green and which miraculously retains its integrity to the present day has a duty to the community not to destroy it. The knowledge that one is able to preserve the focus of an ancient community should be deeply rewarding. How sad and what a wasted opportunity if it becomes just another development of squeezed-in modern houses pretending to be old, with paved driveways, cart lodges and numerous parked cars.
To many residents who think of Linton as a community, the concept of centre is as important as its views, pathways, landmarks, familiar spaces and atmosphere.
Planning laws exist to prevent the destruction of important locations. There are Conservation areas and listed buildings, but it is alarming if those principles to which we believed the community had agreed can be overridden. Could this happen here?
Name and address supplied
New traffic calming method
Dear Editor
I am writing to offer my congratulations to our local council and those with responsibility for roads and traffic calming measures in Linton. Budgets are tight and councils are being encouraged by the government to innovate, in order that every penny is wisely spent. I notice that a number of roads in Linton now have new 20mph road signs. These are clearly welcome.
I live in Symonds Lane where there are lots of young families and speeding is a real and increasing problem. With no intervention, an accident was likely and I notice that the local powers that be have excelled themselves in meeting the government challenge and addressing the obvious risks from speeding vehicles in our road. We now have a new, even better traffic calming arrangement than the speed limit signs.
A fantastic collection of potholes have accumulated in Symonds Lane in recent weeks. These strategically placed holes in the road are really starting to take effect. As the volume of holes in the road has steadily increased, speeding cars have been forced to slow down to avoid damage to their vehicles. This in turn reduces the risk to pedestrians and other road users alike. An ingenious and low cost traffic calming strategy if ever there was one.
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A ramblers’s unusual tales

 OUR talk in November was by Mrs Rita Boniface, one of our members, who stood in at short notice when our expected speaker on Romany Life and History cancelled owing to ill health.
Rita is a born storyteller and shared her funny and lively reminiscences about her years with a rambling group, travelling all over England by train or bus and once a year having a long weekend, staying in some weird B and Bs. One such, an old water mill, was covered in cobwebs, meals were served by two children in wellington boots and there was a menagerie of animals, including a horse, which always had its head in the kitchen door, and a cat painted blue. At another, a couple had a row and the husband chased after his wife with a chopper.
She told of pushing elderly ramblers up steep hills, shepherding the nervous through cow and horse fields and helping each other over stiles. Rita noticed that some counties had many more stiles than others and did wonder why. Two ladies always wore skirts and had to be given a fireman’s carry when a river covered a bridge.
Apart from the camaraderie she experienced, Rita learned such a lot about nature on these rambles and she showed members a delightful slideshow of pretty and unusual flora and fauna, proving what an accomplished photograpser she is. Our next meeting on 4th December at Chalklands Community Centre will be our Christmas meal, for members only.
Sally Proberts

**More than just potatoes**
AT the Gardening club’s November meeting John Walker gave an entertaining and informative talk on the potato and its family (*solanaceae*).
***Solanaceae* plants originate from South America and therefore most are not hardy in the UK climate. Many have characteristic flowers with five blue or purple petals and a yellow centre.**
Some types of *solanaceae* are grown for visual impact. Familiar ones include petunias and nicotiana. Less well known plants include kangaroo apple, marmalade bush, poor man’s orchid and angel’s trumpets.
Types known for their poisonous properties include black nightshade, stinking nightshade, and deadly nightshade. Some of the chemicals they contain are used in medicines, eg. scopolamine for motion sickness.
Edible types include tomatoes, aubergines, capsicum peppers, goji berries and, of course potatoes. Potatoes were first grown in Peru and Bolivia and then brought to Europe by the Spanish. China now grows the most and eastern Europe is the largest consumer of the vegetable. The UK grows 5.5 million tonnes a year with the top three varieties being Maris Piper, Lady Rosseta and King Edward.
Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts and money for Operation Christmas Child at the meeting.
The club next meets on 10th December when volunteers will bravely follow Lian Watkin’s instructions as she demonstrates making Christmas table centres. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm in the village hall and all are warmly invited to join us. Please bring a glass if you would like some mulled wine. Donations of mince pies or savouries will be gratefully received.
Helen Townsend, lgcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Police surgery
PLEASE note that the next police surgery is between 12noon and 1pm on Saturday 7th December at Linton Police Office, situated at Linton Fire Station.
Leanne Fisher, Linton neighbourhood policing team

Its no joke
PLEASE note it is not a mistake.
The deadline for the January issue really is 4th of December.
We have to get the paper to the printers before the christmas holiday.
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WEEKLY
Conkers childrens’ centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays. VH
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30amMondaystermtimeCC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am term-time VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays LVC
Storytime, 2-2.30pm Library
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays VH
Table tennis club, 7.30pm Tuesdays URC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509) CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays 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
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays CC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays CP
St Mary’s church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays St Mary’s
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays CC
For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

DECEMBER
4 Open Morning, 9.30-10.30am Infant School
4 Reading Group, 8pm VH upstairs
5 ACE festive buffet, 12.30pm CP
5 Infant School Christmas curry, 7.30pm Tandoori restaurant
5 Parish Council meeting, 8pm CC
7 Farmers’ market, 9.30am LVC
7 Police surgery, 12noon -1pm Police office
7 Granta Playgroup Christmas Fayre 2-4pm VH
7 Christmas craft and puppets, 2pm URC
7 Linton Music Prime Brass concert, 7.30pm St Mary’s
8 The Lighthouse club 5-11yrs, 10.15am URC hall
8 Messy Christingle, 2.30pm St Mary’s
9 Camera club AGM, 7.15pm CC
10 VIP club, 2pm Chalklands community centre
10 Gardening club, 7.30pm VH
12 Linton lunch club, 12noon Red Lion Horseheath
13 Candlelit storytime, 3.45pm St Mary’s
14 Film matinée and treasure hunt, 10.30am St Mary’s
14 Call my bluff and meal, 7pm St Mary’s
14 Christmas market, 10am to 3pm High Street
15 Beacon Trust, 10am St Mary’s
15 Living Nativity, 4.45pm St Mary’s
17 Historical society, 1pm Holy Trinity Hildersham
18 CAMTAD hearing help, 9-12 noon HC

JANUARY 2014
2 Lunch club, 12.15pm Red Lion, Horseheath
4 Farmers’ market, 9.30am LVC
4 Friends of St Mary’s coffee & mince pies, 10.30am VH
6 Camera Club, 7.15pm CC
7 WI, 7.30pm VH
For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266

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.
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Magic, romance and confusion abound

ON Tuesday 12th November, more than 30 students from Linton Village College took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival at the Mumford Theatre, Cambridge.

This is the second year that LVC has participated in the festival, which gives children from over 1,000 schools across the UK the chance to perform abridged versions of Shakespeare plays in professional theatres.

LVC was one of four schools to perform on the same evening. Our play was *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - a classic tale of magic, romance and confusion set in the woods.

From the opening scene in which the various lovers were introduced, to the entrance of

the fairies with their glow-in-the-dark magical love potion, the audience was captivated by the story. The cast performed in black Shakespeare Schools Festival T-shirts, with colourful make-up for the fairies.

This was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to gain the experience of performing live in front of an audience in a working theatre, and for the lighting and technical crew to work alongside professionals.

The entire cast put on a fantastic performance but special mention should be made of Imogen Annett, who took on the part of Bottom at two days' notice and not only learnt all of her lines but performed the character with great personality and style.

Tony Kelly, LVC

Lighting up Lonsdale



Lonsdale lights will raise funds for charity

Picture supplied by Wendy Bishop

WE at Lonsdale will be putting our Christmas lights display on again this year, starting the 1st December (weather permitting).

We would like to thank all the people who have supported us in previous years. We have raised to date over £1,000.

The charity we will be supporting this year will be Macmillan Nurses, and we would hope that all of the people that come to see the lights will be very generous to this cause.

Wendy Bishop

More visitors than ever enjoy the photos



The Cuban lady



Small skipper

Pictures supplied by the Camera Club

DESPITE a rain shower in the afternoon, Linton Camera club's Annual Photographic Exhibition was a great success, with more visitors through the door than ever before. Twenty three of our members printed out their best photographs of this year for the public to enjoy, around 250 in all. The three visitors who won their favourite photograph in the free draw were Jeremy Smith of Sturmer with *Small Skipper* by Tony Smith, Lucy Carpenter of Linton with *Ginger Cat* by Ron Pitkin, and Judith Rouse of Linton with *Cuban Lady* by Tracey Wilson.

The refreshment corner was kept very busy for most of the day. The photographic greetings cards were popular and the raffle did well. All of which contributed to the expenses of the day, which enables us to keep offering free entry to this popular exhibition.

We did find a pair of brown reading glasses at the end of the day. If you recognise them from the picture, they can be claimed by contacting me on the phone number below.

At our monthly club night at the beginning of November, there was a members only competition on the theme of opulence, which was won by Niddy Walpole with her depiction of a very sumptuous room at Chatsworth House.

Our next meeting is the second Monday of December, when we will hold our AGM.



Do these belong to you?

Tracey Wilson 891988

Rise and fall of a Tudor hall

OCTOBER'S ACE event was a soup and rolls lunch with Mary Dicken speaking on Sawston Hall. Mary's last talk on The Suffragettes was so splendid we needed a return visit.

This Tudor mansion was home to the Huddleston Family for 500 years. Being a leading Catholic family, the future queen, Mary Tudor, took refuge in Sawston Hall, leaving as her pursuers neared. She looked back to see Sawston burning, promising to build a better house when she was crowned. She did, and that is the present Hall.

One Huddlestone, a Crusader, was captured, fell in love with the daughter of his jailer and they tried to escape. His hair became entangled in a tree and, trying to free him, she cut off his scalp - hence the gruesome crest on the coat of arms. Their faith and a lack of suitable heirs led to the family losing lands to pay fines and death duties.

In WW2, the US Air Force was billeted there. Being chilly souls, their blazing fires cracked the wood panelling. The hall later became a school, then a private house. It is now for sale... the Lottery beckons.

The next event is at 12.30pm on 5th December at the church pavilion and is a buffet lunch - there might even be music - an early start to the festivities. Merry Christmas. Enid Smith 891069

Do you know what's on Granta Grapevine?

EACH month Granta Grapevine, the cassette tape produced for those who cannot read the Linton News, has 45 minutes of Linton News items on one side. You can also hear, every month, 45 minutes of recorded items that you won't find anywhere else.

Last month these included, as well as *Linton Country Diary* and *The Way We Were*, an article from This England Magazine *Mr Pickwick and the Toucan*, a report of the Granta Grapevine AGM, an interview with Clare Ashcroft of Ashcroft Butchers, new to the village and an item from Infosound/RNIB with the title *Chopping Boards*.

The only way you can hear these items is if you request Granta Grapevine, which can be provided free via Royal Mail to those registered blind or partially sighted.

To request a copy of our next tape, please contact me, the Granta Grapevine chairman.

Mike Crofts, 893619.

News from the Health Centre

WE were given just 24 hours notice that the Care Quality Commission would be inspecting the practice on 1st October. CQC inspections are new to general practice and we were only the second practice in Cambridgeshire to be visited.

The CQC is the regulator of health and adult social care in England and they are tasked with ensuring that the care people receive meets essential standards of quality and safety.

There are 16 essential standards and we were inspected on eight of them at this visit. The standards cover safety and suitability of premises, management of medicines, care and welfare of patients, consent to treatment, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, staffing levels and staff training.

The CQC inspector was accompanied by a specialist nurse advisor and they spent over five hours in the practice, talking to patients, staff, doctors and nurses and inspecting the premises, policies and procedures.

We are pleased to report that

we received excellent feedback from the inspector and the full report is now published on the CQC website. There is a link to this report on our website www.linton.gpsurgery.net.

Such a lot of work has gone into ensuring that we can prove compliance with the CQC standards and it is reassuring to receive such positive feedback. We mustn't rest on our laurels, but well done and thank you to all the practice staff.

Sheila Griffiths,
Practice Manager

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Linton Country Diary by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



The importance of the apple

IT'S important to me if when I write, I inspire and something good happens to you. Amidst the struggles of man against nature's mighty hand I wish upon us all, nestling in our special village, genuine seasonal cheer.

So here we sit, on the crest of a neo-enlightenment with knowledge and technology poised to shift our understanding and expectations of life. Yet our governments around the world, great scholars and religious leaders still choose to ignore it and we, the citizens of Linton may well wonder who is sitting under the apple tree this time.

Ok, that sounds all very dramatic but now I have your attention – quickly rush outside and plant a few trees. At last, someone on the silver screen pointed out the efficacy of a few saplings planted in front of your house as they protect us from harmful pollutants. Results of these experiments were staggering and should make any would-be tree feller quake in their boots.

By contrast, planters should dance and rejoice together with millions of earth's more worthy inhabitants at replenishing our lands with woodland and hedgerow. I could not write further without a triple tree hugging thanks to Susan Anderson and Enid Bald for wisely leading the rest of us on their successful tree planting campaign.

So there sat Isaac in an orchard sipping tea a few years after the life of our revered Mr Galileo, when Bang, Newton discovered – well, firstly never to sit under a tree laden with apples. Unless of course you were really looking to be inspired by gravity and discover the three laws of motion. When I tried it revelations of

horrendously funny antics of blackbirds drunk on fermenting fruits were recorded in our diary.

Indisputably 2013 has been a great year for traditional fruits. Almost 200 years ago in the early 1800s a young woman known as Mary Ann Brailsford planted a pip in her garden in Nottinghamshire. The tree grew well, from which all Bramley apples originate but was later included in the sale of the property to a local butcher, Matthew Bramley

Now apples have been around for centuries but sadly hundreds of thousands of acres of orchards have disappeared in the last 150 years. I wondered what kind of apple Eve may have picked and chomped, only to discover Genesis:3 refers simply to fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, so it could have been a tomato or even a banana. However, oddly enough the latin words for apple or evil *malus* are identical but for an accent over the *a*.

The Brothers Grimm saw to it that Snow White had her poison encounter and the Swiss hero William Tell was ordered, as a punishment, to shoot the apple placed upon his son's head. As a youngster I can remember the embarrassing mountains of beautiful apples being bulldozed in the fields near my home in Normandy – a folly of the early European Union which led to plenty of Calvados (a local brandy made from apples, often illegally) in our kitchen store.

Well, the abundance of this wonderful fruit means they are once again plentiful in my kitchen freezer, ripe and partially cooked ready for that winter Christmas Day crumble and custard. Hmmm why not?



St Mary's bumper Christmas fun

A PROGRAMME costing £2 will gain you entry to a candle-lit story-time at 3.45pm on Friday 13th. At 10.30am on Saturday 14th in church, both the young – and the young-at-heart – can enjoy a film matinee and treasure hunt. At 7pm there will be a meal and a chance for you to outwit our *Call My Bluff* team. Enter a team or just come along. You'll need to bring your own drinks but you may just win the prize.

The culmination of the weekend is the *Living Nativity* at 4.45pm on Sunday 15th December in collaboration with Linton Music Society. We will be meeting at church to be guided through the Christmas story by Mary and Joseph, complete with donkey. Tableaux will be sited around St Mary's and walking shoes, torches and umbrellas will be useful. The price includes a glass of mulled wine or a soft drink and a mince pie. Come and enjoy the Christmas story and some lovely Christmas music and more.

There will be a charge for each of the celebrations. Tickets, programmes and enquiries to me on 890921.

Pam Richardson

Free church specials

YOU are warmly invited to join us at Linton Free church, Horn Lane for our Christmas events in December.

These are:

On Saturday 7th Family Christmas crafts at 2-4pm

On Sunday 8th Lighthouse childrens' Christmas special event from 10.15am to 12 noon.

On Sunday 15th Carol service at 6pm

Christmas eve service at 11.30pm

Christmas day family service at 10.30am

Linda Pearson 891297

Beacon for youth

THE Beacon Trust youth have taken the church out of church and into Nichols Court Residents home in Linton.

Once every six weeks a group of young people gives up its time to make a huge difference to the lives of the residents

They serve by serving the community, quite literally, with tea and coffee and extending the message of love through chat.

Thus the divisions between youth and old age are broken down.

The time passes quickly and when it is time to leave, old and young part having had their lives enriched.

At our next visit on 15th December, we meet at St Mary's at 10am and finish at Nichols court at approximately 11.30am.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Aztecs club shop now open

AZTECS JFC is pleased to announce it's online club shop is now open. It can be accessed by visiting www.aztecsjfc.co.uk/club/ClubShop

The current range of products will make ideal Christmas presents and stocking fillers. Further items will be added as they become available. However for now please take a look and see if there is anything of interest. Most clothing can be personalised if required and this is included in the price.

Jeanette Long, Aztecs JFC.

Come to my craft group

MY name is Susie and I am interested in starting a craft group in Linton where people can come together and knit/crochet/ sew together whilst having a chat and a cup of tea.

Gemma at the Linton Kitchen has agreed that the group can meet there, for a small charge that will include a drink and a slice of cake. If anyone is interested please contact me on susanna.mazur@gmail.com.

Susanna Mazur

Friends New Year

START OFF the New Year by dropping in to the village hall 10.30am to 12noon on Saturday 4th January. Admission is £3 to include coffee, mince pies and savouries.

There will be a raffle, bring and buy and second-hand books. This event will assist the Friends of St Mary's to raise funds for the maintenance of the church – the oldest building in Linton.

Margaret Clark

Help yourself to curry and prosecco

ON Thursday 5th December Linton Infant school PTFA will host *A Christmas Curry* event at Linton Tandoori restaurant.

Tickets priced at £15 will soon be available to buy from the school office. Price includes a buffet meal, coffee and prosecco if pre-ordered from the PTFA. There will be a bar.

Places are limited to 50 people. Please come and support Linton Infant School and help raise money for the new outdoor learning space.

Yvonne Walker 07866 690602

Lots happening in Hildersham

IT'S teatime will be held from 3-4.30pm on 5th December in Hildersham village hall. There will be a sale of handmade Christmas cards and home-made cake in aid of Sunflower House. This is a home away from home where children recovering from severe illness or accidents receive nursing care and therapies between hospital and home.

Advance notice of Hildersham Lectures at 7.30pm in the New Year in Holy Trinity Church. Entrance £5

Friday 24th January Cathy Myer: *The Poetry Coat* – a journey from lullabies to literature

Tuesday 25th February Professor Christopher Andrew: *Cambridge Spies*.

Friday 28th March Scilla Latham: former Church Buildings Support Officer for the Diocese of Ely

More details will be available in the next issue. Please contact me for further information:

Cathy Myer 892848 catherinemyer43@btinternet.com

Come to our concert

YOU'VE written your cards, bought the presents, ordered the turkey. If you're that organised, now is the time to get your tickets for the Balsham Singers Christmas concert at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st December at Holy Trinity church Balsham. We are singing Part 1 of Handel's *Messiah* plus the *Hallelujah Chorus*, carols by Rutter and Malcolm Archer plus John's arrangement of *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* and *Santa Baby*.

There will be a selection of carols for audience participation. Buy tickets in advance for £7 from Balsham Post Office. Tickets will also be available on the night priced £8 with concessions at £7 and £20 for a family ticket. For further information, phone me on 890544. See you there.

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The Derbyshire Post



THE autumn term has brought a number of charity events to the LVC calendar.

On the last day prior to half term, the whole school dressed up to trek the 10km sponsored walk to raise money on behalf of the LVC Friends. Ten kilometres is actually a reasonable distance to hike for many modern teenagers, who are not always as used to walking as we think they should be but I was once more impressed by the speed at which they moved and the positive spirit with which they approached the event as a whole.

We raised in excess of £6,000 for the school hall and we now have enough money to pay for the new sound systems, the refurbishment of walls and floors and replacement curtains. An improved school hall will benefit the whole of our community in many ways since it has year-round use as a venue for concerts and presentations.

Another tradition that has grown in the last few years at the school has been to hold a Children in Need Bake Off event. It is always very popular with students and ends with a bake sale in support of the charity.

These two events are additions to the more long-standing commitments we have to the ever popular senior citizens' coffee and carols, hosted by our Year 9 students and the end of term Charities' Fair.

As you can see we are always very keen for our students to think of the needs of others and to put real effort into their charitable ventures.

The Christmas Charities' Fair is an excellent example of this. The students have to work in their houses to create popular stalls, and then they have to be enterprising in their marketing and promotion to make as many sales as they possibly can. They compete to be the house that raises the most money that morning. All of the proceeds go to the charities that our students nominate. It is a little like *The Apprentice*, but the rewards are not self-interested ones. We sometimes feel that we live in a world in which the only question that anyone asks is: "What's in it for me?" That is never a question that I expect any student at LVC to be asking.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S/2181/13/LD Nigel Edgington, Plot 4, Linton Rise, (12 Back Road), Single storey rear extension.

S/2214/13/FL Mr & Mrs Robert Ashcroft, 37 & 39 High Street, Replacement of external timber stairs to rear with metal stairs, provision of chiller units under stairs and new boiler flue to rear roof slope.

S/2215/13/LB Mr & Mrs Robert Ashcroft, 37 & 39 High Street, Alterations including conversion of former retail shop to butcher's at ground floor, improvements to first floor flat including new kitchen and boiler, new firesurround, re-hanging of door, replacement of handrail to stairs, new signage to shop, replacement of external stair, chiller units under stair, new boiler flue to first floor kitchen, new alarm boxes, works to loft space including new newel and balustrade handrail and landscaping at rear.

S/2267/13/FL Mr Tony Dixon, 1 Rivey Close, Erection of part two storey, part single storey side and rear extensions in place of existing timber building and outhouse and change of use of dwelling to mixed use of C3 (dwelling) and child minding (D1).

Roads and potholes

WATCH out for next month's article by Roger Hickford on negotiations with the County council highways division concerning restrictions on vehicles using Back Lane. Roger also discusses the problem of the increasing number of potholes in Linton.

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The Way We Were

By Garth Collard

Dramatic weather as in past times



The bridge in Linton in 1866

Picture from the Cambridge Collection

THE recent tragic hurricane-force winds in the Philippines made me think how lucky we are to have a comparatively mild climate.

The great storm of 1987 showed us how destructive hurricane winds can be yet this storm was very mild compared to the storm of 26th November 1703, which struck the south coast and East Anglia.

Daniel Defoe recounted the destructive power of the five day hurricane: over 8,000 people died, 800 houses were destroyed, hundreds of vessels were smashed to pieces by a tidal wave in the Thames estuary, lead was ripped off church roofs and the Bishop of Wells was killed when a tall chimney smashed into his bedroom.

Defoe relates that many great spires and weathercocks

were blown off church steeples including Linton's.

On the 1600 map the church was drawn with a high steeple. When it fell it smashed through the church roof and destroyed large numbers of the high backed pews on the south side of the nave. The three-decker pulpit was also shattered. In those days the pulpit faced south and was attached to a large pillar on the south aisle.

The steeple was never re-

built. It was replaced by a low bell tower, or belfry, which was about 10 feet high. This remained on the church tower until 1900.

The Cambridge newspapers and school logbooks recorded the rare incidents of devastating weather. Linton was mainly affected by heavy rainstorms which flooded the centre of the village on a scale far greater than the floods of 1968 and 2001.

In August 1643 and again

in March 1845 heavy rain caused the Granta to rise to unusual heights. The wooden footbridge between Dog & Duck and the Swan became impassable.

Apart from serious flooding Linton was also hit by massive hailstorms.

In July 1846 a huge hailstorm smashed 200 panes of glass in the greenhouses of Mr Gimson, the local horticulturalist, and individual hailstones were recorded as being three inches across.

In July 1861 a terrific storm demolished a cottage in the Grip when the bedroom walls were knocked out and the front door posts collapsed. A woman in the house who was struck by lightning on the side of her arm was fortunate to recover feeling in her arm after only three hours.

From the Ice Age to the present at Holy Trinity

THE Linton and District Historical Society talk this month is a very special treat indeed, and please note the change of time. It will be an afternoon visit to Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham.

This church was at the centre of the High Gothic Victorian Revival in the 1870s and as such is one of the most decorated and unusual churches in East Anglia.

It has a chancel full of beautiful Victorian murals and every window is filled with brightly coloured stained glass; this is a visit not to be missed

Do come and hear this excellent talk, where you will be guided from the Ice Age, through early Saxon times right up to the dawn of the 20th Century with church historian and local expert



The dazzling window beyond the chancel at Hildersham church

Picture supplied by Andrew Westwood-Bate

Andrew Westwood-Bate.

It will be held at 1pm on Tuesday 17th December in Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham. There will be the Christmas raffle and refreshments.

All are very welcome, especially new members and visitors.

If you cannot make this, why not come to the spectacular Hildersham candle-lit service of Nine lessons and Carols at 3pm on Sunday 22nd December – come early if you want a seat.

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Parish Council Matters

Your vote could secure £100k additional funding for our pavilion refurbishment

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YOU will now be aware of the building work that has commenced at the pavilion which will provide improved facilities for a wide range of users and create a real community asset for the village. The funding for this project has been raised mainly from successful bids to various sporting organisations and funders, which have been overseen and submitted by David O'Dell (football club secretary) and Paul Poulter (Linton parish council). The latest success has been an award of £50k from Budweiser, who are one of the main sponsors of the Football Association and sponsor the FA Cup. This award is one of eight awards given by Budweiser to improve facilities and extend community use for grass root clubs, and we have been selected as the eastern region winners. This is a tremendous honour for the club and means we now go forward with the other seven regional winners to submit a case to receive the one national award of an additional £100k. This final award will be decided by votes on the FA/Budweiser Facebook page. When the time comes, which will be in February, we would encourage all Facebook users to log on and cast your vote for Linton Granta football club.

If successful, the proposal to use the extra funds will be to replace the existing grassed training area with an all-weather multi-use games area, completely enclosed, and improve the current floodlights. This would enable local teams and other groups to use the area most evenings, and take pressure off the already oversubscribed village college amenity. We would also explore

the possibility of acquiring a minibus to provide transport for user groups, and to transport those persons unable to access the facility by other means. The interior of the pavilion will be refurbished to a high standard and the inefficient heating system replaced, to create a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The improved facility will benefit the current user groups including Aztecs junior football club, who cater for all age groups from under 5s to under 16s and are recognised as one of the leading junior football clubs in Cambridgeshire. They are a FA charter standard club and progressing towards a development club. These are recognised kite marks awarded by the FA to clubs which attain a strict criteria to ensure the club is a safe environment for children. All coaches have attained FA coaching certificates appropriate to the level and age group at which they are coaching. Other groups include the Linton village cricket club, both senior and junior. The cricket club has also attained the prestigious kite mark the 'ECB club mark' which is a similar criteria to the Football Association charter standard. The bowls club will also benefit from the new storage area and the new kitchen and this will hopefully encourage more members to meet and enjoy playing and socialising during the summer months. I am sure other organisations looking for meeting rooms with good modern facilities will be interested in viewing the new facility. The Linton activities and care for the elders group (ACEs) I know is interested in considering using the rooms for its meetings and

with the proximity of the children's playground a playgroup would also find the facility very user friendly.

The different sports and recreational clubs in the village provide the residents of Linton with a good and varied range of activities for all age groups and we would hope that the residents recognise the tremendous efforts and time many people devote, mostly voluntarily, to ensure these clubs and organisations continue to thrive throughout the village.

Let us all work together to maintain and improve the excellent community spirit that exists with most people in the village and welcome these new opportunities to enhance the facilities in the village.

Remember to vote for Linton Granta football club on Facebook. You will be reminded to vote, and advised of the link, in the February edition of the Linton News.

Cllr Brian Manley

Community group funding

PLEASE remember that the deadline for applying for parish council funding for the next financial year is 9th December 2013.

Volunteers needed to help shape our future

Local Plan

THANKS to very effective work by South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) planners the public consultation on the Local Plan (LP) for South Cambridge has been completed. It is hoped that the SCDC LP will now get final government approval early next year. Importantly the district council executive has formerly adopted the housing supply figures contained in the LP. These figures detail how SCDC will meet its government target of 5000 new houses in our region needed for economic growth in the next five years. This will be mainly through large scale 'new town' developments to the north and east of Cambridge and 900 new dwellings planned for villages in South Cambs. (Linton is not identified in the LP as one of the villages affected). This approval is a very important step as the usual route for developers to challenge planning decisions is to show that a district council does not have a LP in place which shows how the governments growth and housing target are to be met. (This is why, as many will know, in some areas of the country such as Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire, where the LP process is not so advanced, many villages are inundated with development proposals and planning appeals). So although the SCDC LP still needs final approval it already carries 'weight' in planning terms and should help protect Linton and some other villages from large scale development outside of their village boundaries. It also means it is even more

important to put a Neighbourhood Plan in place for Linton and adjacent villages

Linton and Hildersham Neighbourhood Plan (LHNP)

The Localism Act 2011 introduced major reforms to the planning system that gave local communities new rights to shape and plan their neighbourhood in order to complement the LP process. The Act introduced a new initiative called the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which can be used by local communities to set out policies for the development or use of land - but they must be 'pro development' ie they cannot propose less development than is specified in the LP. Linton parish council (LPC) has been in discussion with neighbouring councils with similar concerns and aspirations with a view to submitting a joint NP. LPC is pleased to announce that Hildersham has agreed to be a partner in a joint NP. Both councils feel that this will give extra weight to the NP once it is in place and strengthen our representations on issues such as the environment, development and transport. The first formal steps are to get approval from SCDC for the designated area of the plan (which is so far Hildersham and Linton parishes) and then decide what issues should be included in the plan. NPs can cover a whole range of issues such as protecting the environment and wildlife, promoting new business development, building new village amenities, local design guidelines and include a new power called a Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO). This is

intended to streamline the planning system and stimulate economic development. It will permit certain types of development which have community support without the need for planning permission. This could relate to a particular type of development (for example, low carbon housing or bio-fuel generation) or it could relate to a particular use (for example, residential or retail).

Volunteers needed to help develop and promote LHNP

A wide range of expertise and skills at all levels will be needed to develop and promote the LHNP. This may include surveyors, construction industry specialists, environmentalists, marketing and communication specialists, IT practitioners, project managers, planners, business owners/managers, administrators, voluntary organisations, health workers, designers and many more. Further information will be supplied in due course but is a chance to make a real and lasting contribution to the village and environment in which we all live and treasure. There is a very good website www.planninghelp.org.uk which explains the basics and several other websites that can be searched for under 'Neighbourhood Plans' that show how other parishes are preparing their plans. If you would be interested in helping in anyway please email LPC at lintonpc@btconnect.com in the first instance to register your particular interest or question and to request a meeting to find out more.

Cllr Paul Poulter

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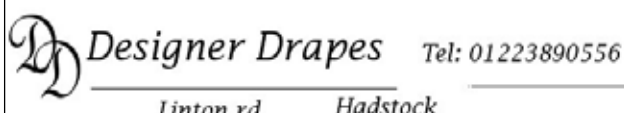
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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th October 2013.

Present: Mrs E Bald (chairman), P Poulter (vice chairman), D Champion, R Hickford (also county and district councillor), S Hill, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance. No members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cox, Dew and Wilson. District councillor Bear had also given apologies.

Declarations of interest: Cllrs Hill and Poulter declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest under the allotment land item.

Chairman’s comments: Cllr Bald confirmed that residents had been made aware of the draft feasibility study for proposed development in Green Lane. Despite contentious comments in some publications, the parish council was doing its best to protect the village and retain the village envelope.

Written reports from district councillors: The ‘topping out’ event for Chalklands new houses had taken place and the houses were on target to be not only completed but also occupied before Christmas.

Written report from county councillor: The 20mph roundels for the approaches to the village and the ‘No Left Turn’ sign on exiting Coles Lane car park had been painted on the roads.

A response was still awaited with regards to the weight restriction on Back Road.

The Swan bus stop improvement had been started. The shelter had been ordered at a cost of £14,000, and would be ‘L’ shaped to accommodate wheelchair access and more standing room. There would be a delay with the Parsonage Way bus stop, as already reported.

Pavilion update: Cllr Manley confirmed that work to extend the pavilion had started and everything was progressing well. The 5mph signs had been ordered. It had not been necessary to set up the holding area as deliveries were being made in small wagons rather than on larger lorries. The terms of payment for the contract had been changed to 30 days from 14 days but no other changes were deemed to be necessary. Cllr Poulter proposed that the contract be signed. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion and agreed by the meeting. The chairman duly signed the contract.



Pavilion: work in progress

Cllr Hickford asked that, following a request from a resident of Meadow Lane, double yellow lines should extend the whole length of Meadow Lane. A meeting of the traffic working group would be called to consider this and many other matters.

Consideration of correspondence from Carter Jonas in respect of proposed development in Green Lane and their invitation to meet: The correspondence from Carter Jonas in respect of their feasibility study for the proposed development in Green Lane had been made available for residents to view. A large number of written responses had been received, most of which were opposed to the scheme. It was agreed to send these responses to Carter Jonas and if they wished to meet with the parish council this would be arranged.

Allotments update: The response from the Diocese of Ely and advice from the South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) legal department, following the public meeting, were

considered. Legal advice had stressed that to have any chance of progressing this project the parish council should be able to show the following:

- Committee representatives:**
Planning committee - Cllrs Bald, Wilson, Dew, Walker (vice chair), Champion (chair), Poulter and Wakley.
Finance committee - Cllrs Cox, Potter (chair), Poulter (vice chair), Wakley, Manley and Bald.
Staff sub-committee - Cllrs Bald, Poulter and Champion.
Council representatives:
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) - vacancy.
Directors, Linton Parish Publications - Cllrs Cox and Bald.
Trustees to Cathodeon Trust - PC trustees Cllrs Champion and Wilson. Mr Andrew Gore & Dr Val Urwin continue in office.
Charles & Mary Anderson Trust - Cllr Cox.
Linton Granta bowls club - Cllr Manley.
Linton Granta football sports & social club - Cllrs Manley and Potter.
Police liaison - Cllr Champion.
Public transport - Cllrs Wakley and Hill.

- Areal and sustainable demand for allotments in Linton – confirmed by Linton allotment association (LAA);
Identification of a suitable site by a robust selection process – method to be confirmed by LAA;
Inability to acquire the land on reasonable terms from the owner – negotiations continue, but council’s offer so far has been rejected;
The obtainment of a professional valuation of the land - confirmed;
That the project is likely to be delivered (ie council has the funding to cover all costs) – in process;
That council should test the political waters regarding its proposals with SCDC’s leadership before committing them to a formal application. Cllr Hickford confirmed that, in his role as district

councillor, he had had conversations with SCDC’s ruling group. They were very aware of Linton’s need for allotments and had included in their 3A’s (a manifesto type document) to support the provision of allotments and community orchards; The parish council should only do this if its negotiations with the Diocese failed completely and compulsory purchase was seen as its only hope of securing this land – noted.

It was agreed to request a detailed, scaled plan from the allotment association and to request that they attend the next parish council meeting.

Cllr Hickford also believed that Cllr Bear and Mr Batchelor, when he was a councillor, had also supported this venture.

As previous advice had been conflicting it was agreed to seek clarification as to whether land for recreational purposes could be purchased at the same time.

Consideration of painting the electricity sub station (by

Village hall - Cllr Mannassi (Cllr Bald reserve).

Tree warden - Mrs Susan Anderson.

Working groups (advisory committees):

Open spaces and environment - Cllrs Bald and Dew.

Recreation ground - Cllrs Potter, Manley and Wilson.

Cemetery - Cllrs Bald, Wilson and Walker.

Rights of way - Cllr Mannassi (Dr Judy Rossiter co-opted).

Venture playground - Cllrs Potter, Wilson and Manley.

Glebe land - Cllr Cox.

Churchyard - Cllrs Bald, Cox and Wilson (maximum of 3).

A1307, traffic and parking - Cllrs Bald, Champion, Manley, Walker, Poulter and Ms E Cornell.

CCTV control - Cllrs Potter and Wakley.

River, wildlife and Leadwell Meadows warden - Cllrs Mannassi and Cox.

Parish charities - Cllr Potter, Mr John Linsdell and Mr Karl Chapman.

Youth - youth leader Mr Barry Easton.

Allotment association - chair Mr Terry Redgrave.

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the village sign) under the terms of EDF Energy Networks in their letter dated 21/8/2009: Cllr Wakley proposed that this work be carried out. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

Linton At War project: The request from Esther Cornell for the parish council to become a partner in the project was considered. Cllr Walker proposed that the parish council becomes a partner in the Linton At War Project. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

Agreement of national salary award of 1% to clerk and administration assistant wef 1st April 2013: Cllr Champion proposed that the salary award be granted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Walker and agreed by the meeting. Resolved.

Written reports: A cemetery report by Cllr Bald was noted.

Correspondence received for consideration: The county council had written about funding available to improve facilities for bus users. Cllr Wakley would investigate the feasibility and provision of Real Time Information boards (RTI) at the bus stop on the A1307.

On a request for clarification of the parking situation in the Market Square, it was agreed to ask Cllr Cox to write a report to explain the situation.

Matters for future consideration: Due to reports of fires on Camping Close it was agreed to advise the PCSO and the land owner of this.

Cllr Hickford commented that he felt that council projects were progressing well and it was a good time for him to leave. He then submitted his formal resignation from the parish council. The chair thanked him for all his hard work and hoped that he would still be available for advice in the future.

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

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