

Flower festival
and fête at
St Mary's church
and the
infant school
8th-10th June

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Graham hands over to Andrew

I AGREED to serve as chairman of the parish council once again because I believe that what the council does matters to Linton.

Much of the Council's work is about the important daily round of working with other public bodies and keeping our existing services up to scratch, but there are many new things we also need to do. We need to secure the extra facilities the village needs, but which at the moment are still just aspirations. We need to secure Quality Parish Status, not just to get a little extra money from the government, but to gain a bigger say in how things are run locally.

Most of all we need vision. Politicians have started to talk a lot about "localism", of bringing power back to local communities. I suspect some are more sincere than others. But if we are to bring decision-making closer to our own village, we need a vision for its future. It would be unrealistic—and arrogant—to think the Parish Council can do it on its own, but it can help steer the course. Our Parish Plan has already got us off the starting blocks.

What's your vision for Linton? Here's one idea: there's suddenly a lot of talk about "Transition Communities"—towns and villages that try to be far more self-sufficient in the face of environmental pressures. That won't be easy for Linton. We've lost many services already, but I think it's a goal worth pursuing. You may think we need quite a different vision, but as an organisation rooted in the community the Parish Council is accessible. Trying to get your message across to Whitehall or Shire Hall can sometimes feel like shouting at the top of your voice through a locked door. We're not



Outgoing chairman Graham Potter with Andrew Gore holding up the village sign

Picture by Roger Lapwood
like that. We live in the same place as you, the same road as you. Tell us about your vision for Linton, and why you think we should pursue it.
Andrew Gore

Rain didn't stop play!

AT the Gardening club's May meeting, Stephen Elstob, head gardener of Clare College, gave a virtual tour of the college's lovely grounds which occupy both sides of the river.

Using old prints and current plans he described the master plan for the next 10 years. This includes renovating a sunken area in the fellows' garden and creating a new scholars' garden which meets their needs for studying, eating and relaxing.

The hot topic of climate change is dictating a different approach to designing and growing, which includes the introduction of more drought-tolerant species and the surprise of being able to leave dahlias in the ground over winter, with only minimum covering.

Although the spectacular canna lilies in the fellows' tropical garden must still be taken inside, the banana plants survive outside in protective tubes. The Victorians who championed such gardens could never have imagined this situation.



Sale time: a good turnout helps raise a magnificent £350

Picture by Ron Pitkin

The follow-up visit to Clare gardens originally planned for Tuesday 3rd will now take place on Wednesday 4th July. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please meet outside the village hall at 6pm for departure at 6.15.

Rain threatened, but didn't spoil the fun at the plant sale on 12th May, and we are grateful to everyone who came to buy, and to the helpers on the day who had already braved a slightly damp Friday evening to set everything up.

Thanks as always go to

Susan and John Anderson for lending us their yard for selling and their garden to enjoy. It was while we were using their conservatory as a counting house that the heavens did open, but by then we were well on the way to the discovery that we had raised a magnificent £350.

This sum will subsidise the annual show on Saturday 21st July. Schedules for this event are available, price 50p from show secretary Susan Anderson at 3 Mill Lane, telephone 891623.

Gloria Fidler 891800

A £4000 marathon triumph

WE have always been keen runners but this year we decided to enter the London Marathon – and attempt to run all 26.2 miles around the city!

It did seem a slightly crazy thing to do as we had only previously run a half marathon and that had been a few years ago (will we ever have the Linton half marathon again?), but we were up for the challenge.

We followed a strict training programme which started on 1st January, running four times a week around Linton and the surrounding villages clocking up around 500 miles! And, on the day ... we made it, managing to run all the way in four hours and 46 minutes, coming in 20,000th out of 35,669 finishers and 4,500th out of the 10,854 women. We even mastered the technique of being able to run through the water stations, grab a bottle and drink without stopping!

The whole experience was amazing, right from the start

They did it! Sarah and Geraldine after the run ... they don't look too puffed either!

Picture by Gavin Bowie



line, standing amongst the rhino, Santa, and various Batman!

On the course it felt like the whole population of London was out on the streets, cheering everyone on, with bands playing and pubs blaring out inspiring music! Some of the residents were even spraying competitors

with their hosepipes, which was really appreciated as it was such a hot day.

Seeing the finish line as we came into the Mall and knowing we'd made it was a truly special and very emotional moment.

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored us; we have both managed to raise

more than we ever thought possible for our chosen charities, the PSP (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy) Association and MEDICS (The Mid Essex Doctors Immediate Care Scheme).

Will we ever do it again? a question for another day!!!

Sarah Bowie and Geraldine Thomas

Fun and flowers at the festival



DON'T miss out – this coming weekend is the 40th anniversary Flower Festival and Fête. The full programme for this event has now been finalised and a great weekend is in store.

The magnificent floral arrangements in the church will be on display throughout the weekend while at the Infants school, alongside regular attractions such as the miniature train rides and bouncy castle, are several events appearing for the first time this year.

These innovations include a pet dog show at 12noon on Saturday, judged by Linton vet David Urwin MRCVS, with prizes in 10 categories including 'dog with the waggiest tail', 'dog most like its owner', best small/large/medium dog etc. There will be treats for all the doggy contestants!

In the afternoon, there will be a five-a-side football tournament, including a ladies' match – not to be missed. For motoring enthusiasts, guess the mileage on a 1969 E-type Jag and win a ride.

The Linton village college concert, previously advertised for the Sunday afternoon, has unfortunately had to be cancelled, but on the Saturday from 10am-1pm, LVC Year 9 students will offer a preview in the Infants school playground of their mini-enterprise projects, offering items to buy and the chance to place orders. The students form manufacturing companies as part of the design technology curriculum.

Also in the playground will be free children's games, not forgetting the bouncy castle, teddy bear jumps from the church tower (Sat 3pm), concerts in the church (7.30pm Sat and 6pm Sun) and much more! Altogether, something for everyone!

Please note – there will be no parking at the infant school this year, except for the disabled. Free parking is available at the village college.

Andrew King 897832

We need your help with the village hall

THOSE of you who have used or visited the village hall recently will know how lucky we are in Linton to have such a fine building at our disposal.

Your local village hall has been maintained to a very high standard for many years now. This has been made possible

by a dedicated group of people made up from groups and individual village members. We are now in urgent need of new village members for our committee to ensure Linton continues to have one of the best halls in the region, but we need new people to help with its running.

As chairman, I appeal to people to come forward and join the management team. This is open to anybody in the village or adjacent area who could make some time and effort to help manage the building on behalf of the village.

If you are interested in helping run this worthwhile village asset, please call me on 01440 704510 or e-mail g.northrop@btinternet.com, or ring the Parish council clerk on 891001.

Glyn Northrop, chairman
Farewell George: Page 5

Plans for a wind farm ...

ENERTRAG UK Ltd recently notified South Cambridgeshire district council and the local parish councils of its intention to apply for planning consent for an eight-turbine wind farm to the south west of Linton.

The proposed site is south of the A1307, south west of the silo complex. Look out for a statement from Enertrag in next month's Linton News about the wind turbines and the date, time and place of the public meeting.

Editor

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

THE time has surely now come to put some much needed perspective on the continual rounds of debate and conjecture surrounding the safety or otherwise of the A1307. Many of the arguments being heard at the moment are typical of the blame culture sweeping the country. Everyone seems very aware of their rights, but sadly ignorant of their responsibilities.

Exactly why is it that "they should do something about it"? Who are "they" and what is "it"?

The single constant factor over recent years, which has so far resisted all attempts at eradication, is the stubbornness of local drivers in not adhering to the laws set out in the Highway Code to keep us safe.

Ridiculous amounts of time and money have already been spent (or wasted, depending on your point of view) on measures to make drivers drive within the law. Perhaps, if there were not so many abuses of the speed limit and parking restrictions, we wouldn't now have a one-way system, or be surrounded locally by the apparently invisible flashing speed signs. The roads in and around Linton may be "our" roads, but that does not entitle us to treat them how we please.

Many local motorists think they are skilled enough to drive in Linton at over 30 mph. Often these people are also happy to demonstrate their ownership of an indicator exemption certificate. Perhaps a police presence of any viable sort would improve things – they may even be able to persuade the young female driver of the silver V-reg Peugeot 206 to slow down from 40 mph. At 8.15 each morning she disappears into the distance through Linton, Babraham and Sawston – only to be caught up in between. How strange, only speeding through villages!

The Cambridge Evening News, read by many in Linton, can possibly be held to account for some of the hysteria: headlines using phrases like "Road of Death", or "Notorious Dangerous Road" only add to people's sense that accidents are caused by something beyond their control.

In May's Linton News, our County Councillor detailed the numerous ways in which money has been spent, and also mentioned the surveys being carried out on the "camber, curves etc" of just one part of the road. He then goes on to say that "if there were easy answers they would already have been applied". Surely the answer is easy.

The quickest, cheapest and *easiest* way to end the appalling loss of life on what is a fairly normal road with good visibility should now be clear.

Granta Ranta

Credit card scams

IN the absence of any information from the police this month, we are giving a warning about credit cards.

Scene 1:

A man at a local restaurant paid for his meal by credit card. The bill for the meal came, the man signed it, the waitress folded the receipt and returned the credit card. Usually, he would just take it and place it in his wallet. This time he looked at the card and saw that it was the expired card of another person.

He called the waitress who looked perplexed, apologised and took it back to the counter. All she did while walking to the counter was wave the wrong expired card to the counter cashier, who immediately looked down and took out the real card. No exchange of words – nothing! She took it and came back to the man with an apology.

Make sure the credit cards in your wallet are yours. Check the name on the card every time you sign for something and/or the card is taken away. Many people just take back the credit card without even looking at it, assuming that it is theirs.

Scene 2:

Yesterday, I went to pick up a pizza that I had ordered by phone. I paid with my debit card which is linked directly to my bank account. The man behind the counter took my card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter waiting for the approval, which is standard procedure. He picked up his cell phone and started dialling.

I noticed the phone because it was the same as mine. Then I heard a click that sounded like mine sounds when I take a picture. He gave me back my card but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. I wondered what he was taking a picture of, then it dawned on me that the only thing there was my credit card, so now I paid close attention to what he was doing.

He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, I heard the chime that tells you the picture has been saved; this man had just taken a picture of my credit card. It was very neatly done and had we not had the same kind of phone, I probably would never have noticed what happened. I cancelled that card as I was walking out of the pizza restaurant.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times and be cautious when using your credit card, notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of camera phones. When you are in a restaurant and they bring your receipt for you to sign, make sure you scratch the number off both copies. Some restaurants are using only the last four digits, but many still put the whole number.

LNT

Attempt to start a Linton Trefoil Guild

CALLING all ex-members! It is proposed that a Trefoil Guild be formed in Linton district. Members can be anyone over 18 years of age, female or male, who are supportive of girl guiding.

Guilds hold regular meetings, usually monthly, and have a varied programme of activities and talks, as well as supporting Brownie and Guide units on those special occasions where more help is required.

Members of the Trefoil Guild would work alongside the 'Friends of Guiding' at fundraising events, but would

also have a regular monthly meeting to promote their own interests and to share fun and fellowship.

Members of the Trefoil Guilds have their own county, national and international events, thus giving members the chance to enjoy and share opportunities with like-minded people.

If you are interested in joining such a group and would like to receive more information and details of the inaugural meeting, which will probably be held in July, please contact me.

Jean Wheeler 893513

Expecting a baby? You can help us

If you are pregnant and you are expecting your baby to arrive between late November this year and early March next year, you may be interested in taking part in a programme in which medical students will be able to learn from expectant mothers.

Over the course of the past five years, more than 600 women have helped students develop a wider understanding

of the experience of pregnancy and childbirth by hearing directly from mothers-to-be. (No physical examination is involved).

If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity to contribute to the education of our future doctors, please contact Joanna Griffiths on 769285 or 769288. Alternatively, you can send an email to jg239@medschl.cam.ac.uk

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Editor

The Heights of summer

THIS year Linton junior school's summer fair will be held between 5-9pm on Friday 6th July. There will be some of the old favourites such as the football competition, a barbecue, class stalls, tombola, refreshments, raffle, and face-painting. It is hoped to add some new attractions – look out for quad bikes and a pirate galleon shipwreck!

It promises to be a great evening so please come and bring family and friends.

Alan Jones

Sorry! our mistake

APOLOGIES to our gallant Edinburgh marathon runners, Jan and Richard Rand for printing the wrong email addresses last month. It should have been www.justgiving.com/richardrand or, for Jan, www.justgiving.com/jantrand. If you would like to donate to their cause, Stars, the local children's bereavement support service hosted by Milton Children's Hospice, www.ccbss.org.uk they would be delighted.

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Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are on Page 8. Please note: all letters for publication must be supplied with a full name and address to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited.

It's not just bad luck!

Dear Editor
IN the early hours of Monday 29th April we received a telephone call from a concerned neighbour regarding damage to our Renault Clio (which had just occurred). A group of youths when challenged by her then run off towards The Grove. This cost us £71 just for parts, and we were also inconvenienced as we were going to Heathrow airport very early that morning. This is becoming a regular occurrence on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night. If everyone is aware how frequently this kind of damage is happening, and in which areas of the village, perhaps we can do something about it. We shouldn't have to pay the repair bill again and think it's just bad luck!
Annette Jackson
Symonds Lane

£1,793 raised

Dear Editor
SAVE the Children fights for children in the UK and around the world who are suffering from poverty, disease, injustice and violence. We are most grateful to collectors and donors whose hard work and generosity raised £1,793 in Linton, Hadstock and Withersfield during the SCF week. This will enable Save the Children to continue its work.
Bernadette Milner

Wagtail spotted

Dear Editor
On 10th May around 11am, I saw what I think was a grey wagtail near Mill Lane bridge. It had a brilliant yellow breast, grey back and was doing that bobbing walk with the wagging tail. Has anyone else seen it? Maybe there is a pair?
Kate France,
Emson's Close

Help Chernobyl children

Dear Editor,
We are holding a plant sale at 130 High Street with tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac and books from 10am until 3pm on Saturday 2nd June. This is for the 'Polyclinic', Chernigov, in the Ukraine. We hope many of your readers will support this worthy cause as all monies raised buys vital equipment to help the children still suffering from the Chernobyl radiation fallout.
R Newman and J Whitby, High Street, 890739

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,
CHALKLANDS' residents are very grateful to the parish council for organising the pruning of the trees in the cemetery.

Sadly, one diseased tree had to be removed but the rest were trimmed and the residents will again be able to enjoy their gardens this summer.

Ann Simpkin, Chalklands Residents' Association

Dear Editor

To all our wonderful friends in Linton and beyond who have shown us so much kindness during Frank's stay in hospital, many thanks.

June and Frank Bunn, Crossways

Exhibition helps boost WI funds

THE May meeting to discuss the resolution that will be going to the Annual General Meeting on 6th June at the Albert Hall was well attended.

President Ann Simpkin welcomed members and thanked everyone for their hard work making cakes and serving teas at Linton village college on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th April to support the Linton history photographic exhibition.

This was a very successful weekend with over 700 people visiting and a good profit was made on the teas which has boosted our funds! £113 was taken on the stall selling WI items and this has been passed on to the Federation office.

Cynthia Norris explained the resolution which had been proposed by Deverille and

Crockerton WI, Wiltshire Federation, on the closure of community hospitals. At the moment 150 are under threat.

Support for the resolution was approved; however it was decided to leave our delegate to vote on our behalf after she had heard the arguments for and against.

Wendy Foster was thanked for producing the WI programme for 2007/2008 and these were distributed to members. It was decided to enter a floral arrangement at the flower festival at St Mary's in June; a team will undertake this project.

The village sign is in need of restoration and it was decided that the secretary should write to the parish council about it.

Tricia Lewis 893609



Time for tea: from left, Bel Griffiths, Cynthia Norris, June Bunn, Jean Champion and Brenda Smith

Trekking 400 years into the past in Nepal

UNABLE to get a speaker for their April meeting, Hildersham WI looked closer to home for a speaker, which turned out to be myself and Brian on our trekking holiday in Nepal.

Teaming up with four other like-minded couples, we flew from Kathmandu to Pokhara where we met our guide and the porters who not only carried our entire luggage but also looked after us.

On our treks, we reached a height of 6,500 feet and passed through the small villages and farms of the Nepalese hill people, coming across many prayer shrines decorated with flowers and seeing eagles only feet

away, families of monkeys and mule trains. The views were magnificent.

At one stop, children sang and danced for us to raise money which helped to pay for a teacher two days a week at their school.

On our last day, we ended our trekking with sadness at leaving the peace and quiet of the area, but privileged to have met the gentle Nepalese people whose life seems to be 400 years in the past.

We also said goodbye to the 6,000 steps or more we had climbed up and down while trekking in Nepal.
Pamela J. Parris

LINTON DIARY

To guarantee entry into this diary please ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office. Details of items in bold type may be found elsewhere in this edition. You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info

WEEKLY

- Junior badminton, 10am-12noon Sundays Sports Centre
- Adult tennis coaching, Sundays (call 07791 150141) SC
- Slimming World, 7.30pm Mondays Cathodeon Centre
- Pilates, 10 and 11.15am Mondays Village Hall
- Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays VH
- Men's keep fit club, 8pm Mondays and Wednesdays SC
- Ladies' netball, 7-9pm Mondays SC
- Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays CC
- Tae Kwon Do, 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays SC
- Ladies' badminton, 8-10pm Tuesdays SC
- IT club, 7pm Tuesdays CC
- Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays VH
- Linton theatre workshop, Wednesdays (call 892076) VH
- Tots-in-Tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays in term time Pavilion
- Bowling roll-ups, 2pm Wednesdays until October SC
- LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays VH
- Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays URCH
- Rhyme'n'rhythm, totsmusicgroup, Fridays 10.30&1.30tertime, URCH
- Junior basketball, 6-7pm Fridays SC
- Bridge club, 7pm Fridays CC
- Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm Fridays VH
- Granta badminton club, 8-10pm Fridays SC
- Adult social tennis, 2-3pm Saturdays SC
- Boxercise/TTB/spinning, 7-8pm various days, call 890248 SC

JUNE

- 2 Plant sale, 10am-3pm 130 High Street
- 2 Farmers' market, 9.30am LVC
- 4 Camera club night, 7.15pm VH Upstairs
- 5 WI, 7.30pm VH
- 6 Reading group, 8pm Dog & Duck
- 7 Luncheon club, 12.15pm The Crown
- 7 Parish council meeting, 8pm CC
- 8 St Mary's flower festival BBQ, 7pm Infant school
- 9/10 St Mary's flower festival St Mary's
- 9 Music concert, 7.30pm Hadstock church
- 10 Summer concert, 7.30pm Hadstock church
- 10 Camera club outing, 9.30am Coles Lane car park
- 12 VIP group, 2pm Chalklands
- 12 SCDC housing surgery, 10-11.30am VH
- 16 Hadstock fête, 2pm, Hadstock
- 16 Family fun day, 2pm LVC
- 16-24 Sawston music festival for details, call 510387
- 20 CAMTAD hearing help, 9am-12noon HC
- 21 ACEs lunch, 12 for 12.30pm Chalklands
- 21 Parish council meeting, 8pm CC
- 21 Hildersham WI, 7.30pm Hildersham VH
- 23 Summer fair, 12noon Infant school
- 23 Music concert, 7.30pm Hadstock church
- 23 LAPP launch party, 8pm look for venue on posters
- 24 Camera club outing, 9am Coles Lane car park
- 24 Music concert, 3pm Haverhill arts' centre
- 26 SCDC housing surgery, 10-11.30am VH
- 29 Friends of St Mary's safari supper various venues
- 30 Music at the King's Head, 8.30pm Hadstock

JULY

- 3 WI, 7.30pm VH
- 4 Gardening club outing, 6pm VH
- 5 Luncheon club, 12.15pm The Crown
- 6 Summer fair, 5-9pm Junior school
- 7 Farmers' market, 9.30am LVC

KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, HC Health Centre, LVC Linton Village College, SC Sports Centre, URCH United Reform Church, VH Village Hall,

Refuse collection: 11th, 25th June

Recycling collection: 4th and 18th June, 2nd July

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

Message from the Editor

IF people want to get articles in the LN, they need to be sent early and consist of not more than 300 words. A total of 200 would be better and the final cut is the decision of the Editor. The more words in an article, the more it is likely to be cut!

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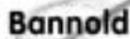
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Down memory lane

Day the world stopped ...

MY memories of growing up in Linton are piled awkwardly together, like dust-coated bric-a-brac in a dim, stuffy loft. But every now and then I find myself re-visiting them – gently, deliberately and with fondness.

I was born in 1975 into a much smaller Linton than my daughter will know. My first memories are all sunlit adventures in the large garden of our council house, where I would whirl in a screaming riot of perpetual motion, leaving my battle-hardened knees ever brown, like the creosote Dad used on the garden fence.

The first memory that I can properly place is a day that has been stamped on our tender British conscience. It was 29th July, 1981 and the world stopped for Charles and Diana.

I could take you right now to where they laid the trestle tables

end to end in a thick white finger of treats and toys. Bunting looped low over dozens of heads, all strapped tightly into union jack bowler hats.

There was jelly, lukewarm squash, those little flags that people stick in sandcastles and presumably some singing. I can't really remember but it seems to me that singing ought to have been involved. Strange that I can't remember things like that, yet I can remember the name of the girl I was sitting next to that afternoon and I've not seen her for over 20 years.

Memory does things like that and I will never retrieve all the detail of that afternoon but every time I pass down my old street, I can still grab snatches of it as it was, full of joy, celebration, sunshine and community.

Robert Linsdell

ACEs marvel at half a million flowers

SPALDING was the destination for our outing on 8th May, when ACEs went to see the Flower Parade floats, the gardens and Springfields shopping outlet. We had our usual weather; after a week of warm sunshine, it turned cool and blustery. This did not dampen our spirits, and we had a warm and jolly atmosphere in the coach. It was good to see some new faces there, too.

The floats were made of half-a-million flower heads, each pinned by hand (that is how they knew how many were used). The theme was Planet Earth, with all aspects celebrated, from an ice scene with rather realistic polar bear, a splendid globe and brightly coloured jungle, to a watering can, carrots and a rabbit representing local farm produce. The Scouts had a float with Baden-Powell in a mossy uniform, and there was a suitable throne for the parade queen. The floats had suffered in the wind, but were still quite a sight and must have been spectacular during the earlier parade. All thanks to the tulip!

The next event will be a Soup and Rolls lunch, on Thursday 21st June, at Chalklands, meeting at 12 for a 12.30pm start. Dr Brian Cox will speak on St Mary's churchyard, past and present. He is part of the group who care for this area, its upkeep and restoration – you will have noticed changes over the past few weeks – so he is also a key part of its future. All who are over 60 are most welcome to our meeting, which is free.

Contact Sue/Tina on 891001, or me, if transport is needed.

Enid Bald 891069

Keeping it in the family



Cecilia Bawler will sing at the Flower Festival

Picture by Rosemary Eason

WELL known actors Rosemary and Ken Eason of Balsham and their daughter Cecilia (soprano), together with Rex Walford at the piano and Linton resident Margaret Clark, will present a programme of words and music on the theme 'Leisure and Pleasure' in St Mary's church at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 9th June. This is part of the flower festival programme.

'This is a light-hearted entertainment which should appeal to everyone; take a night off from TV' said Ken to our reporter as he rehearsed a puppet to accompany his daughter in one of her songs. Admission is £6 on the door; all proceeds will go to the flower festival fund.

Margaret Clark

Too good for jumble ...

THE balance kitchen scales raised £10 for Linton Guides. New this month are a slide for children aged 3-10 and a pair of almost new size 8 golf shoes. Still available are the traditional green woven (synthetic) hammock, two collector's style elegantly dressed dolls – 17in and 22in high – the Sega Mega Drive II with two games, an Electra Reverseair tumble drier and a tan-coloured three-seater bed settee and swivel chair (buyer to collect).

All items are available for offers of £10 or more. Profits go to a village or national charity chosen by the donor of the item.

I have an enquiry for a small greenhouse if there is one available. All enquiries please to:

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Helen Simpson, communications officer

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Meet the team...

THE Linton News team would like to profile another new member of the team which produces your paper – assistant editor Janet Crofts.

Janet, pictured right, who has been helping with editing pages, has been in Linton for 24 years after she and her husband Mike had moved to the village from the Cannock Chase area of Staffordshire.

After the move, Janet started work as children's librarian in Saffron Walden library and had worked her way up to be librarian and arts director by the time she took early retirement in 1999.

She became involved with the Linton News through her work with the Granta Grapevine talking newspaper, where Jim Foster, whose wife Wendy is editor of the Linton News, helps Jan's husband with the recording side of the Grapevine.

Janet was secretary of the Grapevine for nine years until retiring earlier this year, and is still involved on the committee and helps out with the news

reading when required. She is also an active helper with the ACEs team in the village. She says: "I was talking to Wendy, who said that the Linton News was in need of some new blood. I thought I could help with that and offered to do what I could. "It was hard at first getting used to the LN computer system, but it's getting easier now and I'm really quite enjoying it."

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Please help us on our Mission Africa

WE are year 10 students at Linton Village College and are in the middle of studying for our GCSEs.

The three of us, Gareth Bowen, Anthony Fernandez and Will Morrison-Ayton, are looking forward to a great 2008; not only will our GCSEs be over but we are going on a World Challenge Expedition to South Africa for three weeks along with other year 10 and 11 students and a handful of fierce teachers.

The trip takes us on treks and trails through the plains of Africa, through dunes and swamp forests, through wildlife sanctuaries and spectacular mountain ranges.

There is also a challenge for us to follow when we explore the African communities, working with children living in poverty, doing maintenance work and playing sports with the local children.

To achieve this however, we have to raise the money ourselves – all £2,600 of it, each!



Intrepid travellers: from left, Anthony Fernandez, Will Morrison-Ayton and Gareth Bowen

Picture by Jane Bowen

We thought it would be a good idea to organise an event that helps us to raise some money and also provide some fun and memories for our local community.

At 2pm on Saturday 16th June at the village college, we are holding a family fun day. Competitions, side stalls, face-

painting, refreshments, ice cream and a majorettes' display will be just some of the attractions. There will also be a car boot sale for you to grab a bargain or two. If you would like to reserve a pitch for only £5 at the car boot, make your booking with Kim on 0790023003.

As well as all this there will

be an eight-a-side football tournament for eight to 12-year-olds and the main event will be a 'Lads v Dads' 11-a-side match for those aged 13 and over. Please come along and support us!

Would you like to be in a team of 8 girls and/or boys for the football tournament? Entrants' fee is £1 per player.

Would you like to enter the lads (or lasses) v Dads (or Mums) main match event? Entry is free.

To enter either competition phone 892723 or e-mail rj.bowen@tiscali.co.uk by 15th June. We would also be very grateful for any contributions to our raffle and tombola. Contact us and we will collect anything.

We know the day is going to be hard work, but we are looking forward to as many people as possible joining us and having a great afternoon. Please help us to fulfil our dream and get to Africa in 2008.

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The number of pages

A BOOK I received had no page numbers. On getting in touch with the printer, I was told that no one could remember the number of pages. However, they could tell me that the number of odd number pages added up to 64009. The pages should have been numbered from 1 to the last page, which was an even number. How many pages were in the book?

Solution to No 28 – The Farmer's Tractor

There is no need for calculation on finding the fourth distance. It is 400 metres.

Around the music scene ...

Sweet sounds of summer

MUSIC for a summer evenings will be taking place at Hadstock over the next few months. At 7.30 pm on Saturday 9th June in St Botolph's, there will be a recital which will include sonatas by Debussy, Beethoven and Elgar. Further dates include a concert with Katy Edgecombe and Cambridge Voices on Friday 13th July and the Music Festival in September. Tickets and further programme information from Saffron Walden tourist information (01799 510444).

ON Saturday 23rd June 2007 there will be a concert in St Botolph's Church, starting at 7.30pm. Ferdia Stone-Davis with Henrique Meissner and her students will play recorder music from the Renaissance to the 20th Century.

For more information please contact: Henrique Meissner 893963, or email henriquemeissner@onetel.com

Light classics and some pops

HAVERRHILL and District choral society will be performing music for a summer's afternoon as part of the Haverhill Festival at 3pm on Sunday 24th June in the Haverhill arts' centre. The programme will be a mixture of light classical and popular music and will include pieces such as the theme music from the BBC television series *The Vicar of Dibley*. Tickets are available through the arts' centre box office.

Roma Holmes

Bluegrass at the King's Head

SUPERB harmony singing, blazing virtuoso playing, songs of heartache and the old mountain cabin home, great hats and elegant choreography – it must be the New Essex Bluegrass Band, who will be at the King's Head, Hadstock, at 8.30pm on Saturday, 30th June.

Brahms rounds off festival

SAWSTON music festival will run from Saturday 16th June until Sunday 24th June, with six concerts that finish with a performance of Brahms' *German Requiem*. Along the way, there will be gospel music, Tudor madrigals, swing and Latin-style jazz and a chance to see Cambridgeshire's young musicians before they are famous. If you can't bear to miss any of the performances, you can buy a season ticket for all six concerts. Tickets and details are available at Sawston Books, Morleys Place, by phoning 510387, or at www.sawstonmusic.co.uk. Make sure you buy your tickets early – don't be disappointed! We hope you enjoy the festival.

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Classic cars at Hadstock

AFTER our great success last year when a record £5,500 was raised for St Botolph's church and the village hall, this year's Hadstock fête, at 2pm on Saturday 16th June, will feature a classic car show with about 40 classics expected.

There will be many traditional stalls and sideshows arranged around the village green and church grounds, and Hadstock Silver Band will be playing throughout the afternoon.

The fête has a long tradition, having its roots in the horse fair established in Henry II's time. It has always been great fun and hugely popular, so make sure you come along and bring your friends. Park-



Visitors browse in the sun at last year's fête

Picture by Rick Albrow
ing is available.

Attractions include bouncy castle, jousting pole, auction, raffles, tombola, plant stall, coconut shy, metal detecting, donkey and pony rides, treas-

Rick Albrow

Music matters!



MUSIC Matters! is bringing music classes to Linton, for children aged 18 months to four years. During each session, up to 12 children and their parents/carers will explore the different elements of music, using instruments, rhymes, singing, games and movement. So why not book a place and show your child that Music Matters!

Sessions start on Thursday mornings from 20th September in Linton village hall (pre-booking required). For more information and to request a booking form, please contact: Emma 893140, or email music.matters@virgin.net

Out of bounds ... but not to the camera club

IN May the camera club set out to visit Thaxted, but due to persistent rain we were reluctant to take our cameras from their protective bags for more than a few minutes, so we opted for a photographic chat over a cup of coffee.

Instead of our planned stop at Saffron Walden, we decided to call in and to say hello to keen photographer Stuart Lyall, who owns Manor Nursery in Thaxted Road and get a preview of our outing on 22nd July when Stuart has invited us to spend the afternoon with him.

Stuart has had his photographs bought for magazine covers, and he will be helping us with subjects such as making a reflector for front lighting, depth of field and macro photography. Stuart kindly permitted us to step into areas where the public would not normally be allowed and we were able to get out our cameras in the protection of his greenhouses.

We have a club night from 7.15pm to 9.15pm on 4th June at the village hall (upstairs). On 10th June we go to Bury St Edmunds, meeting in Coles Lane car park at 9.30am, and on the 24th June we are spending the day in Norwich, meeting in Coles Lane car park at 9am.

New members are welcome at any event. For more information please contact Roger Lapwood on 891104 or Tracey Wilson on 891988 or visit our website www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk.

Maureen Williams



On camera: Jim Cracknell gets a close-up

Picture by Maureen Williams

Nina's shop is at the cutting edge

IN 2002, local business owner Nina Dye helped to establish a successful barber shop with a difference in the centre of the village.

Since buying the business outright two years ago, Nina has gone from strength to strength by extending the opening hours and hair products on offer. She is able to supply the much sought-after Fudge range of men's hair products.

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ise of something from the sweetie jar if they sit still for their haircut!

Nina is delighted to announce that Claire is returning in June after having her baby and will be available on Tuesday mornings and most of the day Thursday.

As well as running the shop, Nina is mum to two young sons and says she could not manage without the help and support of her builder husband George, of George Dye & Sons.

However she still finds time to sponsor and support the lo-

cal Aztecs under-10 team and has recently begun playing for the Aztecs ladies, so look out for her and her team mates at the five-a-side match which is part of the Flower Festival celebrations in June.

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Scissor sisters: stylists, from left, Kerry, Jo, Nina and Claire

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A big toddle to a new home

LINTON Granta Playgroup held their May day party on Friday 11th May, and despite having to be indoors due to May showers, a good time was had by all. Staff, children and parents enjoyed a 'bring and share' lunch and parents were treated to Pimms and lemonade.

There was a competition for the best May king and queen, with Stanley Leech and Saffron Barnes respectively, crowned the winners. A menagerie of animals danced around the maypole after being transformed by Sarah Stratton who kindly volunteered her face-painting services. A big thank you to the staff for organising the event and to the daring few who steadied the maypole.

The coming months look set to be busy for children at both the playgroup and the toddler



Celebration: children dance around the maypole

Picture by Emma Mason

group. In September staff will welcome children into a new building which will be our temporary home within the grounds of the village college, while a purpose-built permanent facility is constructed. The

move will take place during the summer holidays to minimise disruption.

After last year's great success, the playgroup and toddler children will again take part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle on 5th June. The children are also busy making decorations for the annual church flower festival.

On 19th July a party will take place to bid farewell to this year's leavers who move up to the infant school in September.

Linton Granta toddler group takes place every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10-11.30am in term time, and is open to everyone caring for children under five, from tinies to toddlers to pre-schoolers. For more information, use www.Lintongranta.com or contact me.

Kate Kell 894970



Party time: the children sit down to lunch

Jumble sale raises £400

LINTON and district friends of guiding raised more than £400 at the jumble sale in the Infant school on 19th May. A big thank you to parents and friends who helped on the day and brought items for sale, and to the bargain hunters who so generously supported us.

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LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

Whatever you call it, this bird CAN sing

THE weather didn't look promising with the sky colour a peppered lapis lazuli. Poplar trees appeared inside out as the silvery leaves showing their backs flapped and clapped prophetically on a cool erratic breeze. I heard the cries of seagulls, bathing my ears in coastal nostalgia and saw how, here above Linton, they wheeled and squawked in a slow waltz-like movement inland, ahead of a storm.

Then came another sound from high in the limes. An annoying eardrum-rasping noise like someone rapidly rattling paperclips in a tin, but commonly likened to a football rattle. It took me a while to pinpoint the culprit, although I knew what I was seeking. He was making full use of the new foliage to hide but finally with an old pair of binoculars I managed to get a good look at the stormcock.

Well, I've heard it called all sorts of names but *Turdus Viscivorus*, missel bird, mistletoe thrush and rattler is probably better known to you and me as the mistle thrush. He hopped from bough to bough voicing his complaint about goodness knows what, but most likely his 30-minute tantrum was regarding the expanding community of cats.

One thing is certain, the mistle thrush is bolder and more bolshie than his song thrush counterpart. One noisily defending a holly bush

for berries in winter will demonstrate just how obstreperous he can be towards other species, and even his own kind. Yet, for all his stubbornness, his other melodic and magical song, sung from high in the tree tops on a summer's day, can outrival any of nature's other natural musicians.

Contrary to popular belief, they tend not to rid the garden of snails and slugs. Although they are most definitely omnivorous, their preferred diet in warmer months is worms, then berries of the season as indicated in its Latin name – *Viscum* for mistletoe and *Vorus* to devour or swallow. If you are lucky enough to catch sight of one, note the beautifully rounded dark spots on its breast and underparts. Occasionally you may see them in flocks of small numbers presumably prior to migration, though many seem to be resident.

Just before writing this month's diary, I drove up Coles Lane. Before turning left at the top, I was obliged to slow down to allow two cock blackbirds to play out their chase in hot pursuit of Mr Grey Squirrel. As I arrived home, I noted three mallards perched upon my house rooftop, and two cats waiting by the gate for their dinner.

Whatever the weather, what a rural bliss we have in Linton.



Catch up with Linton junior cricket club

FOUR years ago, Linton junior cricket club was re-established by an enthusiastic group of parents, to provide cricket coaching for children in and around the village. Since then, the club has grown and the children now play in competitive matches from the age of 10. More than 100 boys and girls, aged between seven and 14 have registered for this season.

The club is indebted to various businesses and charitable organisations for their continued support including the parish council, the Anderson Trust, Lloyds Bank plc and Cambridge regional college. With their generosity and further donations, the club has been able to purchase new kit and fund the cost of England Cricket Board (ECB) coaching, first aid and child protection courses.

Ten qualified coaches now run the training sessions, but they are grateful for all the help provided from a host of volunteer parents both on and off the field. Coaching is based at the village college but all the home matches are played at the recreation ground on pitches prepared by John Richardson.

The club still hopes to raise enough money to buy a bowling machine for the benefit of all the children in the club and at school in the village. It also aims to achieve Sport England's Clubmark status, a cross-sport accreditation recognising quality in junior sections. Unfortunately, since the league matches began in May, wet weather has meant only three of the teams have played any matches.

The under 11s played away at Saffron Walden. Linton bowled well in the early stages and fielded three run-outs but Saffron Walden's late batsmen led by Wilson with 29 gave Linton an uphill

struggle. Linton's reply was restricted by good early fast bowling and a late recovery by the last four batsmen, led by Joshua Read with 12, was not sufficient to answer Saffron Walden. Final score: Saffron Walden 294 for seven off 15 overs. Linton 210 for nine.

The under 13s lost narrowly in the last over of their cup match with Great Wilbraham despite 25 from James Macer and 16 from Ben Foster. Ryan Auger and James Macer both got two wickets, but couldn't quite stop the opposition from reaching their target of 107 with three balls to spare.

Under grey skies, the under 13s lost their first league match against Great Shelford. The game was very even and played with an excellent attitude from both teams. Linton scored 101 (Harry O'Callaghan 39 and Michael Schuman Pratt 21) but Shelford reached 103 with an over to spare despite James Macer claiming two wickets for the second week running.

Linton U10s inaugural match was against Sawston. The inclement weather didn't dampen their enthusiasm and in a highly competitive match, Linton batted first and scored 293 for 7. Top scorer was Peter Gordon with 15. When Sawston batted, some tenacious fielding combined with accurate and economic bowling kept them down to a score of 263 for six. Two wickets from Matthew Burleigh in the final over and two direct-hit run-outs rounded off a 30-run victory and capped an excellent first outing for the team.

Anyone interested in joining, coaching, helping or funding the club would be more than welcome. For more information, please contact me.

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VISITORS to the college will have noticed green fences and bollards newly placed on the road between the Granta school and the college in recent weeks. They act to signify to students that they should think before they migrate like herds of wildebeest to and from the field, but they are also there to indicate to motorists that they are not on a highway and should travel at no more than 10mph on these school access roads. I find it amazing how often drivers forget that they are driving in the middle of a school now that the road surface is so much better. Please can everyone just slow down!

The bollards are the last part of the enabling and Granta school works to be completed. The next part of our building work occurs in the middle of the holidays with the demolition of the HORSIA block (single-storey concrete-frame constructions, used as ancillary buildings to schools and commonly known as Horsa huts), which housed the playgroup and youth centre. The playgroup is decanting to a shiny new mobile. The demolition will no doubt be a messy job and the immediate vicinity will need to be completely isolated as the building is taken apart. It will not disrupt sports centre users, however, and because it is happening in August, college life will not be affected.

The summer time at college is often the best part of the year. There are many events to look forward to: sports days, shows, enrichment activities and visits, the ball and so on. The fortnight that I am most looking forward to this year is the one beginning on 19th June. Our partner school in South Africa, Boepathutse Secondary in Soshanguve township, is sending a group of 12 students on the first leg of an exchange visit to LVC.

This is the first time that such a large group has come over and it will be a life-changing experience for all involved. The children will stay with LVC families and then a return visit to Soshanguve is planned for next summer. During their time with us, the youngsters will join in lessons and family life, but we also have treats planned; a trip on the London Eye and punting in Cambridge for example. We will keep them so busy that there will not be time to be homesick.

Finally, I want to say goodbye to Year 11 who are in the middle of GCSEs. Years ago, I am told, the departing year group used to 'muck up' the school day and cause an enormous amount of damage in the village when they had their last full day of school. This Year 11, in marked contrast, were as good as gold. They thoroughly enjoyed their last day in the right spirit of celebration and were a delight to be with. They deserve to do well and will always be remembered as a terrific group of young people.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Front runners in council housing

AT the May meeting of the Historical Society, Garth Collard gave us a further instalment in the history of Linton.

We started outside the present fire station and travelled first up Balsham Road. An early twentieth century photograph showed no housing beyond the junction with Back Road and a clear view up the Rivey Hill. In fact the road to Balsham went up Rivey Hill until the 1840s when Balsham Road was extended to form its present route.

Garth told us of the building of the first council houses in 1927, (not only a first for Linton, but some of the earliest in the country). We viewed pictures of fire engines and their crews from a bygone era and an earlier fire station situated near the junction of Symonds Lane and Hillway.

The journey continued down Back Road and along Symonds Lane with a fascinating account of the history of Symonds House, which started life as the Union Workhouse in 1836 for the poor of 22 parishes, and during the First World War became a Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachment hospital and home for a while to 22 wounded Belgian soldiers.

The Historical society now has a break until mid September.

Anne Parry-Smith

The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

1,800 images of Linton's history

MORE than 700 people attended the exhibition of Linton photographs at the village college on the 28th and 29th of April. There were around 1,800 photos on display and the Historical society's collection is growing all the time. I am extremely grateful to the college



Photos galore: people check out the show
Picture by Roger Lapwood

principal Caroline Derbyshire for providing the college facilities free of charge. It was nice to be part of an event which attracted such widespread community interest.

I wish to express my appreciation for all the assistance I received from the people who helped me to set up and staff the exhibition on the Friday evening and over the following two days.

I am also most grateful to the Linton WI who helped to make the exhibition a success by providing refreshments. My thanks are also extended to the many local people who donated photographs or allowed me to copy their original prints.

When the college has completed the next phase of its building programme in about two years' time, the Historical society will move into the new archive room in the former library area located at the front entrance of the 1937 building. All the photographs I have

collected will be deposited in the archive.

There are still hundreds of photographs in the hands of the local community which we need to add to our collection. I am very interested in more modern photos of the 70s, 80s and 90s. These will all be part of our village history and are often of greater interest to the younger members of the community.

Gaps in the present archive include photographs of youth football teams, the Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides, village carnivals and parades, school photos of the Heights and infants, outings and visits both by children and adults, senior soccer and cricket groups, and pictures of pupils and events at LVC in the 60s, 70s and early 80s. This last gap resulted from the policy of the then college wardens not to have formal school photographs taken. There are probably many unofficial photos of those decades still in private hands.

I have at least 20 pictures of Holttum's shop by Market Lane, but this recently acquired one (below) supplied by Ivan Jacob shows the shop in 1937. Can anyone help with names?



(L to r):
A Jacob,
? Fitchett,
? ?,
J Maris,
T B Rule,
Septimus
Holttum,
? Cornell

One final plea. There must be a number of old 8mm films of village events in existence which I would like to transfer to DVD and place in the archive. Please contact me on 892395 if you can help in any of these areas.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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- S/0752/07/F Mrs D S Orriss, 12 Kingfisher Walk, Linton. Two storey side extension and replacement boundary wall.
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- S/0841/07/F Enterag UK Ltd, Land between Catley Park and Cambridge Road, Linton. Meteorological mast.
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Students performing at the Easter mini-academy in April at Sawston

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Have a Wizard time ...

AFTER the success of the Aladdin workshop week at the summeracademy in Sawston village college last year, the academy is now coming to Linton village college, where the theme of the workshop week will be *The Wizard of Oz*.

The academy will involve daily classes in movement, drama, voice training and ensemble rehearsal. There will also be plenty of time for socialising and, on the Friday afternoon, an opportunity to give a live performance to family and friends.

The academy is open to young people aged eight-16. You don't need any experience to take part but you do need to be enthusiastic and willing to work hard.

The workshop week at LVC will take place from 9.30am-5.30pm from Monday 6th August - Friday 10th August. (You can arrive from 8.30am.) All

participants of the academy get a free T-shirt and must attend for the full week.

The workshops will be run by musical directors and choreographers from SNAP! Creatives, a team of experienced and skilled arts' practitioners dedicated to working with young performers, and a full pastoral team will be on hand to support the project. All members of staff have Criminal Records Bureau clearance.

For an application form and more information, please contact me on 712825 or email me at lesley@start-arts.org.uk
Lesley Morgan

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Footpaths

I'm not just thinking of your health but now the finer weather is here I hope many of you will feel the urge to take advantage of it and venture into the surrounding countryside along our system of footpaths. I'm sure it will be good for your health but the plea to use the footpaths is just as much to let us know what you think about their maintenance and way marking.

Footpaths and bridleways in the immediate vicinity of the village are maintained by the parish council with some financial help from the SCdc via the so-called P3 Scheme, whilst the more far flung paths are under the control of the Countryside Services Team at the Ccc.

Sadly our rural footpaths are not a high priority for the Highways Department but the good news is that money has been found to appoint an Enforcement Officer. I'm afraid he/she will find a huge back-log of work but, with luck, the culprits who dump litter, building waste etc on our remote footpaths are more likely to be apprehended and those whose gardens and sheds extend across public footpaths may be challenged.

Those of you who try to follow the footpaths using Ordnance Survey maps will find instances where the path does not follow the line shown on the map. The so-called definitive path on the map has, in many cases, been re-routed to a more convenient line and some of these are way marked in these so-called permissive path routes. This is the case in the area of Marks Grave and Grip Meadows where the permissive route has been in use for over 30 years but cannot be officially re-routed on the Ordnance Survey maps without a Definitive Map Order.

This is an expensive and time consuming process and the Ccc hopes to be able to pursue a rationalisation of footpaths in Linton in 2008. Some of you may remember we had an initial consultation about local footpaths in 2004 as the first stage of this process. Since then the system of paying farm subsidies has changed with the introduction of the Single Farm Payment.

In order to receive this the landowner must maintain all the definitive paths even where there is a preferred permissive path and the situation is further confused by the introduction of stewardship schemes which reward landowners for leaving uncultivated headlands for wildlife. These may look like ideal areas to walk as they are un-cropped but they are not intended for two-legged animals unless specifically signed for public access (none in our area as far as I know!) All the more reason for having our footpaths well signed.

It is important to realise that no footpath can be changed if the current official path is not clearly marked and maintained. The situation is confusing in Linton as the official diagonal footpaths across Grip Meadows have not been used for many years and now that they are uncultivated ("set aside") it is impractical to do so. Equally the drainage scheme for the new SEN School made a mockery of the footpath from the recreation ground to the A1307 and it is these problems that the parish council would dearly like to resolve as soon as funds are available for the required legal expenses.

Many people have adopted a path through the belt of young trees which runs from Balsham Road towards footpath 25. This is not part of our footpath network and walkers here are trespassing. The purpose of rationalisation would be to attempt to link footpaths to create more circular walks around the area by making some new routes and closing others which are never or rarely used. Until this is achieved officially it is essential to point out that only footpaths shown on the map should be used, and if you have trouble following them the Parish Council would like to know.

Cllr J Rossiter

Allotments

Allotment gardening can be a very rewarding pastime and can make a valuable contribution to the quality of peoples lives. Open space is becoming increasingly important within Linton as the intensity of development increases. Allotments are important recreational assets for people with small gardens or without them at all. Cultivating an allotment provides an affordable source of fruit and vegetables, an essential part of a healthy diet. If they are organically grown, you will reduce your exposure to pesticides, herbicides and fungicides.

Working an allotment gives you plenty of fresh air and healthy exercise, and it is suitable for elderly and disabled people as well as the fighting fit and is even becoming a pastime chosen by young people. It is good for your peace of mind as well as your body. Horticulture has long been used as a therapy in both physical and mental illness and in rehabilitation. It is even being prescribed as a treatment for stress and obesity by doctors in some areas. Allotments can help all kinds of people get a sense of achievement. It can be a social activity too, bringing together people from all age groups and various social backgrounds around a common interest. It's the sort of activity that lends itself to co-operation and contact.

Allotments have evolved through a rich and varied history of social and economic change, the most notable being the 2nd World War where the public were encouraged to 'Grow their own Greens' and 'Dig for Britain'. The first legislative reforms date back to the Enclosures Act of 1845. Anyone that has lived in Linton for more than a decade will know that the Parish Council has searched for sites for allotments in the past with little success although there is some funding set aside.

In recent months, six residents requested that Linton Parish Council provide allotments and therefore the Parish Council has to operate under the regulations of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act which states that if the council is of the opinion that there is a demand it is duty bound to provide them although it is not essential that they are within the locality.

Allotments within the village would be the ideal solution as this would allow people to walk to them; vehicular access and a water supply would also be favourable.

Therefore the Parish Council needs to assess the demand for allotments so that a suitable size site can be sought and ask that you contact us before the 21st June to register your interest. We are also looking for residents to join councillors in a working group to look at suitable sites and help the development of allotments in Linton, so volunteers would be appreciated.

Finally, can we also ask any local landowners to contact us if they have any suitable sites that they would consider selling or leasing.
Cllr E Cornell

Thank you

Mike Clay who had been a Parish Councillor since 2002 retired at the end of April. He moved to the village some thirty years ago and had worked in the NHS for over 35 years so brought with him a wealth of experience. He was the representative for the Linton Bowls Club and the Village Hall and was very involved with the planning committee and took the role of Chair of that committee for sometime. Mike was also open space co-ordinator and would regularly report on pavements, roads and took up the challenge of reporting the never ending list of potholes around the village.

Pam Kenyon moved to Linton in 1955 and taught at Linton Village College. She retired from teaching in 1976 and served as a Parish Councillor from 1976 to 1994, rejoined in 1998 and finally retired 2007 (we presume!). She was also a very active District Councillor from 1976-1998 and residents still report some ten years later on her achievements and the support she gave residents when undertaking this role. Pam has worked tirelessly for village organisations and was President of the Linton Girl Guide Association from 1977 to 1996.

After serving on the Parish council for 30 years, Pam's presence and knowledge will be sorely missed. As a councillor she spoke her mind and a lot of common sense and at the same time amassed and shared a lifetime of information. Her achievements and roles within the parish council during that time are far too long to catalogue but in the last few years she has been a member of the planning committee, coordinator of the recreation ground and the parish council trustee of the Charles and Mary Anderson Trust. The parish council would like to thank her for her service and hope to continue her good work. Her work over the last thirty years has certainly made the village a much better place.

Esther Cornell



Mike Clay and Pam Kenyon at the annual Parish meeting receiving leaving gifts from chairman Graham Potter

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Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

Minutes of the meeting of Linton parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 19th April 2007.

Present: G Potter - Chair, A Gore - Vice Chair, Mrs E Bald, M Clay, Ms E Cornell, B Hammett, Mrs P Kenyon, T Krarup, J Linsdell, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, D Willingham, Mrs K France - Press and Mrs S Parry - Clerk . DC/CC J Batchelor, DC Bear and one member of the public were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cox, Gee and White.

Report from the Police

No up to date report had been received however items 18 (Neighbourhood Panel Meetings), 19 (letter re: rat run speeding), 32 (police update) and 55 (Ecops newsletter) on the correspondence list related to police issues. Discussion took place. It was reported that only PCSOs should attend council meetings not PCs. Obviously this is dependent on availability. Following on from the meeting on 15th March it was reiterated that PC Martin Addison-Atkinson will be prepared to do home visits if parishioners feel uneasy talking to him at the library during the police surgery. PC AA has asked for reports to be sent to him of groups of youths behaving badly.

Reports from County Councillor

J Batchelor reported there is a delay in the forward programme of road maintenance following budget cuts. However Coles Lane and Back Road have been inspected today (19th) by the Ccc and it has been agreed that Coles Lane will be resurfaced and hopefully most of Back Road. There are no plans to resurface Emsons Close. Keith Walters, leader of the council will be stepping down in May and the Chief Executive will leave too. Commenting on the police issue, Cllr Batchelor stated that the population does not necessarily want to consult with the police at a given time. They would prefer to phone as and when the need arises. Cllr Cornell reported that she has spoken with the Police Collision Investigator and he has reported that damaged posts/poles are not being replaced by the newer safer posts/poles. Cllr Batchelor will look into this issue and report.

Cllr Willingham asked that any service contractors eg BT etc. be made to bring the road surface back to a safe standard after completion of the works. Cllr Batchelor replied that this is a legal requirement, however, often contractors opt to pay the Ccc to do the work instead. Several verges have not been made good and there is damage to a manhole cover in Palmers Close.

Reports from District Councillor

Cllr Bear reported that there is currently funding available from the Community Arts and Sports Advisory Group. The maximum bid would be £75k per project. Information will be sent out shortly. Play equipment on Paynes Meadow was earmarked as a possible project. Regarding item 260 (allotments) Cllr Batchelor reported that there are allotments available in Hildersham. The clerk will contact Hildersham parish council to see if these are available to Linton residents.

Councillors' Reports

A report on the recreation ground was circulated. The clerk will contact Fulbourn parish council to find out who refurbished their benches. The ground by the sewer station has been damaged by vehicles. There is concern over the lighting of small fires on the recreation ground and Camping Close.

There has been another accident today on the A1307 at the Dene crossroads between a motorbike and a car but thankfully not thought to be serious.

Full details of payments agreed are available from the parish clerk.

Correspondence

Item 15 SCdc Consultation on draft Housing Strategy (response required by 7th June) - this item to be placed on the agenda

for 3rd May and questionnaire to be circulated.

Item 17 Ccc request for funding for Summer Reading Challenge - It was proposed to donate £200 and agreed unanimously to support this.

Item 27 Offer of graffiti removal - it was agreed to purchase a graffiti removal kit and accept a resident's very kind offer of help.

Item 28 Ccc re burials in the case of a flu pandemic - form to be completed but there will be no reduction in fees.

Item 29 S Hill re Catley Park - Catley Park is private land and as such the parish council cannot make any decision on its use.

Item 34 SCdc re reduction in grass cutting on new contract - this has been noted.

Item 38 Ccc re highway issues - chase up the health and safety issues again and ask when the signage meeting will take place.

Item 54 Ccc re cycling promotion - DW to contact re reinstatement of cycle lane following installation of traffic lights at LVC.

Item 60 East of England Regional Assembly - Regional Gypsy and Traveller Public Engagement Event - information regarding this to be put in May edition of Parish Matters.

Item 61 SCdc re future provision of litter and dog bins - It was agreed to reply rejecting options 1-5 and suggesting an option 6 (as Linton has its own litter pickers) reduce or end litter picking service and put all resources into the bin emptying service with no charge.

Item 63 Hundred Houses - receipt of cheque re S106 agreement for Paynes Meadow - this was noted and will be passed to finance committee for a budget decision.

Allotments

Provision of Allotments - following written requests from six parishioners it was proposed and agreed that the Linton parish council takes the following action.

1. That an article is written for the next Parish Matters (June) regarding the issue and ask residents to contact us if they would be interested. (This would be necessary so that the Parish Council can assess the need for allotments in the village).

2. A working party be set up to progress the issue. This working group could also include interested residents.

3. The working party would meet and report back to Full Council on the 21st June as to the deemed need and also action that it wishes to take.

Chairman's Annual Report

FIRST of all I would like to welcome you to the 2006/07 Annual Parish Meeting and thank you for giving up your time this evening; it is much appreciated. It would be nice however to see more parishioners here but, for that we would need something more controversial to be happening. There are still 15 people dedicated to improving the village or at the least maintaining its charm. We will be saying goodbye to at least two councillors at the end of the month so if you fancy becoming a councillor please contact the clerk for more details.

We always have the dilemma that we are asked by the parish to improve something only to be told later we've got it wrong. At every election time we are here, there are those who actually love being on the parish council, those who stay to see their projects through and those who say they would like to leave but feel a passion or a compelling urge to stay, as there is a lack of deep interest in being a councillor. We are here for another term with the next election in three years time unless events dictate otherwise.

Now to the reason why we are here and a round up of the year's events. Our clerk has been with us now for two years and has completed more of the required training. Now the councillors are being instructed that we need to do things differently to come in line with legislation, only to be instructed that we need to change some of the things we do, which is not going down too well as a lot of it seems to contradict what we thought was written in stone.

Our new assistant Tina has settled in well and is helping to run the office. She has also been trained on the use of a computer

programme to produce the Parish Matters within The Linton News, and has produced the last few issues for which I must thank her. As many of you know I have been involved with The Linton News for some 20 years, and since the former clerk left in 2005 I had been producing the Parish Matters pages so I'm now glad now to be doing it for the Linton News only.

As I said last year, after taking the Chair of the Council things have changed so much since I sat here some 9 years ago. It is changing all the time at an alarming rate especially with the District and County having their budgets capped and looking to pass any costs they can to Parish Councils.

So what has been happening this year? The largest project from last year must be completion of the one-way system. Although operational, there seems to be many niggles still to sort out including signage and the condition of the road surfaces. It is becoming very obvious that whether we had the system or not many parts of the road surface would still be in a very bad state of repair. We are liaising with the Ccc, and the Parish council has a Traffic Working Party that will not let the Ccc rest but, as always it comes down to funding.

We have at last done some essential work on the trees in the cemetery. Unfortunately, after we had carried out work that had been requested by some parishioners living around the area, we then had complaints from others that we should not have done some of these things. Whatever we do we have trouble pleasing everyone. Any tree work that has not been carried out this year will be included in an ongoing maintenance programme. Only essential work has been undertaken in line with health and safety. Other concerns of parishioners which were not classed as essential, ie not a safety hazard have had to be deferred.

Likewise, the trees on the recreation ground were treated in the same way, noting that we had to lose one old chestnut tree near the replacement bridge for safety reasons. Trees in the churchyard and the pocket park (Leadwell meadows) will be under the same watchful eye.

The Council is still concerned about the state of the tarmac paths running around the cemetery, but the work has been deferred as part of the money was spent on the tree works. The problem with the safety of grave stones is still with us but no actual work has been started due to unforeseen legalities of the situation.

Earlier we had a problem with police presence within the village, especially in December as our usual police officer was not about due to personal issues, but hopefully everything is now back to normal.

The 'off the shelf' new bridge in Stantons Lane was put in place after the last annual Parish meeting. We did have some initial problems with safety but it is there now and meets all the necessary requirements.

The problems with some work carried out on the path up to the Clapper stile have all been cleared with the long awaited removal of the skip. We still have a problem with the stones in the path being a bit too loose and hopefully that will soon be addressed.

Along with the footway lamps and having to pay the running costs, we are still in discussion with the Ccc on taking over the Coles Lane car park. There are also rumours that we will now be asked to pay to have our litter and dog bins emptied.

We have this year seen an increase in vandalism with graffiti appearing around the village; contractors finding work that they had done being undone overnight; damage to the pavilion including a break-in; the litter bins on the recreation ground being pulled out of the ground; the memorial bench being thrown in the river and ending up in Little Linton when the river was in full flow; a manhole cover being smashed and damage to the skate ramp, although the latter was already showing wear and tear.

Once again the accounts are within the Parish report and you will note that the Parish council supports many of our local clubs, societies, associations and groups.

A full draft copy of the annual general meeting minutes, are available to look at in the Parish Council office.

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