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Fire at Chilford Hall

IN the early hours of the morning on Wednesday 13th June, a fire broke out which would see most of Chilford Hall destroyed. At the fire's peak, 60 fire-fighters were at the scene, including appliances from Linton and Saffron Walden.

At 6am, when the fire was eventually brought under control, it was confirmed that an area 60 metres square, including all the halls and conference rooms, had been razed.

Crews battled valiantly to save as much as possible and managed to stop the fire reaching the shop, house and offices. The wine store was also saved and nobody was injured.

Among the affected buildings, some of which date back to the early 1700s, was the historic Great Hall, a timber-framed structure decked out with irreplaceable artwork and artefacts, all of which were lost.

At the time of going to print, two men from Haveringhill have been charged with arson and intent to endanger life. They could



Above the blaze at its height and below, surveying the wreckage of what was a historic landmark the morning after

Picture above by Alan Baker and below by Roger Lapwood

face up to 10 years in prison if found guilty.

After the blaze, Simon Alper, stepson of owner Fiona Alper, said: "The feeling is somewhere between total shock and utter incredulity. This was my home, this is where I grew up. I played in these barns as a child long

before the idea of turning them into a venue was even thought of."

The popular vineyard and conference centre held its first event in 1983 and since then has grown into a venue of world-class standard, the location for countless thousands of weddings,

conferences and exhibitions.

Amazingly, Chilford Hall held a wedding only two days after the fire. A large marquee was erected and catering facilities put in place.

"The team have been incredible," said Mr Alper. "They have gone above and beyond the call of duty. I simply can't thank them enough for the effort they have put in to keep things running."

Messages of support have flooded in from people around the country, many of whom were married or held events at the venue.

Sam Alper, who died in 2002, was a London born caravan designer and art collector who bought Chilford Hall in 1965.

He was responsible for transforming the group of farm buildings, adding an art gallery in 1971 and planting 18 acres of vineyard a year later.

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... and from the kitchen ashes

FOLLOWING the devastating fire last December, the Crown Inn opened fully with a fantastic new stylish décor throughout, in time for the Jubilee celebrations.

An extensive refurbishment has resulted in a modernised bar with a state of the art kitchen, complete with an open view to see the chefs in action. The new look is complemented by the arrival of French master chef, Gael, who holds the world record for opening oyster and scallop shells.

He will be working alongside regular favourites Marcus and Joel in the kitchen with Mariusz and Steve managing the bar.

A daily changing menu will be available, alongside a new summer main menu, reflecting the very best seasonal produce locally sourced.

A comprehensive selection of dishes includes



Sam, Marcus and Joel in the new kitchen

Picture by Julian of Elite wedding photography

traditional Sunday roasts, but just remember to leave room for the legendary home-made desserts.

The bar offers a rotating range of real ales with a recession busting rush hour pint together with a comprehensive wine list and the best

gin and tonic for miles.

Head chef and proprietor Joel Palmer is very excited about the brighter new look and looks forward to welcoming all his customers old and new over the summer months.

The Crown is a fabulous venue and as the most

well-established Linton family-owned pub restaurant in the village remains a firm favourite. We wish them good fortune and heartfelt congratulations as next month they complete 24 years of offering a warm welcome to all.

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Linton crew was first on the scene

ON a day when we have just experienced another major incident in the heart of our community, we are very pleased to say that the Linton Fire Crew was the first of the 12 pumps on site at Chilford Hall.

In the past couple of years Linton has struggled to maintain cover at the fire station as its numbers had fallen to only seven crew members trying to keep the pump available 24/7.

This was the case when the Crown had a fire late last year and Linton was only able to attend later as the fourth pump because they were waiting for crew to finish their day jobs.

Recently however, Linton has successfully managed to recruit four young and enthusiastic new members to the team: Ben Sams and Richard Gethin both did their basic training last December (*they were actually*

training in Huntingdon on the day of the fire at the Crown, ed) and Jack Anderson and Sean Harrison started in March.

Their reasons varied from seeking a new challenge to fulfilling a childhood dream but all of them are proud of their new role in the community.

Already a key part of the team, as their level of skills increases, they will allow Linton fire station to provide more hours, and help to reduce instances where local response is not available.

All of the Linton crew have a full-time job but each puts aside some of their spare time to support the local community and provide an essential service. If you are interested in the work of the Fire Service, why not come along to a Wednesday night drill session.

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New recruits: from the left Jack, Sean, Richard and Ben line up for duty

Picture by Steve Elve

Tribute to Chilford

NO victory for the culprits just such pity and much shame how can man create such destruction why does man inflict such pain?

The barns in all their grandeur gave pleasure to us in many ways Each one could tell its own story over the years and of the days.

The paintings and the carvings the statues and the wine these will live on in all their glory the memories go back in time

It was a privilege to have been there so proud to have worked there too this day will go down in history, where many hearts were broken by so few

Sam, he will be turning over and over in his grave Sam, don't you worry Chilford Hall will rise again

Les Munns

Beautiful sunshine, great atmosphere and lots of fun at the fair



Adults and children alike, enjoying the games

Picture supplied by Jaime Webster

UNLIKE the weather which followed, the sun shone brightly for the Linton Infants PSA Summer Fair. The evening was a huge success, with both children and adults alike having a fantastic time. The live music helped to create the perfect atmosphere for the adults to enjoy the BBQ and the bar, whilst favourites like the go-karts, train rides and bouncy castles, to name but a few, proved very popular with the children. The evening was brought to a close with the various competition winners being given their prizes and the much anticipated raffle being drawn.

Thank you to all whose involvement made this event possible and also to all of you who came along and supported, making it such a resounding success.

Linton Infants PSA

An invitation to visit Linton Granta playgroup

LINTON Granta Playgroup will be opening its doors on Wednesday 11th July for any parents and children who would like to find out more about our fantastic early years setting. Come along between 10am and midday to meet the staff and committee, see our excellent facilities and find out what sessions are available from September.

One of the things you'll be able to see in our lovely playgroup garden is our fantastic new climbing frame, which was recently opened by Caroline Derbyshire from Linton Village College.

We hope to see lots of you there – refreshments will be available, just come along.

Siobhan Godwood



Caroline Derbyshire officially opens the new climbing frame

Picture supplied by Siobhan Godwood

Pupils at Linton Heights go on an adventure holiday

IN May, Year 6 pupils at Linton Heights visited PGL (Peter Gordon Lawrence) in Lincolnshire for three days. We were split into groups and started our activities as soon as we arrived.

The quad bike track was made of gravel and we had to wear crash helmets when we were on the bikes. We learned not to go too fast or we would lose control. Sally Beck said: "It was a really good and fun experience".

On Wednesday, we went on the zip wire. This was really exciting. We went to a massive field near a lake and one by one we were put into harnesses. When we closed our eyes and stepped off the platform we just hoped that we would get to the bottom in one piece. When we realised that this was safe, we took our hands off the rope and it felt like we were flying.

In the survival activity we had to leave trails for our fellow teammates. We were then faced with the challenge of building a den. Everybody enjoyed the activity and we still had the mud on our faces when we got back to Linton.

Other activities that we participated in were the climbing and all aboard. In this last activity, there were about five wooden platforms that we needed to climb onto to get to the top. We had to work very closely as a team. When we thought that we could not go any further, we were challenged to try.

It was fun and everyone had a great time, including the teachers!

Sally Beck, Catriona Holden, Hollie Cooper, Dorothy King (Year 6)

In your own time

MEET Roger Hickford, a Linton man for some twenty five years and recently elected your District Councillor for Linton, Hildersham and Bartlow.

Roger is green minded, a keen walker and owner of three energetic dogs. He is in tune with the village and the land that surrounds Linton and understands the issues facing it.

As chair of the Parish Council he is involved in current negotiations to obtain allotment land. He resurrected Linton youth club, which is now one of the largest in the area. Roger is representing Linton on the newly formed A1307 safety group.

The next few months should also see the implementation of the 20mph speed limit for Linton High Street and one-way



Roger Hickford pictured with one of his three dogs

Picture courtesy Linton Conservatives

system, another one of Roger's initiatives which has attracted widespread support.

Roger says: "I thank everyone who supported me in the election in May. I will represent all residents whatever their issues".

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Too good for jumble ...

NEW items on offer this month are a Kenwood Chef mixer model A701A with liquidiser, a table model, propane gas patio heater, a metal single bed frame (folds flat), a petrol rotary lawn mower and a two-man HG Rover 300 tent, all in good condition.

The 10ft diameter trampoline in Linton (buyer to collect) and the toner A30 cartridges for a Canon photocopier FC-1-1/2/3/5/22 or 6/7/11 are still available.

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An update on police matters

SOLAR lights were taken from a garden in Horseheath Road between 30th and 31st May and screws from number plate and damage to the number plate on a car happened between 1st and 2nd June in Cambridge Road.

At around 11.30pm on 10th May, a wheelie bin was set on fire in Rivey Close. There has been a spate of fires in the Linton area recently and PCSO Pulley and I have been working with the local Fire Service in relation to these offences. We are urging people to come forward with any information about these fires. There is evidence of fires in the Rivey Woods area and we would urge people to report any further fires in the area. Enquiries are ongoing.

On 14th May, just after midnight, a large stone boulder was thrown through the bottom front window of a property in Rivey Way. Enquiries are ongoing, if anybody has any information as to who may be responsible for this, please contact us as soon as possible.

Between 9.15pm on 14th May and 2am on 15th May an empty property on the main road in Bartlow was broken into. Various amounts of copper piping and a water tank were stolen. Were you in Bartlow between these times, did you see any suspicious activity in the area? If so please let us know.

PCSOs Leanne Fisher and Chris Pulley

Part of the Linton Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

In an emergency, when a life is in danger or there is a risk of violence or serious injury or when a serious crime is being committed please call 999. For all non-emergencies, general enquiries and to report crime please call 101. To give information anonymously about crime, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Changes to the number 19 bus timetable

THE new number 19 bus service came into operation on 10th June. It is being operated by the Voluntary Network under contract to Cambridgeshire County Council. Any queries, comments or suggestions can be made by contacting the Passenger Transport Communications Team on 0345 045 0675 or email passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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Leaves Bartlow	9.29	11.26
Arr Haverhill Bus Station	9.51	11.48

Haverhill- Linton- Burrough Green

Leaves Haverhill Bus Station	9.56	
then every 2 hours until	17.56	
Leaves Bartlow	10.18	
Leaves Linton High St	8.24	10.24
Leaves Balsham Bell	8.30	10.30
Arr. Burrough Green	8.52	10.52

Copies of the full timetable have been sent to Libraries, Post Offices and Tourist Information Centres.

There are changes to other buses around Cambridge but we do not have space to put them all here, so we have just given you the local one.

Editor

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Responses to the Parish Council chairman's report

Dear Editor,
IN his annual report the chairman describes the Parish Council, prior to his arrival, as being an ineffective old boys club. It is perhaps noteworthy that following the only election for years in 2002, there were 15 democratically elected councillors, only three of whom are councillors today; most of the rest were not elected by the electorate. We would like to reassure those residents who turned out in force in 2002 to elect us, that we were far from being moribund and ineffective.

The list of projects councillors steered through for the benefit of the village, without the help of Mr Hickford, is long and includes the bowling green, complete revamp of the recreation ground including the skate ramp and children's play equipment, the establishment of the Cathodeon Centre and relocation of the library and, most importantly the writing of the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan questionnaire went to every household and, to date, a significant outcome of this process was the introduction of the one way system.

If the current council has any success in preventing large scale developments in Linton in the future it will be thanks to all those who contributed to the Parish Plan which has formed the bedrock of the district Council's Local Development Framework and which will prove pivotal in the success or failure of the new changes in planning legislation. This document alone provides evidence that it is disingenuous of the present chairman to paint previous councillors as a cabal complacent.

All organisations benefit from fresh ideas but it really is a pity to throw the baby out with the bath water by consigning all previous councils to the scrap heap. It was an honour and a pleasure to serve the council in those years and we trust that the present council will feel the same and have tangible results for their efforts.

From three old girls from the Old Boys Club,
Judy Rossiter, Val Urwin and Linda Read

These are just two of the several letters I have received on this topic. Editor

Do you remember?

Dear Editor,

I LIVED in Linton for over 10 years in the 70s and 80s and have many good memories of my time there. I worked with four friends to resurrect the then defunct Linton Cricket Club in 1976, changing its name to Linton Village Cricket Club and I'm glad to see that it's still going now. I remember the club taking part in probably the last cricket match of the 1970s to be played in England - December 31st 1979. It was played on a cold morning on the ground behind the old sports' pavilion. We won.

I was a member of the Parish Council for five years and chaired the Linton Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977. These lasted a week and included a daredevil stunt by the local garage owners who

bravely jumped over the river Granta in a car. The culmination of the festivities was a very well attended Saturday afternoon fête on the 'rec. I hope the village's Diamond Jubilee celebrations went off as well.

I now live in Cyprus and still enjoy a pint in the Dog and Duck when I visit the UK. Does anyone still remember Dennis, the landlord in the 70s who cleaned the pub's chimney by firing a shotgun up it?

Happy days!
Michael Barron
By email

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Dear Editor,
I WAS very disturbed to read the opening paragraph of the Parish Council chairman's annual report.

As a resident of Linton and a firm supporter of local community action, I was shocked by the allegations made by Cllr Hickford about the lack of activity and the old boy's club atmosphere of the Parish Council since he joined it in 2004.

My experience of the thoughtful, planned work, in consultation with the community via the carefully prepared Parish Plan, is one of the things that makes Linton such a pleasant place to live and bring a family up in. Considering how many facilities we have in the village, there is evidence of how much work must have been done prior to 2004.

I believe that in a democracy, the role of a chair should be to report the facts as they happened and not to misuse their position by listing personal views and insulting the work of recent and present members.

Ruth Joyce MA OBE, High Street

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,

A BIG thank you to all who were involved in the annual Mick Goodman Memorial Cricket Match which took place on the meadow on Sunday 20th May. Despite the cold conditions it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Congratulations to the football team who were the winners.

Many thanks in particular to all the players, scorers, bar staff, the band and to Ted Wright and his famous BBQ. A total of £351 was raised and has been sent to the Addenbrooke's Oncology fund in Mick's memory
Harriet Goodman, 836937

Linton WI celebrates the Diamond Jubilee with cake

ON 5th June, WI members, dressed in red white and blue, celebrated Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

A special cake, which had been baked by one of our longest serving members, and beautifully decorated in red white and blue, was a talking point and much admired.

After Jerusalem had been sung, a very testing quiz on a royal theme was enjoyed - who would have known, for instance, that *Sandringham Lightning* was a pigeon?

After the quiz, Robbie Barrett, who lives in Linton, played a medley of well-known songs on the piano which we all sang along to. Robbie was applauded enthusiastically and thanked warmly. The jubilee cake was served and pronounced delicious. An amusing recitation with a royal connection entitled *I've danced with a man who's danced with a girl who's danced with the Prince of Wales*, was



The celebration cake
Picture taken by Rita Boniface

given by a WI member and went down well.

A *guess who?* competition followed. Photos were passed around of children which had to be matched up with the correct committee member (not as easy as it sounds). One clever lady guessed all eight correctly.

The party was over save for singing *God Save the Queen*. A good time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on 3rd July when the speaker will be John Grieve. His talk is entitled *It shouldn't happen to a vet, but it has!*

Sally Proberts

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

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

WEEKLY

Conkers children's centre, 9am-12noon, Mon-Thurs call 07768 008919	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Monday	stermtime CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Storytime, 2.15-2.45pm alternate Tuesdays (term time only)	Library
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
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays until October	Pavilion
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	Ashdon Baptist church
St Mary's church choir trebles, 6.30-7.15pm Fridays	St Mary's
Full choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

JULY

Weekends in July, open studios, see articles for details

2 Linton camera club, 7.15pm	CC
3 WI, 7.30pm	VH
5 Linton lunch club	Cancelled
5 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
6 Olympic Quiz, 7.30pm	URC hall
7 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
7 Aztecs junior FC registration, 10am-12noon	Pavilion
10 Alzheimer's information point, 10am	Health centre
10 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
11 Chestnut playgroup open day, 9.30am	CC
11 Linton Granta playgroup open day, 10am	LVC
13 Friends of LVC Summer Flutter, 7.30pm	LVC
15 Scout duck race, 12.30pm	D&D
18 CAMTAD, hearing help, 9.30-12noon	Health centre
19 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
21 Garden club show, 2.30pm	VH

August

2 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
4 Farmers' market, 9am	LVC
7 WI, 7.30pm	VH
9 Ace ploughman's lunch, 12.30pm	CP

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266
Library times: Mon closed; Tues 10am-5pm; Wed 4pm-7pm; Thurs 2pm-5pm; Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
Linton refuse collection: 2nd, 16th & 30th July
Linton recycling collection: 9th & 23rd July, 6th August
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.

Don't forget

TO put all your events into the diary, which is held in the Post Office. Remember to put the event, date, time and venue. We have had several incomplete listings lately, if one of them is yours and it is not in the diary, we apologise but we are not psychic!
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A heartfelt challenge

ROB Wentworth-James, 50, from Hadstock will follow his heart when he cycles from London to Paris, a distance of 175 miles, on 4th July. The challenge will be totally unsupported, such that everything needed by Rob has to be carried on his bike. The ride is to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

Rob got involved in the trip because a close relative (Eric Herz) died suddenly on Boxing Day at the age of 66, as a result of a massive heart rupture.

The 24 hour cycle challenge (including the ferry crossing) promises to be a genuine test of the training managed to date, that has been wrapped around a full time job; and it promises to be the experience of a lifetime. He has been training since early January and is confident that he will be ready to meet the challenge in July.

Rob is trying to raise as much money as possible for the BHF's fight against heart and circulatory disease which is still more likely to kill you than any other serious illness, including cancer.

As part of his efforts, he has established a Just Giving website for all of those that wish to help him raised funds, allowing the money to go directly to the charity at the earliest opportunity.

If you would like sponsor Rob please visit the Just Giving Website www.justgiving.com/RobNickPete-L2P24

For more information on the British Heart Foundation's World Experiences please contact the BHF Press Office on 0207 554 0171.

More information on the BHF research, help and lots more, is available on www.bhf.org.uk

Ten years more than the Queen

THIS year is the 70th Gardening Club Annual Show in Linton. The variety of things you can enter is again huge with an astounding 118 classes on offer. They range from the horticultural classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers and pot plants to photography, flower arranging, crafts, baking and preserves, art and children's classes.

You can enter as many classes as you like. There are modest monetary prizes and cups to be won but it is definitely the prize card and the fun of entering that counts. Last year even more cups were won by non-members in the village, could you be next?

Schedules giving full details on how to enter are available from Susan Anderson 891623 and Alex Todd 892979. Entry forms must be received at 3 Mill Lane by 8pm on Thursday 19th July. The 70th Annual Show will open its doors at 2.30pm on Saturday 21st July at the village hall. The prize-giving and raffle will be at 4pm. All are most welcome; we look forward to seeing you there.

Sadly our show secretary and a couple of our committee members have had to stand down this year. Without a show secretary it will not be possible to hold the show next year. If you are interested in standing for either post in the autumn, or would like to know what is involved, please contact me.

Kirsten Newble, 892425, lqcsecretary@yahoo.co.uk

Cambridge Open Studios

WindmillArt summer exhibition

TEN established artists are exhibiting a diverse and exciting collection of two-dimensional and three-dimensional works of art at in July. Disciplines include ceramics, paintings, sculpture, jewellery, photography, drawings and collages in the largest group exhibition ever held at the gallery. Promoted in association with the very popular Cambridge Open Studios (COS) summer event, WindmillArt has a full page listing in their current 2012 COS brochure. (Free copies available at the library and elsewhere)

The exhibitors are: Tereza Votre, Lydia Collings, Richard Read, Yasmin Marsh, Susan Tutton, David T. Waller, Linda Richardson, Susan Jones, Philip Blakeley, and Conrad Webb.

WindmillArt would like to thank the many visitors who came to the very successful and



popular *Out of the Blocks* prints exhibition in May. The eight fine art printmakers were very pleased with the event and we hope to hold a similar exhibition with them next year.



Above: ceramics by Lydia Collings and below a painting by Richard Read

Pictures supplied by Conrad Webb

The challenge of new technology at Linton Health Centre

OUR new computer system has certainly proved to be challenging for both our clinicians and the administrative teams. Getting to grips with a new appointment system, a new document management system and a new clinical record system has challenged us all.

We knew that, initially, we would be somewhat slower with all tasks but our dispensary team in particular has had a very difficult period following the change of system. Unexpected staff absence and a four day bank holiday weekend resulted in a backlog of work which put the dispensers under enormous pressure.

Our reception team had a backlog of hospital letters to scan and also had the challenge of a completely new appointments programme. All our staff have worked additional hours and have worked every Saturday for the past month to enable us to catch up.

It has been an extremely busy time and we thank our patients for their patience and thank all our staff for their hard work and commitment over these very difficult weeks.

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...Kaela-Ann Cooper and Sue Walker also open their studios

HADSTOCK artist Sue Walker's studio is among 180 venues which will be open for weekends in July in conjunction with Cambridge Open Studios. Sue's contemporary landscapes are in acrylic and mixed media and are inspired by nature and travel.

Sue looks forward to welcoming you to her studio on 21st- 22nd and 28th- 29th July from 11am to 6pm at The Orchard Studio, Yew Trees Farmhouse, Linton Road, Hadstock, CB21 4NU. Look out for the free guide giving full details of all Cambridge Open Studios or online at www.camopenstudios.co.uk

For more information please go to www.suewalker-art.co.uk or contact me:

Sue Walker, 891710 or emailsuewalkerart1@gmail.com



Sue at work in her studio

The Summer Exhibition begins on Saturday 7th July and is open from 12pm to 6pm every day until Sunday 15th July. On Thursday 12th the gallery will remain open until 9pm and wine and nibbles will be served to those who attend. The address is Windmill House, Long Lane, Linton, Cambs, CB21 4NS with parking for over 60 cars.

WindmillArt is a private, not-for-profit and commission-free exhibition venue. Please visit our new website and enquiries via www.windmillart.co.uk or conrad@windmillart.co.uk or 07931 372110.

Conrad Webb

LINTON artist Kaela-Ann Cooper will be taking part in Cambridge Open Studios again this year. Local mum Kaela-Ann will be opening her studio at 88 Finchams Close, Linton on three weekends in July. They are 14th-15th, 21st-22nd and 28th-29th. The studio will be open from 11am to 6pm, or by appointment on 891029.

There are several new paintings this year so feel free to come and look at what I do and have a chat.

Kaela-Ann Cooper

Summer reading challenge

EVERY year, thousands of families all over the country are involved in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries – the Summer Reading Challenge (SRC), coordinated by the Reading Agency. For 2012, the challenge is called Story Lab.

"Step into Story Lab, and you're off on an imaginative reading adventure that knows no bounds. Here you can have fun; read, collect, share, create, transmit and broadcast stories."

The aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays. Everyone who signs up for the SRC can keep track of the books they read and receive encouragement to keep reading all summer. It's great fun for children and it doesn't cost a penny to join.

How do I sign my child up?

Just head to your local library at the beginning of the summer holidays. Staff will enrol your children – it's free of charge – every child will receive a membership card or pack.

What books can my children read?

The SRC is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. They can read any books they like – fact books, stories, joke books, picture books – it's up to them. Audio books count too. As long as you're borrowing them from your library, they all count.

Do the children who finish the challenge receive anything?

Yes, everybody who reads six books is awarded a certificate and medal; some libraries have a special presentation ceremony.

Anne Worthington

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Linton Country Diary by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



The rhino and the sycamore

IT is 22nd May and it feels apocalyptic! A tap drips every thirty seconds upon stainless steel resonating eerily. Looking out of the kitchen window – its 6.30am, a gentle breeze swirls a drizzling mist around trees in the cemetery. The chickens huddle peacefully in their coop whilst the digital temperature gauge records a chilling 7.1° centigrade. Stepping outdoors it feels more like five degrees asking myself ‘where is the sunshine?’ Has it been the coldest or wettest May on record? I would certainly think so.

Today, 13th June, the sun shines to a cool 6.3° centigrade rising gently at 7am.

Out on my bicycle around the village I’ve noticed a reluctance of many plant buds to unfurl, a distinct lack of visible

insects for the time of year and an evening spent investigating our sub-aquatic wildlife reveals all is rather too quiet due to the unusually low temperatures. Still, it’s not surprising, we have been warned and standing at the top of Rivey Hill - a glacial moraine – reminds us it was once very much colder here indeed.

The hunt for unusual galls has also stalled. Without sightings of the gall-wasp on dog-

roses (*Rosa canina*) I’ve turned over a new leaf to find the ever reliable sycamore gall. We’ve all seen them, perhaps accepting it as a characteristic. Well, in a sense you would be right, for these little, most often red, pustulated galls are the works of *Aceria macrorhynchus*. Now, as the name suggests he’s a little like a rhinoceros but fear not, for to use a rule of thumb, you may fit several upon a pin head! The tiny Mr Ace Mac is in fact

a mite with an appetite, feeding off the succulent sycamore leaves. Once again the plant responds to this attack in such a way as to cause the tiny galls to appear. The adult mite will use these in which to deposit an egg and in time the newly hatched grub will feed within.

By the way, the wood from the sycamore tree was the traditional material used in the making of Welsh wedding gifts love spoons. It’s a beautiful timber, robust against pollution yet almost as hard as oak. It was also once the preferred material of toy makers. Until next time, keep warm.

There is a reason that there is a picture of a snail, we will ask Darryl to tell you why next month.

Editor



POT POURRI 88

Quadrilateral area

DRAW a quadrilateral (four sided figure with all sides different lengths) and draw two diagonals. Label the sides a, b, c, d and the diagonals x, y.
Can one generate a formula for the area using the terms a,b,c,d,x,y?
Hint: It may help to practice on a square or a rectangle to get the feel of the solution.
Solution to 87 – Next number is? 969, 486, 192, 18, next number is 9.
Numbers are generated by multiplying the digits.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Aztecs Junior FC registration morning

THE club registration day for the 2012/2013 season will take place from 10am to 12noon on 7th July at the Linton pavilion on the meadow. The club welcomes current and new players to the club from under six to under 20 age groups. Further details including fees and forms can be found in the latest news section of the club website www.aztecsjfc.co.uk or by emailing: info@aztecsjfc.co.uk

Mick Lindsell

John O’Groats to Land’s End by bike

MARK Logan from Hildersham completed the 951 miles from John o’Groats to Land’s End with four friends on 2nd June after 10 days of riding in glorious sunshine. They raised over £5,000 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer and would like to thank all those that sponsored the team.

It was a memorable trip, the bike computer saying they climbed 49,478 feet, averaged 13.5 mph and burnt 55,973 calories. The blog is up to date if anyone wants to see some photographs of the trip. www.wheresyourbike.wordpress.com

Summer Flutter at LVC

FOLLOWING on from the success of the Burns Night Supper, the Friends of Linton Village College will be presenting a Summer Flutter from 7.30pm till 11pm on 13th July in the school’s new atrium and common rooms.

The evening will consist of casino, dancing to a live band – Shoot the Pianist and close-up tricks performed by a roving magician. Tickets are £15 each and this will include reception drink and finger buffet.

All proceeds will go to the refurbishment of the school hall.

Tickets available from the school reception or me. Charlotte Foster 890270.

Why pay when you don’t have to

EACH month at Trading Standards we receive enquiries about things people have paid for but could have got free. Here is advice on where you may be able to save unnecessary expense.

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Meet the team...

A WOMAN who is literally at the centre of Linton has recently joined the LN team. Caroline Connell, who lives in Middle Swan Cottage in the High Street, has lived there for the past eight years since retiring from her job, about four years ago, as a student support counsellor at the Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge.

She joined the LN team a few months ago as a proofreader after wishing to become involved in another aspect of village life. She is already a member of the gardening club, the Mah-jong group, the Linton book group and a local spinning group.

Her childhood was spent in East Africa. She has three sons, a daughter



and three grandchildren.

Her involvement with village life, however, is not confined to getting to know people: “My small garden was recently adopted by a duck who raised a clutch of 15 ducklings,” she said. “I had to help them (by putting them in a shopping bag because they couldn’t get up the garden step) to the relative safety of the Granta river where I hope they will thrive.”

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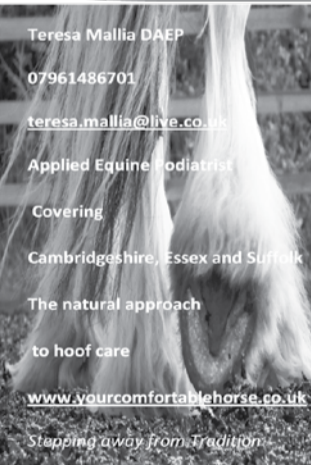
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The Derbyshire Post



AS I write this, I am taking a brief respite from a county literacy conference which we are hosting today. The conference is in many ways a pilot project based on the question: "What is our new building like as a venue for such a venture?" The answer is, actually, "Rather brilliant." The two large social spaces are working well for the keynote speakers and the buffet lunch, whilst the café is perfect for coffee and refreshments. Our break-out areas are the library, the board room and the staff room.

What, you might ask, has happened to the children? Well, it is enrichment week, so Year 7 and 8 have outdoor activities, Year 9 are on residential trips, Year 10 are experiencing the world of work and life beyond Linton and Year 11, poor things, are incarcerated in the sports hall doing their exams. Delegates may occasionally spot a child, but we are managing pretty well. This experience will give us the confidence to use the college for more lettings in the future.

The spaces were greatly appreciated as the venue for the Book Festival and if you have yet to see them, I warmly invite you to the Friends of LVC's glorious summer event on Friday 13th July. The evening will begin with a welcoming glass of fizz and the chance to mingle and sample our platters of delicious finger foods and petits fours. As well as the normal bar there will be a Pimms bar.

We hope you will all join in the fun by having a flutter on roulette, poker or backgammon tables. There will also be a magician and a live band. Prizes will be presented to the top players. Funds raised will go to the refurbishment of the school hall.

Tickets priced at £15 available from LVC reception or by calling 890270.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Holiday activities at LVC

ACTIVITIES which are on offer for children through the holiday periods here at Linton Village College.

Linton Out of School Club and Linton Community Sports Centre have joined forces and are proud to present Linton Active Kids.

Linton Active Kids is not just another play scheme but has been developed not only to offer parents an affordable means of child care during the holiday periods but also to give parents peace of mind that their child will be looked after by fully qualified child care professionals and will also will be engaging in a broad programme designed to stimulate and develop them both physically and mentally.

Activities will include multi sports, football, tennis, drama, dance, cookery and team building activities.

We are working in partnership with organisations such as All 4 One (fencing), Helen O Grady Theatre Academy, Lane Dance Academy and Linton Tennis Academy to bring you some outstanding activities at great value.

For further information or to download registration and booking forms please visit www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk or www.losc.co.uk.

Alternatively you can give the Linton out of School Club manager, Denise Bennett, a call to register your interest or to ask any questions you may have.

Denise can be reached on 07814 724 468 or you can email her on loscmail@googlemail.com

We are very excited about the prospect of Linton Active Kids and believe it will be a resounding success. The summer holiday will see the launch of the scheme but the plan is to run this every school holiday thereafter.

We hope to see your child there.

Steven Austin, Community Business Manager
Linton Village College

Bookfest final comment



FEEDBACK received from evaluation forms shows that Linton Children's Book Festival this year was another resounding success. An estimated 1,000 people attended each day for the weekend events, at least doubling our previous year's totals. First indications are that although more than 60% of people came from Linton and the feeder schools, children came from all our local villages and towns, and some from as far away as Hampshire, Surrey, Brighton, Chelmsford and Cardiff.

The last event, in collaboration with the Aztec's junior football club, saw children's football author Tom Palmer hosting a high energy penalty shoot out. This epitomises how far the book festival has come in terms of support from other Linton organisations and our aim of reaching new audiences. In the Haverhill Echo in June Tom was quoted as saying: "Working with the Aztecs and the festival was brilliant for me, the club made me really welcome and I think the festival is one of the most innovative in the country."

Thanks again to all the sponsors Linton Parish Council, The Anderson Trust, Start Arts, South Cambridgeshire District Council, The Pye Foundation, Young Lives, Kumon English and Maths, Cambridge University Press, Ridgeons, Linton Tandoori, Genzyme, Granta Park, Neusentis Pfizer, Population Genetics, TWI, Medimmune, Saffron Walden Waitrose and Dalehead Foods – as well as countless individual donations.

From mid to late 2013 we will be asking for volunteers to come on the committee for May 2014 and share your ideas. In the meantime, the committee is going to enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Josephine Paterson, 893582
Coordinator Linton Children's Book festival



The Way We Were by Garth Collard

The Linton Diamond Jubilee 1897

THE Camps deanery parish magazine described the celebrations for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee held on Sunday 20th June 1897. The weather had been inclement in the preceding week but on the day it was bright and sunny.

John Longe, Linton vicar, read a tribute to the Queen starting by praising 'a noble monarch, a purer and better woman who ever occupied a throne held not only the warm affection of every loyal subject in her wide dominions but the reverence and esteem of the whole civilised world, as it has never been held before'.

In Linton the national anthem was sung before and after every church service that day, singing just the first and last verses. How many people know the last verse?

Linton celebrations began with a peal of the newly repaired church bells. At 2pm a procession was organised in the recreation ground, they then

marched to the Greenhill where the Linton brass band took the lead, followed by mounted policemen and the children of the day and Sunday schools. Next came the parish councillors and members of the friendly societies. They all marched up and down the High Street with additional music from the school drum and fife band. The march continued until 3.30pm when they were met at the church by the vicar for a short celebration service.

The collection paid for commemorative mugs for the children and medals for the pensioners. A donation was made towards the cost of a diamond jubilee window to be erected in the south aisle but the window was never installed.

Lintonians had been contributing towards the window for ten years but failed to raise the cost. When the Queen died in 1901 money was quickly found for the renamed Victorian memorial window, now

in the north aisle. Below is a wooden memorial plaque to the dead of the Great War.

After the church service the procession returned to the recreation ground where there were decorated wagons and a collection of competitive decorated bicycles. A cricket match was played between the married and single men of the parish. which the latter won. After a sports competition a sumptuous tea was spread for 600, children with pork pies, slices of beef, fruit, cakes, plum pudding, sandwiches and biscuits with lemonade and ginger beer.

In the national schools every person over 60, widows and widowers sat down to a beef dinner and each was given 3s 6d (17½p = about a quarter of a labourer's weekly wage) and a commemorative medal.

It would be fascinating to know if any families still possess a medal or mug from the jubilee.

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Parish Council Matters

Public transport - or rather the lack of it

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FIRSTLY I apologise if any changes have been made to the bus service schedules since this article was printed. For the avoidance of any criticism I believe I should declare a personal interest as I live in Bartlow Road.

Recently there was a public meeting held in West Wrattling village hall for a consultation with residents to help shape the future of local transport. The first meeting looked at the subsidised services in the areas that 16, 16A, 17 and 19 bus routes were currently operating. The county council's aim is to have similar or better alternative services in place when the subsidy is reduced. Also included in the meeting for discussion was the opportunity to provide transport measures that actually meet the needs such as picking up and dropping people off where they want.

No doubt many residents in Linton, like me, thought this would not affect us as there are no proposed changes to the 13 bus service between Haverhill and Cambridge. Whilst this is true, there is a serious knock on effect if the proposals to cut the bus services in outlying villages are implemented. My understanding is that the county council will propose that Linton becomes a transport hub. The hub will most likely be at the end of Bartlow Road where it meets the A1307 and is conveniently next to a bus stop. The county council has land that could be adapted for car parking. This leads me to believe that Linton would then become a 'park and ride', with the residents from the areas that are affected by the changes to their bus services driving into Linton to park their cars and then travel to Cambridge on the 13 bus.

those people who will be seriously affected by the loss of their local bus service and overcrowding on the 13 bus route.

There were many challenging questions asked at the meeting in West Wrattling and below is a sample of some of them and the responses.

My question was: "How can a comprehensive study be carried out in such a short time whereby it reaches the right conclusions?"

Answer: "The county council appreciates that the time available for working with the local community is short and whilst they believe limited time is a real issue they also feel that they can achieve a considerable amount by working directly with those who use or need transport in the area."

I thought this was an important question: "Where is the political will to get us out of cars and onto public transport?"

Answer: "There is still a will to encourage more people to use public transport and the county council will continue to work with commercial bus service providers to do so. Through this work we are concentrating on the best way to provide transport to areas where demand is not sufficient to enable a commercial bus service to operate (80% of the bus network in Cambridgeshire is operated commercially without council subsidy). We are questioning whether existing subsidised services are currently meeting the needs of the community and whether they are the best way to spend a limited subsidy. In some areas a traditional bus service may be the most appropriate solution, in others it may not. By getting the transport in these areas right we should be able to encourage more people to start using services making them more viable."

A thought, if there are no buses how can we use them!
Question: "Could the 13 bus service be diverted through the outlying village 2-3 times a day?"

Answer: The 13 service is a commercial service and receives no subsidy from the county council. This will be raised with Stagecoach.

Question: "Can we have a bus service that goes around the villages and ends up at the park and ride?"

Answer: "This would be explored at forthcoming meetings."

Question: "How can a proper survey be carried out between June and September when the students from the sixth form colleges in Cambridge have finished their studies and are not using the buses?"

Answer: "This is data that can be collected from the operators of subsidised bus services through the year. The county council has a team of surveyors that regularly ride each of the subsidised journeys to gather data."

There were many other relevant questions including, getting to and from Addenbrooke's and the surgery in Linton for elderly people who do not drive or have transport of their own. It was suggested that Volunteer Social Car Schemes be set up. This would be a similar to the services that Helping Hands provides to the residents of Linton. One co-ordinator pointed out that whilst this might be an option, trying to recruit drivers to undertake these kinds of lifts was becoming more difficult. In Linton there is a similar problem with more people wanting lifts and fewer drivers to provide them. I would ask if there are residents who would be prepared to help with taking people to and from the Health Centre, Addenbrooke's, shopping and other local journeys, to please contact either Don Mulholland on 01223 490444 or Dr Bruce Conochie on 01223 894460 who would be pleased to hear from you (a mileage allowance is payable towards the cost of petrol).

Cllr David Champion

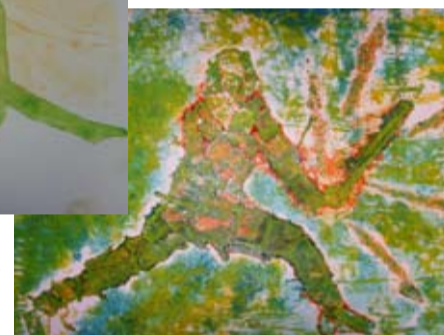
Granta School

THE school has experienced another successful year. Several children completed and passed their bronze award of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. The children put on a pantomime with almost every child taking part. I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the children who thoroughly enjoyed themselves but we must not forget the tireless efforts of the teachers and staff that made this possible. The enthusiasm and dedication of all the staff is first class and this reflects on the children who benefit greatly from being in this happy environment.

The school has support from the Friends of Granta School, FOGS for short. Their purpose is to raise funds for the school to provide extras for the children that school finances cannot stretch to. FOGS were very grateful for the wonderful support it received from the residents of Linton at last year's fete and they are looking forward to even more residents attending the fete on 30th June between 1pm and 4pm. It is important for the school to have the support from the local community. From the monies raised from last year's fete FOGS has helped to provide funds for a Jubilee Street party where all the children were given commemorative mugs. Also some of the sixth form art group attended the Curwen Print Studios at Chilford Hall, examples of their work is brilliant. I have taken a couple of photographs that hopefully shows their achievements. Copies of these will be on sale at the fete.



Examples of the sixth form art group's work



Pictures by David Champion

The head teacher, Lucie Calow, requested that we include a few words from her about the school and the pupils.

"Since opening in 2006 the students and staff at Granta have enjoyed a warm relationship with Linton residents and shop owners. We use the local community to support many aspects of our curriculum and pupil learning. Some of those uses include:

- play, social and physical skills at the park
- money, social and communication skills in local shops
- social understanding and inclusion by visiting places of interest such as the church
- work experience placements.

All of our students have a learning disability. Many have additional needs, for example, they not be able to speak, move, hear or see as well as you and me. It is essential for their personal development that they learn to move around the community and to be able to take part fully in it. Our students come to Granta from all over Cambridgeshire and so Linton provides an opportunity for them to learn together whilst supporting each other.

My heartfelt thanks go to all local residents who have supported us in the past and who continue to offer such warmth of welcome when we are out and about in Linton."

Cllr David Champion



Bartlow Road: likely place for a bus hub

Picture by David Champion

What concerns me greatly is the fact that if residents from the outlying villages catch the 13 bus service from the end of Bartlow Road, by the time the bus reaches the centre of Linton it could be full especially during the rush hour. On the 24th May I spoke to Mr Dan Clarke the Future Transport programme manager of the county council and expressed my concerns. I requested that during his fact finding mission he and his colleagues took into account the fact that the cutting back of bus services would have an increased use of the 13 bus route to the detriment of residents living in Linton and Abington. I may be wrong, but I do not think this problem has been considered.

Cambridgeshire county council is investing £1.5 million countywide to provide a better valued alternative to the existing bus subsidy which is being phased out. It seems that the county council have given themselves just over four months to hold public consultations and come up with a solution. I may be accused of being a sceptic but with the shortage of time to conduct a proper survey I am of the opinion that the county council has already decided their policy and are holding public meetings to comply with their legal obligations, only paying lip service to

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the annual general meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 17th May 2012.

Present: R Hickford (chairman), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, Ms T Hunt, B Manley, D Penfold, G Potter, P Poulter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were in attendance together with five members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Cornell, Mannassi and Wilson.

Election of chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office form: Cllr Dew proposed that Mr Roger Hickford be re-elected as chairman. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and agreed by the meeting. The declaration of acceptance of office form was signed.

Disclosure of interest: Under the allotments items Cllr Walker declared a personal interest as an employee of Camgrain of which Mr C Fahey was a director.

Election of vice-chairman: Cllr Cox proposed that Mrs Enid Bald be re-elected as vice chairman. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Poulter and resolved by the meeting.

Public participation: Mr David Walker presented forms to be signed relating to his grant application to Amey Cespa for play equipment. Mr Walker was thanked.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April: Under the recreation ground item, Cllr Potter proposed that the cradle swings be replaced. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and resolved by the meeting.

Under the response to the public meeting held on 17th April item, Cllr Potter had noted that no decisions had been made regarding recreation ground parking and access issues. The chair reported that this would be dealt with under the written reports from council representatives item.

Under the chairman's comments item, Cllr Bald sent congratulations to all involved in Linton Children's Book Festival.

Appointment of council representatives and committee representatives: The clerk advised that these committees would come into effect from 21st May 2012. *See listing below.

Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues: Cllr Champion reported that it had been suggested that the Co-op contact the Waggon and Horses public house to seek permission for up to five cars to be allowed to use their car park between 9am and 5pm. Cllr Champion had also contacted the Co-op to advise that the neighbouring house in Green Lane was for sale.

Cllr Penfold had contacted Dent Security for advice regarding the upgrade of the CCTV equipment. On receipt of a specification quotations would be sought. Cllr Penfold was thanked for his work.

Report from the county councillor: Cllr Batchelor reported that the county was proposing to invest up to £20 million to encourage the spread of high-speed broadband into the rural areas. By 2015 they were planning to provide 90% of homes and businesses with at least 25 mbps. To do this we must demonstrate to the suppliers that there was a real demand. We need everyone, parish councils, local businesses and individuals to sign-up and show their interest. Register at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk This would influence which areas got the improved service first or at all. This was about those that shout loudest getting the attention. Not as it should be but that was the reality. So get shouting.

Cllr Batchelor also reported on the interim arrangements (until September) for a mini bus which would operate the bus 19 schedule which would cease in June. After this Balsam residents would need to pick up the number 13 on the A1307 in order to travel to Cambridge. There were proposals for a transit point and bus interchange in Linton but the details were unknown.

Cllr Batchelor also reported that many of the pot holes in Linton had been filled or were scheduled to be filled in the next few days.

Report from the district councillors: Cllr Bear reported that she had arranged a meeting with the director of housing to discuss the current South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) policy relating to garages. She was unhappy with the limited choices that had been presented for comment to the consultees ie parish councils and ward councillors. The clerk confirmed that correspondence had been received relating to garages in Chalklands and this would be discussed at the next parish council meeting on 7th June.

Consideration of quotations to reduce height of hedge on southern boundary of Paynes Meadow and erect post and rail fencing to close off access to Rivey Lane: Report from Cllr Bald and summary of costs refer. Cllr Bald reported that the recent tree planting had already had a good effect on anti-social behaviour. The quotations were discussed under confidential cover.

Consideration of quotations to replace recreation ground play area cradle swings: Summary of costs refers. The quotations were discussed under confidential cover.

Pavilion update: Cllr Manley reported that there was a continuing delay in submitting the planning application for the pavilion due to the need for a flood risk assessment. Cllr Cox reported that

he believed that a flood risk assessment had been undertaken after the last flood in 2001 and he would investigate.

Cllr Manley would be meeting with Football Club representatives in the next two weeks regarding a business plan in relation to applications for grants etc. A letter thanking Mr Baker for his work would be drafted.

Correspondence received for discussion and decision: Cllr Manley declared a personal interest under the next item as a member of the Football Club committee.

Linton Granta Football Club had requested permission to hold a 'Party in the Park' on Sunday 3rd June to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Permission was granted.

Cambridgeshire county council had sent an invitation to a street lighting briefing on 20th June. Any councillor wishing to attend should contact the clerk. Cllr Dew reported that the implementation of the lighting scheme in Nichols Court had already made a huge difference to neighbouring residents. It was agreed to contact Sanctuary thanking them. Cllr Bald requested that Cllr Batchelor pursue the removal of some of the county council lights in the vicinity.

Consideration of the draft lease received from Linton Action for Youth (LA4Y): LA4Y had requested further information and clarification regarding pavilion leases etc which the clerk had provided.

Cllr Poulter reported that he believed there was a basis for negotiation regarding the lease however the amendments requested by LA4Y were not workable. The parish council's solicitor had commented that 'the current document has now been amended in so many key areas that it has ceased to function as originally intended'. Cllr Potter commented that although the Bowls and Football Clubs were not charged for use of the pavilion certain maintenance demands had been written into their leases.

Cllr Bald proposed that the parish council should revert back to the original lease and work from there. Cllr Poulter seconded the proposal. Cllr Wakley responded that although he was not aware of all the history behind this saga he felt that there had been a lack of communication. Councillors and LA4Y representatives should sit down and discuss this face to face. It was agreed that Cllrs Champion, Poulter and Wakley be available to meet with LA4Y representatives if requested.

Written reports from council representatives: The rules for vehicular access to the recreation ground had been circulated by Cllr Hickford. Cllr Wakley proposed that the rules be accepted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Penfold. A vote took place with nine votes in favour and two votes against. Proposal carried. Cllr Walker requested that anyone witnessing dangerous driving should take the registration number of the vehicle and report it to the parish council and the police.

Allotments update: The chair reported that the land valuations had been received from the district valuer and the parish council was in consultation with SCDC.

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

*Council and committee representatives

THE current appointed council representatives and committee representatives are as listed below.

Committee representatives:

- Planning Committee - Cllrs Bald (chair), Hunt (vice-chair), Wilson, Dew, Walker, Champion and Poulter.
- Finance Committee - Cllrs Cox, Hickford, Potter (chair), Cornell (vice-chair) and Wakley.
- Staff Sub-committee - chair (Cllr Hickford), vice-chair (Cllr Bald) and chairs of Planning and Finance.

Council representatives:

- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CAPALC) - vacancy.
- Directors, Linton Parish Publications - Cllrs Cox, Hunt and vacancy.
- Trustees to Cathodeon Trust - PC trustees Cllrs Champion and Wilson. Mr Andrew Gore & Dr Val Urwin continue in office.
- Charles & Mary Anderson Trust - Cllr Cornell (Cllr Cox - reserve).
- Linton Granta Bowls club - Cllr Manley.
- Linton Granta Football Sports & Social club - Cllrs Manley and Wakley (Cllr Penfold - reserve).
- Police Liaison - Cllr Champion.

- Public Transport - Cllr Wakley.
- Village Hall - Cllr Hunt.
- Tree Warden - Mrs Susan Anderson.
- Working groups (advisory committees):**
- Open Spaces and Environment - Cllrs Bald, Hunt and Dew.
- Recreation ground - Cllrs Hickford, Potter, Manley and Penfold.
- Cemetery - Cllrs Bald, Wilson and Walker.
- Rights of Way - Cllr Mannassi (Mr Ralph Robinson, Mr Bob Hammett and Dr Judy Rossiter co-opted).
- Venture Playground - Cllrs Penfold, Potter, Hunt and Wilson.
- Glebe Land - Cllr Cox.
- Churchyard - Cllrs Bald, Cox and Wilson (maximum of 3).
- A1307, Traffic and Recreation ground Parking - Cllrs Cornell, Bald, Hickford, Champion, Manley, Walker and Poulter.
- Youth - Cllrs Cornell, Hickford, Hunt, Penfold and Wakley.
- Staff appraisals - Staff sub-committee.
- CCTV control group - Cllrs Hickford, Potter, Cornell and Penfold.
- River, Wildlife and Leadwell Meadows Warden - Cllr Mannassi.
- Parish Charities - Cllr Potter, Mr John Linsdell and Mr Karl Chapman.
- Allotment Association - chair Mr Simon Hotchin

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