

Summer art  
exhibition  
1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July  
Darryl Nantais  
gallery

Established 1987

Over 2,350 copies  
distributed  
free in Linton,  
Hildersham,  
Hadstock &  
Bartlow

# THE LINTON NEWS

www.linton.info e-mail lneditor@linton.info

July  
2009  
Vol. 23 N° 4  
Publication date  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

E & E PLUMRIDGE  
Design & Print  
41 High Street  
Linton  
01223 891407

Message for deliverers: Please can you make every effort to deliver the Linton News to each house on your round not later than the first weekend after receiving the papers as some stories are to publicise village events early in the month. Please let me know if you have any problems. If you will be away, let me know so I can arrange a stand-in. Thank you. Kate France 891602 – katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk

## Hair today, gone in seven minutes

LAST month we featured Rose Newman, telling of her fundraising with Jean Whitley for Chernobyl victims, and this month she's been at it again.

The Co-operative's charity of the year, RNID (Royal National Institute for the Deaf) will benefit by around £700 because two intrepid victims were willing to have their thick hair shorn to a grade 1 cut, which is a very close shave indeed.

Rose, store supervisor and Steve Wilson, customer service assistant braved a chilly bank holiday morning sitting outside the shop while Nina from Boyz2Men and Co-op assistant Chloe Banks, who is an amateur hair cutter, did the deed.

Each head took about seven minutes to denude, with Chloe needing only minimal advice from Nina, and all four were enthusiastically applauded at



Before and after: Rose and Steve outside the store



the finish. It was a shame that the event was too late for the birds as there was plenty of nest-lining material available.

Their sacrifice was backed up by other members of staff, including Jamie Carter and Chloe selling homemade cakes, Ollie Claxton who persuaded people to buy raffle tickets, Sally McKenna in charge of the tombola and Sam Lockwood who rattled his bucket at shop-

pers and passers by.

For Steve, it was a first time experience and he admitted to being a bit anxious beforehand as short hair has never been his style.

He said afterwards: "It feels a bit chilly", but fortunately the afternoon turned much warmer so perhaps he was able to appreciate his cool head.

Rose, a second time veteran said: "It feels lovely – I will

Pictures by Roger Lapwood save money on shampoo and conditioner and time on hair washing, but the downside is that I didn't realise how grey I am!"

Thanks go to those who made the delicious cakes, to the people of Linton for giving so generously and, last but not least, a special 'Well done' to Co-op manager Kevin and his staff for their efforts.

LNT

## Steve takes over as Linton's new rector

THE churchwardens and parish representatives from all parishes in the Linton team are delighted to confirm the appointment of the Rev Dr Steve Griffiths, currently director of youth ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, as the new team rector of the Linton team ministry.

Steve, his wife Jo, and their teenage children, Scott, Lee and Rebekah, are well known to many through Steve's role as assistant honorary priest at St Mary's over the past year, and we look forward with joy and anticipation to his ministry among us.

It is likely that the induction and institution will take place early in October, so Steve will not be taking up parochial responsibilities before that date. We must all discipline ourselves to respect this.

The family will continue to live in their own home at Steeple Bumpstead until the new rectory is completed and we are looking to provide a parish base for Steve in Linton in the meantime, either a private room in a centrally located house or an office.

We are delighted and excited by Steve's appointment, and thank God for calling him to these parishes, to complement and lead an excellent team.

Kate France

## Calling for another Dragon ...



The 2008 team which raised more than £1,200

picture by Roger Lapwood

READERS may remember this picture of the Granta Specials rowing during the Cambridge Dragon boat race last year. When I asked Sam Lee-McCloud about this year's event, she told me: "We may not be doing the race this year as we have lost our sponsor and don't have the £500 entry fee."

Then she asked me "Do you think the people of Linton would be interested in helping us?" I think it is worth promoting the event, which benefits both the children from the Granta school and EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices).

There is still time to enter before 1<sup>st</sup> September, but the team needs to raise the entry fee. If you would like to support them, and help them raise the necessary £500, call Sam as soon as possible.

"After we paid all costs last year, we raised just over £1200 for the school which we are hoping to put towards some play equipment.

"We have a team willing to take part and we already have sponsorship for our T-shirts from the husband of one of our teachers. Anyone can come along and watch. It's a real family fun day out."

If you want to help, please contact Sam on 896890 or email Sleemcloud@granta.cambs.sch.uk

Editor

## Everything in our new garden is just lovely



Parsley, sage and thyme: residents admire their new sensory garden at Symonds House

Pictures by Roger Lapwood

A CHELSEA-style gardening venture has been created from a wasted space on the secluded eastern side of Symonds House.

Lavender, chive, thyme, parsley, sage are among the herbs planted in raised circular beds in the residents' new sensory garden.

On 14<sup>th</sup> June after a champagne reception with songs by the pop choir of Linton village college ac-

companied by music director Chris Charlsworth, residents with their families, friends and visitors gathered in the garden for the first time.

President of the Linton gardening club, Alex Todd, formally opened the new feature, which was designed by Carole Weston and laid out by Alan Forge gardening service, with the enthusiastic assistance of staff and volunteers.

Flowers and shrubs are planted along one wall to give colour throughout the year. Wheelchair width paths amble round the flower beds to seats in the shade or the sun. Water features add an extra dimension to the calm atmosphere.

Alex said he was delighted to see the transformation from his first visit in April and congratulated everyone concerned on creating a de-

lightful facility for residents and visitors.

A sum of £2,500 was raised for the project with donations from the staff, Alan Forge gardening service, Simon Haines Construction, Linton gardening club, the Anderson Trust, Linton village college, residents of Symonds House past and present and their relatives.

Kate France

## The Bard of Linton

*I'm very, very sorry,  
You've heard it first from me,  
I've had a perk at your expense  
Though I'm not your kind MP.  
I'm a burden on the taxpayer,  
A cost upon the state  
But as I am, you soon will be,  
inevitably ... it's fate.  
Why am I so guilty? Why do I cause a fuss?  
It's because I travel once a week  
For free upon the bus.*



# Finding out all about Darwin at Kew



**Three youngsters contemplate a pond at Kew**  
Picture courtesy of school

*YEAR Two children from Linton infant school had an exciting visit in May to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. They had been learning about explorers, including Charles Darwin and his journeys around the world studying plants and animals.*

*This year is a year of anniversaries in several areas. It is 200 years since Darwin's birth and Kew Gardens is celebrating 250 years of existence. By 2020, Kew Gardens aims to safeguard 25% of the world's flora. The education section has been working with schools to initiate the 'great plant hunt' and Year Two children in Linton have been taking part.*

*Our visit to Kew began with an early start – 7.45am at the school. We went on a very smart double-decker coach. It took several minutes for around 70 children and adults to board, stow their belongings and fasten seat belts. We were in the bus lay-by opposite Sweet Talk News and a traffic jam occurred when a No 13 to Haverhill met an LVC school bus and queues developed in both directions – so apologies if you were delayed in the High Street that morning.*

*It was a long journey for six and seven-year-olds. Lunch box contents were sampled, the 'Are we nearly there?' questions started down the M11 and the on-board toilet proved very popular.*

*On arrival, we first visited the 'Climbers and Creepers' play area, specially designed with a biological theme, to provide some activity following the journey. We explored the seed walk and looked at the giant willow sculptures of different seeds, commissioned to illustrate the diversity of seed forms.*

*We found the biggest fir cones ever under one of the trees. I liked the shelter formed from several interwoven wisteria, laden with many purple hanging flowers. The children were fascinated by the Palm House with its unusual tropical trees and plants and the high-level walkway among the branches. The Princess of Wales conservatory is stunning. It is divided into different temperature zones and shows what grows in each type of climate.*

*The gardens cover an extensive area and we wished that we could have stayed longer but all too soon it was time to find our coach and Roger the driver. As one boy said to me the following weekend: "I was very tired after that day out. I think this was echoed by the adults too!"*

Sue Mudge

## PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

### A new number

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June, the non-emergency telephone number for Cambridgeshire Constabulary is changing. The new number is 0345 456 4564. Please save this in your address books. The old number (0845 456 4564) will continue to operate until April 2011.

The move will allow people with call packages, which provide free local calls to benefit as 0345 numbers are classed as local calls.

Remember, in an emergency, always dial 999. In all other cases, and for general enquiries, please call 0345 456 4564.

### Cat flap crooks

THE old burglars' trick of slipping long arms, walking sticks or fishing rods through a cat flap or letter box to grab hold

of precious items is still with us. They will take handbags, phones, house keys, car keys or jewellery ... why break in when you can help yourself?

If your keys are on display, life is made even easier. Not only will they be able to open your doors, they may well take your car from the drive and load it up with your property before they go!

What can you do? Think like a burglar. Look through your letter boxes and animal flaps. What you can see they too can see.

Also, let your neighbours know when you are out or away and report any suspicious activity.

Please don't make it easy for burglars; take action today.

Community engagement manager,  
Parkside police station,  
Cambridge CB23243

### Bike behaviour

WITH the summer months now getting warmer and lighter, we may see the mini-motos and motorcycles coming back out to be misused in parks etc.

We have some information for owners of such vehicles, which you may find useful.

If you ride your bike, scooter or moped in a public place, park or open land, you could be committing any one of a number of offences.

This could lead to having your bike taken away from you or being fined and possibly banned from driving.

You may also commit the offence of causing harassment, alarm or distress under the Public Order Act.

Even if you believe you have the landowner's permission, you and the landowner could face legal action.

The consequences of your action are large fines, loss of motorcycle, loss of licence, and unlimited civil claim.

If nuisance motorcycles bother you, please help us by:

- Identifying the culprits and owners of these motorcycles
- Giving as many details as you can in relation to their clothing and colour or make of the motorcycle

- Giving time, date and location where this problem took place

- Ringing Cambridgeshire Police on 0345 456 4564.

If you are a parent do not buy a "field" bike without proper proof of ownership and always remember the hidden costs: insurance, possible prosecution, having the bike seized and possible unlimited civil claims.

PCSO Pulley and  
PCSO Allan

## Flying high with a fun day out at the museum

IN May, the secondary department of Granta school attended the Duxford Imperial War Museum's special educational needs flying day, along with eight other special schools from Cambridgeshire.

During the day there were some wonderful activities planned for the students. Some had the opportunity to design a T-shirt with an aeronautical theme, which they could wear home, while others learned about the principles of flight.

They also had the chance to try out an ejector seat and try some synchronised formation flying with models of Second World War aircraft.

In the super hangar we were able to meet some of the birds from the Raptor Foundation and had the chance to hold an eagle owl chick.

These were just a few of the many activities arranged for this wonderful day and we were also able to explore the rest of the museum, both on foot and using the train.

Along with a member of staff, 14 of our students were given the fantastic experience of flying in a 1930s Dragon Rapide around the local area and some actually saw our school from the air.

Sam Lee-McCloud  
Granta school

Film fun: the Granta school children have scripted and filmed three movies



picture by Sam Lee-McCloud

## Granta film-makers aiming for a festival prize

AFTER the Night of Oscars, here's further news of the Granta school filmmakers.

Sam Lee McCloud said: "We have entered three films in the Cambridgeshire Young Peoples Film Festival and have been nominated in our category. The ceremony is on the 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Corn Exchange".

"Entry is by ticket only but films can be voted for by googling 'filmstarz' then Cambridge Young Peoples Film Festival – view and vote - Category 6 - special schools secondary.

"The films are called *Would you believe it?* which combines some students acting and some stop frame animations about

a holiday at Loch Ness, and *Peas perfect peas*, a stop frame animation which is very funny and needs to be listened to right to the end of the credits. Both can be found in the open category.

"The third is *Our Millie Monster* which can be found in Sports in Action. This film is based on a poem written by one of our students which is about my yorkie, which is a PAT dog. All work was done by students including scripts, filming and editing.

"The film festival was reported on *Look East* last year and it was our first attempt at a movie. We came second in our category."

Sam Lee-McCloud

### Linton Complementary Health Centre

2b Bartlow Road, Linton

- Acupuncture, Peter White; MSc, MBAC
- Hypnotherapy, Ellie Cochran; BSc, BSCH
- Massage, Peter White; MSc, Dip. Massage
- Osteopathy, Celia Crook; BSc B.Ost
- Shiatsu, Cindy Faulkner; BA, MRSS

Telephone: 0845 430 9120

Web Site: www.lintonhealth.co.uk

GE OFF

# NORBY

Reg No. 34107

**PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER - Estd. 1966**

All aspects of Central Heating and Plumbing  
Boiler Service & Maintenance  
Bathroom Suites & Power Showers  
Kitchen Installations - Tap Washers

Telephone 01223 892311

DRIVES & PATIOS

HOUSE EXTENSIONS

HOME IMPROVEMENTS

PAINTING DECORATING

**A & T Groundworks Ltd**

FRIENDLY SERVICE LARGE & MINI DIGGERS FOR HIRE

Call Ashley on 01799-520298 - Mobile 07803745637

Students 20% off

THE CUTTING ROOM

Special Kids Prices

37 Bartlow Road, Linton  
Tel: Pippa (01223) 890890

OPENING TIMES

Mon	Closed	Senior Citizens
Tues	9-5 pm	Tuesday & Wednesday
Wed	9-7 pm	Late opening until 7 pm on
Thurs	9-7 pm	Wednesday & Thursday
Fri	9-5 pm	
Sat	9-3 pm	

## MALLYON & DONALDSON

Linton

Specialising in both Modern and Traditional building methods.

Tel: 01223 891267  
Mob: 07941 220868

All contracts finished to a high standard.  
Reliable service. Local references available.

## A.J. COPELAND & CO.

Chartered Accountants, Linton

Audit, Accountancy, Tax and Consultancy Services for Business and Individuals

Computerised Self Assessment Tax Return Service

For FREE initial consultation phone

01799 506602

Business ARE logo

Email: ajcopeland@compuserve.com  
website: www.ajcopelandca.co.uk

**Readers write...Readers write...Readers...**

Post and email addresses and deadline for letters are below. All letters for publication must have a full name and address to enable us to check authenticity. Letters may be edited.

*The Camgrain issue has provoked a lively response in our Reader Write column this month. As a result, the whole of this page is given over to the story with other letters on Page 4.*

**We could not wish for a better neighbour**

Dear Editor  
I am writing in response to the article by John Bald regarding Camgrain in last month's paper and in particular to address the accusation that its support for village events has been cynical and superficial.

Camgrain has sponsored the Linton fireworks display for 10 years. In addition to substantial cash contributions, the company has also supplied labour, vehicles and engineering services free of charge. Camgrain directors actively support the committee and have never turned down a request for assistance.

The fireworks display, in turn, is a major fund-raising event for all three Linton schools. In the past five years alone, we have

donated over £25,000 to the PSA committees at the infant school, Linton Heights and LVC. In recent years this money has been used to fund playground equipment, books for libraries, interactive whiteboards and numerous special educational activities.

Without the generous support of Camgrain and other sponsors like them, we would simply be unable to put on the fireworks display in its present form. Generations of local children, past and present, have good reason to be grateful for the contribution Camgrain has made to village life. In short, Linton could not wish for a better neighbour.  
Andrew Clark. fireworks committee '09

**Our thanks to Camgrain**

Dear Editor  
I am writing in response to Mr Bald's letter which appeared in the June edition of the Linton News regarding Camgrain Stores.

I have been a Linton resident all my life and support local business and enterprise. Camgrain is one of our local success stories and we should applaud the fact that they are thriving in the current economic climate.

Many of the permanent staff live in Linton itself with the rest living in the local area. The vast majority of the seasonal workers employed at harvest time are also gathered from Linton and surrounding villages.

Two local businesses, one from Linton and one from Balsham, have gained work with the Camgrain site being developed near Six Mile Bottom, therefore, bringing even more work to the local area and local people.

I also live directly in line with Camgrain and do not find the noise at night to be excessive; it does not keep anyone in our house awake.

I know that the directors and management at Camgrain take all complaints about noise very seriously and every effort is made to keep these levels down and to create barriers to absorb excess noise. Finally, I would like to thank Camgrain for its continued support of local events such as the flower festival and firework display.  
Dawn Creek, address supplied

**Linton benefits on so many fronts ...**

Dear Editor  
In reply to John Bald's letter you printed recently, I have lived in Linton since 1988 and worked at Camgrain since 1997. My work consists of keeping all the machines running as a maintenance engineer.

Farming plays a very big part in East Anglia, and employs many people. I'm sure many in Linton do not have a problem with that, or any problems with Camgrain.

Yes we do work many hours during and around harvest and, believe me, it is hard work as with any industry connected with harvest. We just work, sleep, work, sleep. If somebody has a problem with Camgrain, just ask them

— do you eat bread, cereals, biscuits, cakes etc. Or cook with oil, or drink beer or lager. If so, where do all the ingredients come from? Yes, from Camgrain.

All businesses and work places make a certain amount of noise, and I feel strongly that Camgrain does its best to keep noise down as much as possible.

It is also outside the village, not in the middle, as some businesses are in Linton and other village and towns. I am sure if any person has a problem with Camgrain that our boss, Mr Darke, would be very happy to show them round and explain how Camgrain works and what

we do.

As for sponsorship, many good causes asked for it, but how many actually get it? Camgrain sponsors the fireworks, and supplies staff and machinery to make it possible. By this all three schools benefit, and the people of Linton — just look how many people turn up on the night. Many villages would love a sponsor like this. I feel it is a very neighbourly gesture and benefits the whole community. Camgrain also supports our village college with regular visits from LVC school children, explaining how Camgrain works and what we do.

Harry Stanford, address supplied

**Camgrain's managing director responds**

Dear Editor  
We were disappointed to read such an ill-informed letter about our business from Mr Bald. We are the biggest grainstore in the UK but not in Europe, as Mr Bald claimed.

Camgrain is a large farmer-owned central grain store. Central stores are spread across the grain growing areas of the UK and EU.

We are currently the largest in the UK but all central stores are growing rapidly as increasingly stringent food hygiene standards demand.

Camgrain employs approximately 100 staff during harvest, 90% of staff live within 10 miles of Linton, 50% of staff are from Linton.

Year round the business employs approximately 50 staff, most are very local or from Linton. We also make a point of using local businesses wherever possible for construction work.

Our new store near Six Mile Bottom is currently employing approximately 120 men and women on a daily basis,

in what are very difficult times for many families.

Two major parts of the construction project have been awarded to Linton and Balsham firms respectively. Camgrain has always operated on a 24/7 basis (for the past 26 years). Locations for noise measurement and level of noise for the site were agreed in 1982. Again Mr Bald has his facts wrong.

Camgrain responds to farmers demands. Local arable farming families would not agree with Mr Bald's claim that Camgrain's reaction was 'excessive'. Last year's harvest was one of the wettest on record and a disaster was narrowly avoided.

Camgrain generates much of its own power, that has no connection with 'cheap electricity', our driers are fuelled with kerosene. We use a lot of power, (about 2,000 Kva). As the conditions were very difficult last harvest, the power requirement was increased by a further 1,000 Kva with a standby generator,

an unprecedented move to cope with the severe wet conditions. This brought home the Sainsbury's wheat which many of us are now eating.

We are disappointed that Mr Bald thinks our sponsorship is 'a smokescreen'. We employ people from the Linton community, support local schools where we are able and want to help the Linton community. We have numerous requests for sponsorship and cannot meet them all.  
Philip Darke, managing director

**JUSTIN PEARSON**  
Reliable, High Quality  
**Painter & Decorator**  
for Interiors & Exteriors  
Free Estimates  
Tel 01223 565310  
Mobile 0775 2469130

BED and BREAKFAST  
ANN & GEORGE PEAKE  
Linton Heights  
36 Wheatsheaf Way, Linton  
Tel: (01223) 892516  
Comfortable & friendly

**THE LINTON NEWS** Next Publication 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009  
**DEADLINES for ADVERTS Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**NEWS ITEMS Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**ITEMS FOR ADVERTISING MANAGER**  
Priority is given to Linton businesses  
Our advertising Manager is Judith Rouse  
email: adds@linton.info

**ITEMS FOR THE EDITOR**  
Can be put in the Linton News Box in the Post Office  
Editor: Stephane Toussenet  
email: lneditor@linton.info phone 890941

**For distribution queries contact: Kate France 891602**

**LINTON DIARY**

For entry in this list, ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office.

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

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

WEEKLY

Junior badminton, 10am-12noon Sundays	SC
Adult tennis coaching, Sundays (call 07791 150141)	SC
Pilates, 10 and 11.15am Mondays	VH
Yoga, 7-8.30pm Mondays term time	Hadstock VH
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays	VH
Men's all-age keep fit club, 8pm Mondays	SC
Ladies' netball, 7.15-8.30pm Mondays	SC
Cempa wu-shu karate, 7-8pm Mondays (age 5 upwards)	LVC
Aquacise Mon, Tues and Wed tel 890248 to enrol	Granta school
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	Church pavilion
Linton Granta toddlers, 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays term time	LVC
Hadstock toddler group, 2-3.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hadstock VH
Ladies' football, 7-8pm Tuesdays	LVC
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
Yoga, 7.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hildersham VH
Bowls roll-ups from 2pm Weds	Bowls pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Men's keep fit club, 8pm Wednesdays	SC
Linton theatre workshop, Wednesdays	(call 892076)
Tots-in-tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time	VH
Music Matters, 9.50am & 10.50am Thursdays	VH
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays	SC
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Tots music group, Fridays 10.30 & 1.30 term time	URC
Buffy bus, Fridays 11am-12.15pm	Hadstock village green
Junior basketball, 6-7pm Fridays	SC
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC
Adult tap dancing, 7.15-8pm Fridays term time	VH
Granta badminton club, 8-10pm Fridays	SC
Mini kickers, 10-11am Saturdays term time	LVC

**For Sports Centre courses please call Mark Wilson 890248**

**JULY**

1 Linton reading group, 8pm	Dog & Duck
<b>1-31 Summer exhibition, 10 am</b>	<b>Darryl Nantais gallery</b>
3 Infant school disco, 5pm	Infant school
3 Linton Heights summer fair, 5pm	Linton Heights
2 Music matters, 9.50 and 10.50	VH
2 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
4 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
4 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
<b>7 WI, 7.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
<b>11-12 Open studios, 11am</b>	<b>Hildersham, Bartlow</b>
<b>11 Friends of Guiding jumble sale, 2pm</b>	<b>Infant school</b>
<b>11 Friends of St Mary's concert, 7.30pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
12 Camera club, 7.15pm	VH
<b>14 VIP group, 1pm</b>	<b>Chalklands</b>
15 CAMTAD, 9-12noon	Health centre
16 Music matters, 9.50 and 10.50	VH
16 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
<b>18-19 Open studios, 11am</b>	<b>Hildersham, Hadstock, Bartlow</b>
<b>18 Gardening club show, 2.30pm</b>	<b>VH</b>
19 LV Junior cricket club presentation 5pm	Cricket pavilion
21 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
<b>24 Charity football tournament, 9am</b>	<b>SC</b>
<b>25-26 Open studios, 11am</b>	<b>Hadstock</b>
<b>27 London 2012 day, 9am</b>	<b>SC</b>
<b>30 Instrument making workshop, 11.30am</b>	<b>ArtSbus LVC</b>
30 Music matters, 10am	VH

**AUGUST**

1 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
4 Blood donor session, 12.15pm	The Crown
4 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
6 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
8 Symond's house summer fete, 1pm	Symond's House
9 Camera club, 7.15pm	VH
10,13 Music matters, 10am	VH
11 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands

KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, HC Health Centre, LVC Linton Village College, RG Recreation Ground, SC Sports Centre, URC United Reform Church, VH Village Hall

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

Refuse collection: 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
Recycling collection: 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July

**Centralplay.co.uk**

DVD's, Games, Music

New Offers Evert Week

Fast, Free Delivery

www.centralplay.co.uk  
enquires@centralplay.c.uk

**CHRISTOPHER MARKHAM**  
HOME & GARDEN SERVICES

Interior/Exterior Decorating  
Fencing, Guttering  
Turving, Garden Clearance  
Lawn & Hedge Cutting  
Decking & Patio Cleaning  
Patios & Driveways  
Call on  
**(01223) 892889**  
**or 07973294946**  
No job too small...

**Local Ironing Service**

Fast, friendly ironing service tailored to suit your needs.

Working overtime? Not enough hours in the day? Can't face that stack of ironing?

Economical hourly rate. Free collection/delivery available.

Call Carolyn on  
01223 891762  
07961 919374

**G.L. CARPENTRY**

**GERALD LAW**  
Carpentry and Home Maintenance

Telephone: 01440 704442  
Mobile: 0790 1691 526

**LINTON PAVING COMPANY**

YOUR LOCAL LANDSCAPING BLOCK PAVING & PATIO SPECIALIST.

Slabbing, Decking, Gravel Drives & Fencing

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**  
Int/Ext Painting, General Repairs  
LOCAL, RELIABLE AND FRIENDLY SERVICE.  
FREE QUOTATIONS  
Tel: Andre Jacobs  
**01223 890060**  
**07765 594398**  
lintonpaving@aol.com

**AJB Fencing**

All types of domestic fencing - decking paving - landscaping  
Garden services  
01223 894795  
07813 070542  
www.ajbfencing.co.uk  
Portfolio Available

# THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

ISN'T it amazing how a few days of fine weather brings out the worst in us? It started with a cry of despair 'Oh no, some idiot has lit a bonfire!' It was a warm, sunny, morning; the first load of washing was on the line and about to be joined by another, and now the foul smell of bonfire smoke was drifting across the gardens and contaminating the washing. Bonfires are not (yet) illegal and most of us accept there are some things which cannot easily be disposed of by any other means; but does this really have to be done on fine days when your neighbours want to open their windows, put out washing or simply sit out and enjoy their gardens?

Next came a weekend trip to the coast – another fine day and an easy journey marred only by the actions of a few. Take for instance the Centre Lane Only Driver (CLOD) who doggedly hog the centre lane, frequently at speeds well below the permitted maximum. Have these CLODs never read the Highway Code or considered the consequences of their actions on others eg those using the nearside lane correctly but travelling a little faster and who are forced to manoeuvre across all three lanes in order to overtake?

Then consider the challenge of the car park: most parking spaces will readily accommodate all but the largest 4x4s, so why it is necessary for a modest family saloon to park so badly that the adjacent space is unusable? Similarly why must people block the car park road completely while waiting for a space, or obstruct the road by parking on the end of a row because they cannot bother to wait for, a free space?

Finally, the journey home on quiet country roads, only to become frustrated in a lengthy queue of vehicles all desperately trying to find a safe place to overtake the slow moving vehicle at the front. Most tractor and HGV drivers are usually well aware of the problems and make every effort to minimise these, however owners of caravans, horseboxes and large 4x4s with trailers seem less aware of or concerned about the problems they can cause.

But worst of all is the Sunday afternoon driver (SAD) who wishes to enjoy the beauty of our countryside; their speed rarely exceeds 30 mph and they are usually too engrossed in conversation to bother checking the rear view mirror. Actions of the type described above are best described as downright selfish, need I say more?

# Apotheosis for a great season of music

ON Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Linton music society held a concert to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding and the imminent 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of its co-founder, Margaret Plummer.

It was given by the Haydn Orchestra conducted by Nicholas Collon who is Margaret's grandson, and included works by Schubert, the lovely flute and harp concerto by Mozart and a spirited performance of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony.

After the concert a reception was held for the audience, family and friends and the orchestra.

Margaret was presented with a bouquet of flowers, a beautiful card, hand painted by Jenny Purves, and a gift as a token of appreciation for all she had done over the years to support the society which has given so much pleasure to so many people.



Margaret Plummer is presented with flowers and a card

Picture by Roger Lapwood

BCC.



The orchestra, conducted by Margaret's grandson Nicholas Collon, centre, takes its applause

Picture by Roger Lapwood

## Readers write ... the saga of Camping Close continues

Dear Editor, I would like to correct a few points from Enid Bald's article about Camping Close. The article states:

1. 'Linton has very little recreational space'... apart from the recreation ground and playground, Camping Close, various green spaces such as that in Fincham's Close, Dolphin Close, Paynes Meadow, outside the Cathodeon centre and, of course, being a village we are surrounded by open countryside.
2. 'Although the area was bought by the county council in 1974, it has always been considered to be ours, with the status of an open space.' I am

not sure where that comes from, however Camping Close was bought by the local authority in the 1960s under compulsory purchase powers for use as a playing field for the infant school.

3. 'The infant school has already provided a safe playground.' This is true, there is a safe playground, but not a safe field.

4. 'Now it is proposing to extend its play area by fencing in half of the Camping Close.' Once again, this is incorrect. The area north of the footpath which would be fenced is 0.7 acres, the area south of the footpath (open) is 1.7 acres. This is substantially

less than half.

5. While the fence will not stop a determined attempt at getting in, it will certainly stop casual use and therefore the great majority of inappropriate access. More importantly it will also provide a safety barrier to prevent inappropriate access to the children during playtime, PE, etc.

6. I would like to see the survey results as it would be interesting. However I have canvassed many residents of Church and Horn Lane who are all dog walkers, all have children and all use Camping Close on a very regular basis and the unanimous view is that the fence proposal

makes perfect sense, giving the school a safe area while leaving plenty for common use.

7. 'The school plans show open gates – what does a fence with openings achieve?' Gates can of course be closed ... and they will be locked. Unless of course it is the flower festival, fireworks night, a fete or some other event or maybe when a uniformed group such as the guides is using it, safely.

8. 'Fencing off this area for the sole use of a small number of pupils for just a few years, and term-times are short, will deny not only all of us but them the use of it for the rest of their lives.' This is a small sacrifice to

enrich the lives of our children. It may be a small number at any time, but they, their safety and happiness matter.

9. 'Children need space for recreation, and so does everyone else.' Of course, this is true and even with the fence in place, there is plenty of space for everyone. Remember the portion that is fenced will be less than 30% of the space.

I have to state at this point that I am a Church Lane resident and a governor of the infant school (although I am not representing the governors or school on this matter).

David Donnan, Church Lane

**G. DYE & SONS**  
GENERAL BUILDER  
MAINTENANCE &  
GROUNDWORK

*Free Estimates*

39 The Grove  
Linton  
Cambridge  
CB21 4UQ  
Tel: 01223 892089  
Mobile: 07961 342887



**BED & BREAKFAST**

Mrs Monica Clarkson  
4 Harefield Rise, Linton  
Tel: 01223 892988  
Quiet modern bungalow  
Families welcome  
No Smoking

**LINTON PARTY SHOP**  
SO SPECIAL OCCASIONS  
39 High Street  
For all your party requirements.  
Birthdays, Anniversary,  
Christening, Retirement,  
Hen Nite  
Tel: 07771827460  
Open- Mon. to Fri.  
8am to 4:30pm  
Sat. 9am to 1.00 pm

**GLENWOOD BOLTS & SCREWS LTD**  
www.glenwoodbolts.co.uk  
  
SUPPLIERS OF QUALITY FASTENERS, FIXINGS & SILVERLINE TOOLS  
Unit 2 Lintech Court  
The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton  
Cambridge, CB21 4XN  
Tel: 01223 892095 / 893931  
Fax: 01223 894122

**Healthier, fresher, cleaner carpets.**  
Spring Special 15% Discount  
**Dream Clean**  
Carpet cleaning and care  
Dust mite extermination and removal  
Leather cleaning and protection  
Carpets dry by the time I leave  
Free no obligation quote  
IICRC certified firm  
Happiness guaranteed - don't pay until you're happy!  
Full & Current Member of NCCA  
0800 6955300 or 01223 897892  
www.dreamcleancarpets.co.uk  
18 The Grove, Linton, Cambs, CB21 4UQ  
Certified Firm

**Chapel**  
Independent Financial Advisers  
SPECIALIST ADVICE ON  
Pensions - Investments - Mortgages - Protection  
Personal Financial Planning  
FREE Initial Consultation & Without Obligation  
**Ian Cross DipPFS**  
01223 892821  
email: Chapelifa@btinternet.com  
De-Salis House, 6 Hillway Linton, Cambs, CB21 4JE  
A Member Of Sesame limited Which is Regulated By The Financial Services Authority  
YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP THE PAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE, OR ANY OTHER LOAN  
SECURED UPON IT. WRITTEN DETAILS ON REQUEST

Annette's  
**Beauty & Well Being**  
  
Try our new Sun beds and nail extension treatments  
Open Mondays seasonally and until  
7:00pm on Tues, Wed and Thur  
At The Bank House  
37 High Street, Linton CB21 4HS  
Telephone: 01223 891900  
Annette Jackson vtct iihht babtac & Reiki master

**The three aaaghs**  
Reading, writing and arithmetic.  
Maths and English After-School Study Programmes  
Kumon can help your child progress with their maths and English studies, boost their confidence and help them shine.  
With over 600 centres nationwide, it's convenient too.  
Contact your local Instructor today.  
**KUMON**  
Every child can shine kumon.co.uk  
Linton Study Centre  
Karen Tumber  
01223 893 578  
linton@kumoncentre.co.uk

**THE KELVIN SCHOOL OF MOTORING**  
★ DOE, ADI and MIAM  
16 BACK ROAD, LINTON  
Cambridge 892263

## VIPs celebrate 10 years

ON 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1999, Sheila Rayner, an officer from Camsight spoke to the Linton Luncheon club about the vital work done by Camsight for the visually impaired people in the county, and expressed the hope that a group could be formed in Linton. Six volunteers attended a planning meeting the following week and the first meeting of the Linton VIP group was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1999.

The VIPs meet at 2pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Chalklands community room. The programme includes visiting speakers, quizzes, strawberry teas, entertainment provided by visiting groups and an annual Christmas lunch.

Alison Bourne and Julie Petrie-Symes come regularly from Camsight to demonstrate the equipment so important to enable members to cope with the difficulties they face every day. Members come from Linton, Cardinals Green, Castle Camps and Hadstock.

The VIP committee extends a warm welcome to blind and visually impaired people to come to our monthly meetings. Transport can be arranged. There will be a celebratory lunch at Chalklands on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.

Roy Petter 892463

## Time to get reading again ...

IT'S that time of year again! Linton Library is again inviting children to get involved in the nationwide summer reading challenge, organised by the Reading Agency. This year's challenge, called *Quest Seekers*, will start as the schools finish the summer term and continue until term starts again in September. Children have to read six books of their choice, decide whether or not they enjoyed them, let us know, and collect lots of stickers etc on the way to stick into special fold-out poster which we will give them, together with a moving image membership card. Still in the library, we have a lively story time, aimed at pre-school children, which takes place fortnightly during term time, but we need volunteers to run it. If you are interested, please contact the children's librarian, Anne Worthington, on 07786 126506 or email Anne.Worthington@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk or pop in and have a chat with the staff behind the counter.

Linda Pearson, supervisor

## How the institute's growl became a roar



WE'VE heard of the saying, 'Pearls of Wisdom,' but pearls are also charmingly known as 'Tears of Angels.' Some jewels can protect us from evil spirits while amber heals and relieves stress. Beryl Morris, owner of Bee's Joolry, told us about these gems during her interesting talk on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. She showed us her fabulous collection of jewellery from around the world. Bears' teeth turned into chokers and silver 'fetishes' (like an ornamental belt), sporting many 'balangandas' (charms), which were once worn around the waist by indoor Brazilian slaves. Movement created a jingle and so the mistress of the home knew her slaves' whereabouts. There were beautiful little prayer beads for children and beads used for exchange and barter. After our meeting several members bought some lovely pieces and came away with ideas for their own creations.

In May, the 'strolling' group had a delightful time at Yole Farm, Balsham. The owners, David and James Kiddy, gave an interesting tour. Conservation of wildlife is extremely important to them and we saw their admirable work. Beautiful tracts of wild flowers, beetle banks, hedgerows maintained for nesting birds and a pond teeming with tadpoles and frogs. The Yole Farm views across our countryside are superb and so peaceful – we were taken back in time.

Last month I wrote about our honeybees dying out from viruses and systemic pesticides and how the WI wants our government to address this problem with more funding and research. Well, I attended the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in June. I am happy to report that our resolution was passed with 99.4% in favour. One in three mouthfuls of our food depends on bee pollination. Our growl joins the other growls and is now a mighty roar.

This is just one of our many campaigns – and to quote from one of our guest speakers, Maureen Lipman – 'If you think you're too small to make a difference in the world, you've never been in bed with a mosquito!'

Ever wondered what's beneath London's streets? Retired policeman, Peter Lawrence, will enlighten us on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Visitors, including gents, are extremely welcome at this open meeting. On 4<sup>th</sup> August we'll be entertained with amusing poetry by Paula Dolan. We'd love to see you at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Trysha Hunt 894533

## Children at a loose end? Our club offers a summer of fun

LINTON Out of School Club (LOSC) is based in the Linton Library. We are open 51 weeks of the year providing child care for up to 26 children (4-11) after school and during the holidays. We are registered with Ofsted and our inspection in May gave us a 'good' award with four 'outstanding' areas, including safeguarding the children and parent/carer relationships.

As summer is fast approaching we have planned a fun-packed and varied programme including face painting, circus skills, first aid training, arts and crafts and balloon workshop.

The LOSC team is very experienced at providing good quality, interesting and fun activities to groups of children or on a one to one basis. In addition to the on site activities available, we are hoping to take them for a picnic and to play games. (Parental consent will be sought). A morning and afternoon healthy snack is provided but we do ask you to provide a packed lunch.

We are also advertising places for the start of the new term in

September. Places are limited so if your children attend Linton infant school or the Heights and you would like them to attend any sessions after school, please call and visit us.

Members of the LOSC team also work in the mornings at both schools so they have contact with the children there as well. They are collected from school by experienced walkers who deliver them to the club safely.

The children can be booked in until either 4.30pm or 6.30pm and they will be given a healthy snack during their time at the club. If you are interested in either the summer club or after school provision, please call Sarah Baxter (manager/co-ordinator) on 07814 724468 and arrange a visit or booking. We would be delighted to meet you and your children.

Sarah Baxter 07814 724468

## Biker Dads' grand day out

THE first annual Biker Dads' extravaganza took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, taking in the picturesque local scenery and hostelrys. After a gruelling 30 miles in the saddle, stopping only for liquid refreshment and to help someone put a sofa through an upstairs window, more than £1,000 was raised for playgroups in Linton. Anyone interested in the next Biker Dads' charity event should call Tim Kendrick-Jones on 897974.

Natalie Morris

**Now you can learn SPANISH**  
with an experienced tutor,  
at your own pace,  
in the comfort of your own home.  
**SUSAN HODGES**  
Tel: 01223 891521  
Email: sjhmac2@yahoo.co.uk

**BED & BREAKFAST**  
**SPRINGFIELD HOUSE**  
14/16 Horn Lane, Linton  
Regency house near Church,  
River views from bedrooms &  
guest lounge.  
Tel 01223 891383

**PT Carpentry & Building Services**  
For all your building needs  
• Extensions  
• Loft/Garage Conversions  
• Barn Conversions  
• Refurbishments  
• Fitted Kitchens/Bedrooms/Bathrooms  
T: 01799 584126  
M: 07939 568 767  
E: pt.carpentry@tiscali.co.uk

The *Freehouse* **Crown Inn**  
Since 16th Century  
Fine Wines & Real Ales  
À la Carte Conservatory Restaurant  
Bar Meals – Sunday Roast  
En-suite Accommodation  
*Great food in a relaxed atmosphere!*  
HIGH STREET, LINTON • BOOKINGS 01223 891759  
fax: 01223 890899 Email: crown@fsmail.net

01223 890 965  
THE ONLY NUMBER YOU WILL EVER NEED  
**LINTON CABS**  
"THERES ONLY ONE LINTON CABS"

**Roses Beauty Salon**  
WEST WRATTING  
Facials, Electrolysis,  
Waxing, Manicures,  
Pedicures, Massage,  
Eyelash Tint, Ear Piercing.  
Mobile service available  
Rene Guinot Agent  
Tel Carol  
01223 290492  
or 07860 810689

**MOPS HAIR SALON**  
HAIR BY JO DENNY  
Women | Men | Children  
41 Linton High Street  
(Behind North's Bakery)  
t: 01223 893 285

**POT POURRI (54)**  
**Depth of fluid?**  
*A SPHERICAL tank is one-quarter filled. What would be the depth in terms of the sphere's radius? (Imagine a dipstick is used to determine the quarter volume mark.) Where would the quarter volume mark be in relation to the radius?*  
**Solution to No 53: What did they spend?**  
There is only one pair of numbers that meets the spending criterion: I spent £3 and Hypatia £2.  
Urania

**NEWS IN BRIEF**  
**Mick Goodman memorial match**  
*ON Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May in glorious sunshine, the Linton football team played the cricket team in the annual Mick Goodman memorial match, raising a staggering £400 in aid of the Oncology fund at Addenbrooke's. A good crowd, lured by the sun, the bar, Ted Wright's barbecue and, maybe, even the cricket watched an entertaining game of 20:20 won by the football club off the final ball. A big thank you to all the helpers, everyone who donated a raffle prize, all the players and everyone who came along to watch and enjoy the afternoon.*  
Harriet Goodman and Hans Pinkard  
**Come to our Guides' jumble sale**  
*TO support the various activities of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Young Leaders, Linton friends of guiding are holding a jumble sale at 2pm on on 11<sup>th</sup> July at the infant school. Contributions of jumble may be left at the school from 10am-12 noon on the Saturday morning or telephone 891715 or 891602 to arrange collection. We will gratefully accept donations for our raffle and tombola.*  
Kate France

**Join us for a game of bridge**  
A NEW bridge club for Linton, the Granta Duplicate Bridge Club, is looking for members. We aim to meet on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm in the church hall attached to St Mary's. Our joining fee is £25 and there will be a 'table fee' of £2 to cover the cost of the hall and tea/coffee. We are in the process of buying cards, boards etc. so we should be fully equipped when we open on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Please phone Harry Grayling on 890518 or Peter Stutz on 891438 for more information.  
**End of term for adult learners**  
*WE are coming to the end of our classes for Sawston and Linton village colleges and would like to thank our tutors and students for their support this year. Our office will be open for enrolments from 9am-1pm from 19<sup>th</sup> August. We look forward to welcoming you to one of our centres in the autumn.*  
Sue King, senior administrative assistant 712424  
**Poll turnout is county's highest**  
*IN the recent county elections, Linton had the highest turn-out in Cambridgeshire at 52.9%, with John Batchelor (Lib Dem) gaining 1,812 votes, Roger Hickford (Conservative) 1,737 and Shannon Revel (Labour) 195.*

Carpentry, Plumbing, Tiling Fencing, Decking, Gardening  
Door / Window Replacement Painting, Decorating  
Kitchen / Bathroom Refitting Flat Pack Assembly  
**Property Maintenance**  
**Steve Jackson**  
Service Engineer  
All domestic appliance repairs,  
15 years industry experience. Steve Jackson  
Very reasonable rates. (Home) 01223 893114 / 893896  
Quick & reliable service. (Mobile) 07963 854653

**New Year New You Lose Weight in 2009**  
1 stone or more overweight? Lose weight fast and keep it off  
• Friendly, encouraging Counsellors  
• Small, supportive groups  
• No calorie counting  
Sharon Webb  
Saffron Walden  
01799 523044  
www.lighterlife.com/sharonwebb  
LighterLife  
Life in balance  
\*1 stone or more overweight is classed as a BMI of 25 or above

# Get ready for London Olympics

THERE is a lot going on at the sports centre this summer, with a special London 2012 Olympics Day on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Check what is coming up and contact the sport centre on 890248 (unless other contact numbers are given).

On Wednesdays from 7-8pm, there is the Cambs FA five-a-side football tournament. Contact county development manager Jim Hill on 209034, or Jim.Hill@cambridgeshirefa.com or Phil Mitcham, the competition and registrations secretary, on 209027 or phil.mitcham@cambridgeshirefa.com

From 20-24<sup>th</sup> July, the Lane Academy stages its dance, act and sing workshops from 10-3.30pm. They

are based around hit movies with performance on the last day. Open to boys and girls. London 2012 day is on 27<sup>th</sup> July from 9am-4pm. It will be a day of free sports to mark three years until the opening of the London Olympics. All ages are welcome so come along with family and friends and have a game of badminton, tennis, football and much more.

On 24<sup>th</sup> July from 9am-6pm, there is a charity football tournament for local businesses. Contact Joanne Baker (Wrenbridge) on 554811.

From 27-30<sup>th</sup> July (9.30am-3.30pm), Cambridge United football club is staging a kids camp. For details, contact Stuart Jacobs at the club on

07817834232, 07973571496, 416238 or email fitc@cambridge-united.co.uk or Jimmywinwin@cambridge-united.co.uk

There is more football from 7-14<sup>th</sup> August, 10am - 5pm: when Cambridge United will be running a week of youth development camps. Call the club on 729204 or email youth.development@cambridge-united.co.uk

Aztecs Fun Day will be on 30<sup>th</sup> August (tbc). Contact Pete Belsom on 07799183308/01223891273

Adults tennis coaching will be on Thursday from 7.30-9pm (tbc). Junior tennis coaching in on Saturdays from 9-12noon (tbc)

There are several juniors from Linton who fence in

Cambridge. We are trying to find people (9-adult) interested in taking part in fencing at the sports centre. For details, call the centre.

With the new school gym and dance studio opening in August, we can now take new bookings for September.

To finish with, the last user group meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The sports centre keeps working on the different issues raised by users, reviewing the action being taken and addressing any other issues

I am grateful to users for taking the time to air comments, which are important to the sport centre's success. The next meeting will be in the autumn term.

Mark Wilson 890248



## Chef's corner

WANDERING along the sun-drenched streets of southern Andalusia, the distinct smell of the cuisine in which the area is world famous wafts through every alleyway and calla. There is a relaxed 'manana' atmosphere as front steps are swept and mopped in the early morning sun.

You may have guessed a long overdue trip to visit the folks was occurring, so I took the opportunity for a cheeky peek into the ways in which the southern Spanish cook. It also gave me the perfect opportunity to go from place to place taking a cold beer with a portion of tapas while studying the menus.

Fish and shellfish feature on every menu. Living alongside the sea is something these people are extremely proud of; they even have their own festival to pay homage to the sea for providing the fish on which they live.

## Lenguado de la casa (sole in the local style)

HAVING worked in the catering industry for 26 years, I still find that there is so much out there to be learned. In this case, there's not a real recipe to follow, so I could only speak to the people who ran the restaurant I ended up in. This dish will provide one adult portion.

Organise a lemon sole from a good fishmonger and ask to have it trimmed ready to grill. A handful of shellfish is also needed (eg three mussels, four clams, three tiger prawns, but the choice is yours).

Bring a pan of water to the boil and add two tomatoes with the eye cut out. Boil this for 20 seconds and then chill. You can now remove the skin under a running cold tap.

Peel and boil two small waxy potatoes (similar to new potatoes) cool down and cut into bite-sized pieces. Have ready a tablespoon of chopped onion and a clove of chopped garlic, a single fish stock cube, a good glug of white wine and a teaspoon of tomato purée.

Now we have the backbone of this fantastic fish dish we can begin. Put the sole into a pre-heated oven (200C) after basting well with olive oil.

The sauce can be made while the fish is cooking. In a saucepan add a little olive oil and crush the tomatoes, then add the garlic with the onion and cook for a couple of minutes until soft. Splash in the white wine with a crumbled stock cube and the purée. Add the shellfish and leave simmering for about five minutes. Season and maybe add a little basil. Add the potatoes.

By now (15-20 minutes later) the sole can be placed on to a serving plate (it should come away from the bone fairly easily). Pour over the shellfish sauce and serve with a little basil.

Tell me this isn't one of the best Andalusian dishes to be enjoyed in the sun. PS: A good chilled white Rioja is the only wine here to get into the whole Spanish experience.

Salud.

Don't forget you can access all Joel's recipes at [www.chefscorner.co.uk](http://www.chefscorner.co.uk)

## Local artists at the gallery

THE Darryl Nantais gallery welcomes local artists Brian Seymour, from Chatteris, and Nikki Sims from Newport.

Brian's watercolours and oils are of dramatic landscapes and striking city scenes.

Nikki's paintings, in acrylics and oils, show her passion for

the natural world. The exhibition continues until 3pm on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The gallery at 59 High Street is open Tuesday-Friday 10am-3pm and Saturday 12-4pm. Many of the works in the exhibition are on our website [www.nantais-gallery.co.uk](http://www.nantais-gallery.co.uk) Karl Backhurst, 891289

## ArtSbus stops at LVC

JOIN the Cambridge summer music festival for an instrument making workshop aboard the ArtSbus at Linton village college. This fun activity, led by Leon Warner as part of the programme of 'Music for Kids' and ideal for younger children (up to eight years old).

They will make their own percussion instruments during the session aboard the bus, and then compose and perform their own piece. Music can be made from the simplest of things, including plastic bottles, boxes and kitchen utensils. Mums and dads are more than welcome.

The workshop will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> July on the ArtSbus, which will be parked near the main college entrance. There will be three sessions: 11.30am-12.15pm, 1.30-2.15pm and 2.30-3.15pm. Book your free timed ticket for the workshop at [music4kids@cambridgesummermusic.com](mailto:music4kids@cambridgesummermusic.com).

## Back to High School

THE Academy is back in Linton for its third year, staging a production of High School Musical at Linton village college. The workshop runs from 9.30am-5pm (open 8.30am-5.30pm) during 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> August, and culminates in a fully staged production on the Friday afternoon. This year, we're also running a volunteer scheme, so if you're 17+, would like some experience working alongside creative professionals and can commit at least six hours of your time, get in touch.

Finally for those budding filmmakers, take your pick from a selection of fun filmmaking workshops for 8-12 year olds and some masterclasses for 13-18 year olds in August in Sawston. For further details, call Lesley Morgan on 01223 712825 or [lmorgan@sawstonvc.org](mailto:lmorgan@sawstonvc.org)

Lesley Morgan  
Sawston Village College

## ACEs explore Stamford

ACEs have been on their travels again - this time a coach trip to Stamford on 20<sup>th</sup> May. You may know of Stamford when the A1 was routed through it, but this was the first time many of us had explored the town.

It has beautiful buildings of mellow stone, a fascinating history, good shopping and interesting places to eat (we found a 16<sup>th</sup> century tavern with ghosts - not the usual pub spirits!) Many were just content to explore the riverside and gardens.

There was the option of visiting the Burghley House. The information centre can stamp a leaflet allowing entry for two for the price of one, so some of us hared off there to

secure enough for all. ACEs never miss a bargain!

Fiona Bruce and her BBC team were also there, setting up the Antiques Roadshow, which was a bonus. We had just got back on the bus when the rain, true to form, started.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, there was the annual garden party, cream teas, a raffle, bring and buy etc.

We are taking July as our holiday, but will be back in August - look out for our posters and the diary for dates and venue.

Come along and join us; we are a group for all of the older people in the village, the social arm of the mobile warden scheme, and all are welcome.

Enid Bald

## Your chance to find out how our artists work

THIS July local painters and sculptors in Hadstock, Hildersham and Bartlow will be waiting to welcome you to their studios.

Perhaps you would like to visit painters at work at their easels, choose an original sculpture for your house or garden or would like to commission an artwork for a special occasion.

This is your chance to find out more about the creative process in an informal atmosphere.

Sue Walker's studio in Hadstock will be open from 11am-6pm on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Carol and Cassiel Sinclair's studio in Hildersham and Catriona Ogilvy's studio in Bartlow will be open from 11am-6pm on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July.

We are all looking forward to welcoming you and to showing you something of the creative process.

So please do pick up a free colour guide and pay us a visit.

The guide giving full details of all studio locations in the Cambridge area and opening dates is available from the tourist information offices or visit our website at [www.cambridgeopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.cambridgeopenstudios.co.uk)

Sue Walker 891710

## FABRICS

\*Sanderson \*Blendworth  
\*Parkertax \*Prestigious

## BLINDS & CURTAINS DESIGNER DRAPES

Linton, Road Hadstock CB21 4NU  
[www.designerdrapescurtains.co.uk](http://www.designerdrapescurtains.co.uk)

01223 890556

## LINTON VILLAGE MOTORS

(situated in Great Abington opposite Granta Park)

[www.lintonvillagemotors.co.uk](http://www.lintonvillagemotors.co.uk)

Tel: 01223 830550

GoodGarageScheme.com

- MOT testing
- All makes of vehicles serviced and repaired
- Tyres at competitive prices
- courtesy car provided
- Polite and friendly staff



Mon-Fri: 8.30am-5.30pm

Sat: 8.30am-12.30pm

## Precision Carpentry & Joinery

Fast, reliable, friendly service and precise craftsmanship.

For competitive estimates contact:

James Tonry- 07736 273489 or  
Ryan Greenwood- 07795 464086

[www.carpentryjoinery.co.uk](http://www.carpentryjoinery.co.uk)

## TIM PHILLIPS & Co. Accountants

Independent, specialist service for:

Small Businesses - Self Assessment  
Personal Taxation

EASY, FREE PARKING

Initial consultation FREE with no obligation

Copley Hill Business Park, A1307 Babraham  
Tel: 01223 830044. [www.TPaccounts.co.uk](http://www.TPaccounts.co.uk)

## Elite Wedding Photography

Formerly Julian's Photography  
of Linton

Tel: 01223 892056

Professional, affordable, wedding  
photography.

[WWW.ELITE-WEDDING-PHOTOGRAPHY.CO.UK](http://WWW.ELITE-WEDDING-PHOTOGRAPHY.CO.UK)

## PLUMBLINE

Plumbing & Heating  
RELIABLE COMPETITIVE  
FRIENDLY SERVICE

Linton  
01223 893903



Don't delay call today

# Young people rise to a challenging day of action



All together now: the IMPACT team stand by

Picture from Louise Rose

THE Beacon community trust youth group, Younger IMPACT from Linton (for ages 7-9) had an exciting opportunity to go away for a day to Thorpe Woodlands adventure centre near Thetford. Linton parish council funded this and made it possible for the 19 who attended plus two young leaders.

Despite the wet weather, the young people had a fantastic time, working together, developing trust and friendships with one another. Firstly they rose to the challenge of a high-ropes course, including a leap of faith. Some said they couldn't do it but with the encouragement from team mates and friends, they were soon up there, coming away with a real sense of achievement. In the afternoon there was canoeing and getting even wetter, especially those who capsized! All in all we had a brilliant day. Thanks to the council for making it all possible!

Nicole Tweed, leader of Younger IMPACT

# Linton Heights needs you!

SCHOOL governors represent the largest volunteer force in the country with approximately 1% of the adult population serving in this capacity at any one time.

Linton Heights junior school currently has vacancies for two community governors. Community governors are very important to the school as they not only bring knowledge of the local community but they are highly valued for the skills, experience and objectivity that they bring to decision making.

The governing body is there to be a 'critical friend' who can provide the right balance between supporting and challenging the performance of both the head teacher and the school.

Being a community governor can be stimulating, enjoyable and rewarding.

If you have the enthusiasm and desire to be closely involved in the running of the school, please contact the school office on 892210 or email office@lintonheights.cambs.sch.uk

Linton Heights is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children through safe recruitment processes. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It will, therefore, be necessary to undergo a vetting process and a CRB check will be required.

Jennifer Malone, Esther Cornell

# LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

## The facts about our Ratty

IT'S the season of seeds and flowers! The winding Back Road to Linton once again boasts a roadside floral display, watched over by young and raucous rooks. Among the wild green grasses waving tall in the breeze dance ox-eye daisies, campion and poppies. As summer progresses the plants mature and thus, you may on occasions be treated to spotting a delightful siskin swaying on a thistle as it tries to tease out the seeds.

Wiggling from field to field across the tarmac at great speed are weasels, dodging waltzing vehicles and seemingly defying gravity, rising up the steep wheel, wind and rain eroded banks into the multi-coloured mass of blooms.

Here is lush hunting ground for our inconspicuous carnivorous furry friends. They move so quickly it's rare enough to record their detail. So slim and often no more than 30cm long, seven or eight of those account for the tail; they can slip down a mouse hole and be out again in a jiffy.

The term 'jiffy' by the way is usually used in electronics representing 1/50th or 1/60th of a second. So perhaps our little *Mustela nivalis* would not be quite so quick for although he

has a reputation for stealing birds eggs, he likes nothing more than baby mice, even having the cheek to ransack the home, eat the kids and fall asleep for the rest of the day. Perhaps there's more to the tale of weasels breaking into Toad Hall than meets the eye? I think it was Ratty who said of weasels, stoats and foxes and so on: "They're all right in a way, but you can't really trust them, and that's a fact!"

However, these little mustelid mammals tend to make their nests with dried grass and leaves, especially in the hollows of old trees. They have at least two litters per

insider knowledge and great patience is required, and sometimes an imitation high pitched whistling sound will bring a curious fox, stoat or owl out into the open.

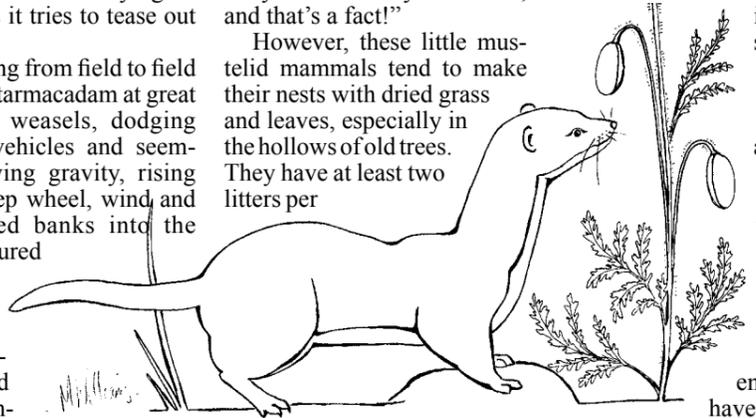
Laying still as can be on a warm summer's evening in a local meadow I have experienced the joy of having barn owls hovering above me. Too close for comfort, a great stag staggered

into my space, and I once felt the warm breath of an overly inquisitive fox on the back of my neck.

None of these experiences would have been possible had I not remained absolutely still for at least 30 minutes.

There are miles of public footpaths and places to rough-ride a bicycle. Great places to take a picnic and really enjoy this beautiful corner of Cambridgeshire.

But watch out for walkers' dogs for they can devour that freshly cooked chicken in just a jiffy, the moment you turn your back to watch the jumping trout in the Granta.



**McKenzie & Haywards Garage**  
 Units 3/4 Lintech Court, The Grip Industrial Estate, Linton, Cambridgeshire, CB21 4XN  
 Tel: 01223 894140 Fax: 01223 890035

**MOT by appointment while you wait.**  
 Servicing, Collection & Delivery Service

## Youngsters try new skills

CHILDREN at Chestnut playgroup were lucky enough to have the help of a professional florist when they got down to work on creating their display for the recent flower festival in St Mary's church.

Nicola Harwood, mum to Liam, kindly brought in all the materials needed for each child to create a floral masterpiece.

After deciding that the subject of their piece would be the parable of the lost sheep, staff, parents and children worked together to come up with the finished article.

On Friday 5th June, the children

excitedly visited the church to see their effort on show and to admire all the other wonderful displays.

Playgroup leader, Anya Brooks, said: "We were delighted to join in with this event. The children showed a lot of care and patience in making their flower displays and thoroughly enjoyed the experience."

"We owe a special thank you to Hayley Donnan who organised us and, of course, to all the parents who helped us escort the children down to the church on Friday so that they could admire all the different flowers."

Chestnut playgroup



Picture courtesy of Chestnut playgroup

Haven't we done well? The children by their collage

**Linton Community Sports Centre - FITNESS SUITE -**  
 PERSONAL TRAINING // HOLISTIC THERAPY  
 - TENNIS & NETBALL COURTS -  
 - FLOODLIT '3G' ALL WEATHER FOOTBALL PITCH  
 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
 RANGE OF TERM, HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & PARTIES  
**01223 890248**  
 Check out the latest info at: -  
<http://www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk>

**PAULINE'S**  
 CHILDCARE IN LINTON  
 FOR UNDER FIVES  
 Ofsted registered  
 Monday - Friday  
 Ring for details  
 01223 891890

**STEVE WEBB**  
 Painter & Decorator  
 over 30 years experience  
 CITY & GUILDS CERTIFICATES  
 Montford Barn  
 Horseheath  
 Mobile: 07772991373

**the flower boutique**  
 61a high street, Linton  
 01223 891740  
*The freshest seasonal flowers for your home, friends and celebrations. Bespoke design service for weddings and funerals.*  
[www.theflowerboutiquelinton.co.uk](http://www.theflowerboutiquelinton.co.uk)

**Traditional Acupuncture**  
 An Ancient and Trusted Way Of Healing

Some complaints treated by acupuncture:

* Stress/Anxiety	* Pain (relief of)	* Insomnia
* Low energy	* Back pain/Sciatica	* Asthma/Allergies
* Depression	* Arthritis/Rheumatism	* Digestive
* Headaches	* Stiffness/Tension	* Menstrual
* Colds/Low immune	* PMT	* Menopause

**Therapeutic Massage**  
 Beat Stress, Recover More Quickly from Injury, Feel Energised!

**Practitioner**  
 Peter White MSC, MBAcc, Dip Massage, Dip TCM China, Insured  
 For a free initial consultation and bookings call: 0845 430 9120

*Outside functions catered for* **Chippy's** Tel: 01440 702205

**Traditional Fish & Chips**  
 Serving the people of Suffolk for over 51 years

Our mobile fish & chip van is now serving the following villages

Steeple Bumpstead	Tuesday Evening	4.45-7.15
Balsham	Wednesday Evening	4.45-7.15
Linton	Thursday Evening	Wheatshaf way 5.00-7.30
Kedington	Friday Evening	5.00-7.30
Haverhill	Market Square	Saturday 9.00-4.00

[www.chippys.co.uk](http://www.chippys.co.uk) 2 Strasbourg Square Haverhill Email eat@chippys.co.uk

**HOUSE & GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

**Quality Painting and Decorating Service**

**Les Westlake**  
 Mobile: 07929 501101  
 Tel: 01223 892866  
[leswestlake@aol.com](mailto:leswestlake@aol.com)

**B Haylock**  
 Wood Flooring & Carpentry  
 Supply and installation  
 Free quotations  
 Home viewing of samples  
 Mob: 07734057520  
 Tel: 01223 890418



# The Derbyshire Post



IT won't be long before the BE (Sawston and Linton Broadening Education Partnership) adult education programme for 2009/10 arrives on a doormat near you. Look out for it.

Linton village college hosted a range of classes from pilates to web page design on Tuesdays and Thursdays this year and I am pleased to report that our learner numbers look healthy and the feedback we get about the quality of teaching is very good. I do hope you will consider booking into a class for September.

Courses are excellent value for money; 20 hours of photography lessons last year cost only £80, which is exceptionally good when the hourly rate is considered.

Although online learning is becoming increasingly popular, there really is no substitute for getting out of the house, meeting new people and receiving expert hands-on tuition from a flesh and blood human being ... call me old fashioned, if you must.

Adult education has been an important part of the college provision since 1937 but every year the classes become more difficult to sustain.

Back in 2003, the grants that we received to subsidise classes were close to £100,000. As a consequence, the course fees were kept very low indeed. Last year, Sawston and Linton received only £7,500 between us in FE subsidy.

It is little wonder that now fees have to cover costs. Ten years ago, community education was a booming business. The village colleges ran the provision in order to supplement the meagre education funding provided by Cambridgeshire. In 2009, adult education is a service.

This year Linton and Sawston colleges have dropped our recharges to the partnership for the costs incurred to us; lettings and caretaking. Our hope is that we can offer courses without incurring a deficit, rather than it being an ambitious business plan.

This rather depends on you, however. If you wish to see classes at the college continue, we need to fill them and make them viable. It has now become a matter of 'use it or lose it'. We are proud of our tradition of community education. It would be desperately sad if we are witnessing the last of it in Linton.

Caroline Derbyshire, principal

# Busy Liz tackles Ironman

BEING a Linton resident and just receiving the Linton News, I read about the local Linton Marathon runners. I was thinking may be I could get some support for the MS Society, the charity I am racing for in July.

My challenge is Ironman Austria which consists of a 2.4 mile swim followed by a 112 mile bike ride ending with a 26.2 mile run. I currently train 18-19.5 hours a week alongside a full-time job at St Johns College in Cambridge.

I competed in the Bala middle distance tri on 14<sup>th</sup> June and then out to Austria three weeks later to do my Ironman. It will be my third time there, so hopefully I'll be ready.

My time is also taken up with both my children getting married, so you see there is never a dull moment in the life of the Bennets.

Villagers must see me either running or biking around most days.

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is the most common disabling neurological condition affecting young adults. Around 100,000 people in the UK have MS. The MS Society is committed to finding a cure for MS, but they need your continued support to make this happen.

You can contact Liz either on 894251 or check the website: [beatms.mssociety.org.uk/netcommunity/Lizironman](http://beatms.mssociety.org.uk/netcommunity/Lizironman).



Picture from Liz Bennett

# Another great flower festival



Linton Jazz entertains on a sunny day

THE first weekend of June was the traditional Linton flower festival. It was another great event with an amazing flower display in St Mary's involving all the community. The weather also gave the opportunity to enjoy the events. Thanks to the fantastic support, at the last count, the festival had raised a total of £5,747 (see church notice board for later details).

Editor



Teddy bear jumps again!

Pictures from Roger Lapwood

# Showtime for gardening club



COME and join the fun at the 67<sup>th</sup> annual Gardening club show at 2.30pm on July 18<sup>th</sup> in the village hall.

We had 515 exhibits last year from 113 entrants. To everyone's delight mum and daughter team Rachel and Elizabeth Cornell each won a cup last year after entering for the first time! So perhaps this year it could be you.

There are an incredible 111 classes on offer this year from vegetables, fruit, flowers, pot plants and floral arrangements, to baking and preserves, photography, handicrafts, art and children's classes.

There should be something to tempt everyone. You can enter a single class or as many as you like. There are modest

monetary prizes and cups to be won, but it is the prize card and the fun of entering that counts.

Don't forget the whole family can join in. There are 10 classes, including creatures made from fruit and/or vegetables, decorated stones and things grown from seed in the children's section which is judged in two groups; one is for those up to and including seven years and a second group for 8-14 year olds.

There is also a class for groups such as playgroups, schools or families to enter together.

Schedules giving details of all you need to know and entry forms are still available from Susan Anderson 891623 and Alex Todd on 892979.

Entry forms must be received by Susan no later than 8pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Even if you decide not to enter this year, do come and join us on the day and see the fabulous things produced around the village. Perhaps it will inspire you too.

Kirsten Newble 892425

# St Mary's family concert

THERE will be a concert in aid of the Friends of St Mary's in St Mary's Church on Saturday 11th July 2009 at 7.30pm

Tickets at the door £6 (children free) to include strawberries & cream and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all for 'A Musical caprice' to suit all tastes.

Jeanne Boutal-Chapman (01223 892885)

# Remembering a real gentleman

LINTON GRANTA bowls club would like to pay tribute to John Harpur, a lifelong member.

He sadly passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> June; he was a real gentleman and sportsman and is remembered very fondly by all members of the club.

He will be greatly missed, a quiet man but he had a beautiful presence. We will remember him for a long time to come. God Bless!



John bowling on the pitch  
Picture courtesy of bowls club

# PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/0875/09/PNA TB Fairey and Sons, Barham Hall Bartlow Road, Linton CB21 4PN Prior Notification – proposed building.
- S/0821/09/F Mr Barrie RH Wilson, land to the north of 42 Back Road Linton, CB21 4JF Erection of two dwellings.
- S/0717/09/F 'n Scales, Unit 1A Lintech Court, The Grip industrial estate, Linton CB21 4XN Change of use from light industrial unit to retail pet shop.

**Reliable Local Builder**

From conversions to plastering, renovations to tiling and decorating-

No job too small

Tel: 01223 290925  
Mobile 07813 070369

**Benten & Co.**  
Chartered Certified Accountants

*We are a friendly, well established firm, large enough to deal with most accountancy and taxation matters.*

*Please telephone for an initial consultation (without obligation)*

Abbey House, 51 High Street, Saffron Walden  
Telephone 01799 523053  
[www.benten.co.uk](http://www.benten.co.uk)

**L.B. CABS LINTON**

For all your long and short taxi trips

Airports  
Courier Service

PHONE LINTON  
01223 892986

**Crem RECRUITMENT**

**Opportunity awaits**

We provide a professional and friendly recruitment service to Haverhill and the surrounding villages. If you are looking for short term temporary work or if you are looking for the next step on your career ladder then call us today or email your CV to: [jobs@cremrecruitment.co.uk](mailto:jobs@cremrecruitment.co.uk)

[www.cremrecruitment.co.uk](http://www.cremrecruitment.co.uk)

Contact Colin Saunders or Tom McKenzie on: 01440 708833

**KJL Roofing**

All roofing repairs, lead-work, renewal of pitched or flat roofs

New guttering, repairs/unblocking

Free estimates before any work commenced

25 years + Experience

Tel: 01223 892542  
Mob: 07958 618440

**BED AND BREAKFAST**

BAKERY COTTAGE  
WEST WRATTING  
CAMBRIDGE  
CB21 5LU  
also

Cottage and Converted Barn to rent for holidays, weekends and short breaks. sleeping 6 and 4 people

Tel Carol on  
01223 290492  
07860 810689

**LINTON'S LITTLE EXPLORERS**

- \* OFSTED Registered & Inspected
- \* Member of NCMA

3 months - upwards

- BREAKFAST CLUB
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
- School Drop-off/ Pick-up service
- Emergency or Overnight care

Mon-Fri (subject to availability)  
Tel: 01223 894464

**Singing Lessons**

Sarah Rosewell  
BA (Hons) Music

Individual singing lessons available for all ages and abilities

Whether towards exams or purely for pleasure

- \* CRB Checked
- \* Based in Linton

For more information contact:  
Sarah on 01223 894861

Email: [sarahrosewell@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahrosewell@hotmail.com)

**NRS CARPETS**

HOME SELECTION  
FREE MEASURING & ESTIMATING

All types of flooring available

Tel: 01223 893634  
Mobile: 07885 173113

**GARAGE DOORS**  
SERVICED-REPAIRED REPLACED

Spares for all makes

Free Estimate, Brochures and Advice

Steel - GRP - Timber  
Sectional single or double skin  
Roller Doors

A.B.C. Garage Door Systems  
Telephone 01223 893798  
or mobile 07774 499537  
[www.garagedoorsabc.co.uk](http://www.garagedoorsabc.co.uk)  
[email@garagedoorsabc.co.uk](mailto:email@garagedoorsabc.co.uk)



# Parish Council Matters

## Linton parish churchyard

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

CHURCHYARDS can be attractive yet unsettling places. They are often quiet enclaves in a town, havens for wildlife in the countryside, with romantic monuments in decay. They are also places which evoke fears of our inevitable fate, and which remind us of sad losses from our past.

Burial grounds have long been public places as well, where an individual's identity and place in the world is proclaimed. As such they can offer fascinating insights into changing attitudes to death, burial and remembrance over recent centuries.

There is no typical graveyard. They differ according to denomination, region, and date of origin. A mid-19th century commercial cemetery with its regimented rows of tombs will be very different from an Anglican rural churchyard such as ours.

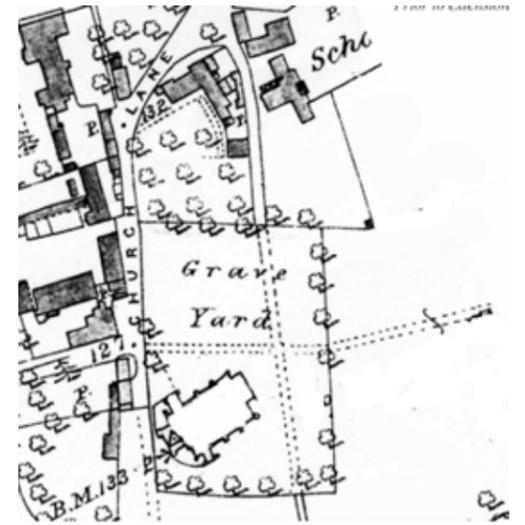
Before the Reformation (conversion from Catholic to Protestant), most churchyards contained few gravestones - perhaps some temporary wooden markers, and a handful of chest tombs for notables, unable to secure a tomb inside the church. In the 17th and 18th centuries marker stones became more common, although still only for the well-to-do. By the mid-19th century, most classes of people were commemorated by stones.

In our churchyard, the earliest identifiable tombstones are from the 18th century. In most churchyards the earliest are usually found on the south side of the church, near the nave and chancel walls. Many cluster in little groups with the same family names. As this area filled with memorials, burials spread further away from the church, around the east and then the west end. Finally, the north side was used, necessity overcoming a belief that the north side was unlucky and associated with the Devil.

Pressure on space in a churchyard was driven by the spread of monuments, not of burials. Most seemingly blank areas were, by the 19th century, already crammed with the disarticulated remains of centuries of earlier burials (as visible in our churchyard by the dips and undulations in the apparently un-utilised grassed areas to the north and south of the church), but as the 'empty' parts of the churchyard filled with monuments from the latter part of the 19th century, additional burial areas began to be required. In our own churchyard the space problem was becoming acute by the mid-19th century. In Linton, as in other rural parishes, burials often spread to an adjacent piece of ground, which was either fully incorporated into the churchyard or separated by a hedge or wall. In the 19th century, Linton churchyard was extended eastwards and the new boundary was marked by the current row of iron railings. The ancient boundary of the Linton churchyard can be identified by the row of lime trees to the east of the churchyard running southwards from the infant school playground wall. The ground directly to the east of these trees is littered with flints which are the remains of the original flint wall boundary.



Linton Church & Churchyard 1600



Linton Church & Churchyard 1880

Pictures from maps in Pembroke College, Cambridge

Although the additional ground to the north of the footpath to Camping Close was consecrated, and burials took place, the area to the south was not consecrated, and no burials took place because of the likelihood of flooding. In 1882 Linton churchyard was officially declared closed, and burials then moved to the new cemetery on Back road.

Gravestones can provide information about family relationships, occupation, cause of death and place of residence. Trades were recorded by symbols such as ploughs or tools. In parts of Scotland, wives are often listed under their maiden names. The text on early tombs usually emphasised mortality - beginning with the phrase 'Here lies the body' - and often warned readers of their own impending fate. During the 18th and 19th centuries the emphasis shifted to remembrance. Epitaphs dwelled not on the fate of the soul but on the achievements of the deceased, or their eventual salvation. In the 20th century, 'In memory' was overtaken by 'In loving memory', while the theme of peace and sleeping has become increasingly common.

Early stones were usually made of local materials, and the earliest memorials tend to be ledgers - flat slabs laid flush with the ground on low bases. Table tombs (a flat slab, with an inscription, raised up on legs) and chest tombs (panelled sides and ends) soon developed. In our churchyard, many examples of both types have now suffered subsidence, erosion or vandalism.

Many 17th or 18th century headstones had simple architectural mouldings. Lettering was sometimes crude, but even where beautifully carved was not symmetrically arranged, and may have had words split between one line to the next. Decoration in this period consisted mainly of symbols of mortality and salvation, often together on the same stone or at opposite ends of the grave. Mortality symbols include skulls, bones, coffins, sexton's tools, the grim reaper with his scythe, the hourglass, or even Death himself as a skeleton holding a dart. Salvation was usually represented by cherubs, perhaps holding books or scrolls with inscribed biblical verses.

The material used for the memorial can affect its style of carving. Limestone may be deeply carved and have almost three-dimensional qualities. Sandstones are amongst the most for weathering. During the 18th and 19th centuries new fashions became popular for headstones, largely inspired by architectural revivalism. The Celtic revival gave rise to the ringed cross.

The headstone became the dominant form of memorial, but in many cases it was only part of a suite of elements, most of which have not survived. Many headstones were complemented by a footstone, perhaps bearing just the deceased's initials. On more elaborate memorials, these would be joined together by a flat slab, which could take many forms from straight rectangular shapes to coffins or shrouds. Many 19th century burials were also marked off by kerbstones and iron railings - a dramatic statement of fenced-off private space.

Most of these secondary features have now been removed as cemeteries have been tidied up. Occasionally piles of discarded footstones can be found at churchyard boundaries. Some flat slabs have sunk into the ground or become grassed over. Many Victorian iron railings were removed during the Second World War, and the kerbs were lost when they seemed no longer necessary.

In the late 19th century styles continued to alter, with memorials becoming smaller, and often now made of marble or granite. Crosses, often on stepped bases, became popular, frequently with inscriptions formed out of inlaid lead lettering.

Nowadays, each diocese regulates the size, materials and types of decoration allowed. Gone, for example, are crosses and kerbs, to be replaced by small headstones and even smaller flat cremation tablets. Mass production has led to a decrease in variety of form. Inscriptions nowadays are brief, and plots rarely contain more than two people, reflecting the change from extended to nuclear families. Take a walk around Linton churchyard and see how many of these features you can find on the graves.

Today the Linton parochial church council has relinquished the maintenance of the churchyard to the parish council, which has enabled reconstruction of flint boundary walls, repairs to railings and gates and the re-surfacing of footpaths.

However, a team of volunteers, known as the 'Monday gang' attend to the general maintenance of the churchyard, by cutting the grass, pruning the shrubs and hedges and tidying up round the gravestones. In other villages where the maintenance of the churchyard has been passed to the local authority, it is evident that contractors have not applied such tender care to the well-being of the environment. We hope that Lintonians themselves will continue to assist in the care of this historic and attractive feature of our village.

Cllr Brian Cox

### LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JS Tel: 891001

Clerk to the council - Mrs Sue Parry

Email: [lintonpc@btconnect.com](mailto:lintonpc@btconnect.com)

Office hours : Monday 9am-12noon, and 4-5.30pm, Tuesday-Friday 9am-12noon

Or by appointment

Dates for full council meetings:

July 2nd and 16th, August 6th 2009

All meetings held at the Cathodeon centre following the public forum commencing at 8pm

### A & R PLASTERING

All aspects of plastering undertaken:

Plasterboarding

Rendering

No job too small

19 years experience

Free estimates

Linton based: 01223 890228 Mobile: 0774 8627920

### N. CLAXTON

Professional painter & decorator

Interior & Exterior

FREE estimates

Tel: 01223 893487

Mobile: 07724073045

e-mail:

[n.claxton925@btinternet.com](mailto:n.claxton925@btinternet.com)

**Little Hands Nursery School**  
Linton & Bartlow

"Little Hands", recently judged "OUTSTANDING" in 7 areas by Ofsted, offers Morning, Afternoon, Lunch & Late Stay Sessions from 9.00AM 'til 4.00 PM during term time for all children aged between 2 and 5 years. Pre-School sessions (to prepare our older children for infant school) are available and Holiday clubs (for 2 to 8 year olds) run during all the main school holidays. A high staffing ratio ensures quality of care so join us at Three Hills Farm, Bartlow to see what "Little Hands" has to offer you and your child

For further information please contact either  
Marion : 01223 897945 (school time) or Jane : 01223 503972 (other times)

Made to Measure

## CAPRI BLINDS

\* Verticals \* Roman \* Roller \* Pleated  
\* Venetian \* Wooden

**CALL NOW FOR**  
free quotation - free measuring - free fitting  
All in the comfort of your own home - we visit you  
All Blinds are fully guaranteed Quality assured  
**Tel: 01223 894020**  
Website address [www.capriblinds.co.uk](http://www.capriblinds.co.uk)

## Small Gifts

Watch batteries and straps fitted while you wait.  
Jewellery repairs including sizing and polishing.

All repair work carried out on the premises by a professional with 40 years experience.

We stock a selection of:  
Silver Jewellery • Photo Frames •  
Collectables • Toiletries •  
Greeting Cards • Gift Wrap

61 HIGH STREET, LINTON, CAMBRIDGE, CB21 4HS  
TEL: 01223 894225

## K. Jarvis Plumbing Services

For all Domestic Plumbing Repairs and Installation

Telephone Kevin on: 07967417686

FREE COMPETITIVE ESTIMATES

## Watkins Joinery

- FITTED KITCHENS / BEDROOMS / WARDROBES
- CABINET MAKERS
- BESPOKE JOINERY
- DOORS / WINDOWS / STAIRS
- WOODEN FLOORING
- CONSERVATORIES
- EXTENSIONS / REFURBISHMENTS

20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE  
INSURANCE WORK  
UNDERTAKEN

**Tel: 01223 890600 Mobile: 07802 885390**  
[colin.watkins@keme.co.uk](mailto:colin.watkins@keme.co.uk)

# Councilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutescouncilminutes

ABBREVIATED minutes of the annual general meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**Present:** A Gore, Ms E Cornell, Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was in attendance together with one member of the public.

**Public forum:** Stuart Crook of Bartlow Road offered his help and advice relating to the skate ramp. He had recently moved to Linton from Saffron Walden where he had been heavily involved in their new skate park.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Daly and Williams.

**Election of chairman** and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Cllr Bald proposed that Cllr Cornell be elected as chairman of the council. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed by the meeting. Cllr Cornell thanked Cllr Gore for serving as chair for the past two years.

**Declaration of interests from members:** personal interests were declared by Cllr Linsdell for Parish Charities, Cllr Bald for ACE, Cllr Hammett for MAGPAS, Cllr Gore for Music Society and Cllr Cornell for Junior Cricket Club. Cllrs Gore, Krarup and Urwin expressed personal interests as trustees of the Cathodeon centre.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Cllr Bald reported that the open spaces group would be meeting to discuss the planned new parking area in Chalklands. There were several areas that required attention including the area by the bus stop at Greenhill Mews, the bottom of Rivey Lane and Palmers Close. The clerk reported that according to our grass contract the land by Greenhill Mews bus stop is on the schedule delegated to us by the county council, CGM has been asked to ensure that this is cut in future.

Chalklands residents association had requested a litter bin at Back Road bus stop. It was agreed to obtain a quotation for the purchase and installation of a bin.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Cllr Rossiter requested that her concerns regarding the non identification of 'areas of special landscape' be placed on the next agenda.

**Consideration of S137 funding requests for 2009/10:** Cllr Hickford expressed a prejudicial interest as a council representative of Linton Action For Youth. Cllr Potter expressed a personal interest as a representative of the ATC.

All other S137 payments were agreed until the debate on the Linton Action For Youth (LA4Y) payment. Cllr Hickford reported that the council had confirmation from Locality that LA4Y would be wholly funded by Locality and as such it did not need parish council funding. Previous reasons for council funding was that without it LA4Y would close, and that there was no youth club in Linton. Both these issues had now been addressed by Locality. LA4Y would not close and a youth club in Linton would open in September. Cllr Hickford stated that any council funding should go towards the youth club as requested by Locality, and this would be for the majority rather than the minority that use LA4Y. Cllr Hickford requested names be taken for any vote. Cllr Hickford left the meeting and returned for the next agenda item.

Cllr Cox proposed that the payment to LA4Y be deferred for further discussion. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter. Cllrs Hunt and Rossiter supported the proposal to defer payment.

Cllr Urwin spoke against the motion and explained that LA4Y had not been set up as a youth club but to reach those who did not wish to use the youth club. She had spoken to the youth workers recently and numbers were increasing although numbers attending Balsham youth club were declining.

Cllr Bald supported the motion to delay the vote until more information regarding attendance had been received.

Cllr Gore spoke against the motion as there was still uncertainty as to whether the proposed youth club at the village college would open. He had recently spoken to a representative of Fulbourn parish council who is eager to open a similar facility. He reported that

anti social behaviour in Linton had dropped significantly since LA4Y had opened.

Cllr Bald responded that the drop in anti social behaviour could not be solely attributed to the Drop In, the PCSOs had worked very hard with the youth and several other youth groups had been established in the village.

A vote took place to support the proposal to defer payment but was defeated by seven votes to four. Cllrs Linsdell, Bald, Hunt and Cox voted for the proposal. **Proposal defeated.**

Cllr Gore proposed that £5500 be paid to LA4Y. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hammett and carried by seven votes to four. Cllrs Krarup, Potter, Urwin, Gee, Gore, Rossiter and Hammett voted for the proposal. **Proposal carried.**

**Bus shelter on A1307:** Quotations from Garrick Outdoor to replace the bus shelter on the A1307 following weather damage were considered and one agreed.

**Children's Centre:** Cllr Gore had issued a report on the setting up of a Children's Centre on the Cathodeon site and recommended that the parish council commits to this project. This was agreed.

**Correspondence received and for discussion:** It was agreed to sign up to receive the ecops rural issues information.

It was agreed to advise the Emson's Close residents association that the county council were responsible for the damaged barrier and to forward their email to them.

Cllr Hammett is to discuss the skate ramp repair with Stuart Crook on receipt of a quotation from Clever Curves.

ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

**Present:** Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), B Hammett, A Gore, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, Dr J Rossiter, Dr V Urwin, Mrs J Williams and Mrs S Parry (clerk). County and district councillor J Batchelor, district councillor Mrs T Bear and Mrs K France (press) were in attendance together with one member of the public.

**Public forum:** Mrs G Fidler complained about the quality of grass cutting in the village. The clerk suggested that she came into the office to look at the grass maintenance contract to ascertain which areas were of concern and to identify who was responsible.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs Cox, Daly, Gee, Krarup and Potter.

**Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Cllr Hammett had spoken with Stuart Crook regarding the skate ramp repair. It was agreed that the work be undertaken. Cllr Hammett was added to the CCTV and youth working groups.

Cllr Hickford, in response to Cllr Gore's comments, reported that he had received confirmation from Locality that Sharon Punched had been employed to set up the youth club at the village college which would open in September.

Cllr Hammett had contacted Zurich Insurance regarding the revaluing of assets. This was deferred to the finance meeting.

**Report from police and consideration of policing, safety and security issues:** Cllr Hickford reported that the PCSOs had been very proactive in the village recently and should be officially thanked. They had also averted potential trouble in Balsham.

Cllr Rossiter commended the police on their results in Horseheath Road following the targeting of drivers.

Cllr Hickford confirmed that councillors should continue to monitor the situation and advise the police of any concerns and they would then target those issues. The PCSOs would be asked to maintain their checks on Horseheath Road. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Sgt Williams at Sawston police station.

**Report from the county councillor:** Cllr Batchelor reported that the resurfacing of Wheatsheaf Way had been agreed and was to be included in the programme of repairs. He had met with the former chair, Cllr Gore, and a member of the highways department to consider the condition of the High Street and Back Road and it was hoped that funding would be found to address these problems.

**Reports from the district councillors:** Cllr Batchelor con-

firmed that the AGM of South Cambridgeshire district council had taken place and there was very little change in terms of committees; Cllr Manning continued as leader; Cllr Batchelor continued as chair of scrutiny. The result of the tenants' vote on the proposed transfer of the housing stock to the housing association was due on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Bear said that she continued as a member of the planning and licensing committees. She was progressing the suggested signage changes in Rivey Close. She also reported that the letting of vacant council houses had been reduced from 46 days in 2006/7 to 12 days overall, although extensive work sometimes had to be carried out to meet the decent homes standard.

Cllr Hammett reminded Cllr Bear that the sign 'Rivey Way leading to Rivey Close' was on the wrong side of the road and had been since the one way system was introduced.

Cllr Cornell asked that the council be kept informed of any developments regarding the wind farm planning application especially timescale and any reports commissioned.

Cllr Cornell reported on the lack of response from the planning department of the district council regarding the parish council's search for allotment land. She considered this failure was totally unacceptable and asked the district councillors to speak to the officer concerned on the parish council's behalf. It could then be decided whether an official complaint should be made.

Cllr Rossiter reported on the non identification of 'areas of special landscape' by the district council. She said that in the development control policy document adopted in 2007 it was stated that the council would prepare a district-wide design guide. She understood this document had been prepared and circulated, however it appeared that it had never been adopted. It could have formed the basis of the parish council's response to the wind farm and Flaxfields planning applications had it been available. She asked that the district councillors investigate this issue and report back.

**Written reports from council representatives:** Cllr Bald had issued a report on the green area with trees in front of nos.9-19 Chalklands, following a meeting with parishioners, district councillor Bear and members of the open spaces working party. The grass was bordered by bungalows to three sides, with parking spaces adjacent to the road. Some residents had requested extra parking which would result in the loss of grass and trees. Two or three more parking spaces could be achieved by hard surfacing the grass area to the south of the current spaces, between the paths, in front of the tree, without removing any tree or harming the rest of the area. These new proposals would be discussed at the forthcoming Chalklands residents association AGM.

**Consideration of request** from Chalklands residents association for a litter bin at Back Road bus stop at a total cost of £380 + VAT. This was agreed by the meeting. It was also agreed to ask the district council to take on the responsibility of emptying it.

**Camping Close:** Cllr Bald gave an update on the status of the application for the registration of Camping Close as a village green. A letter had been received from the county council stating that in order for land to be registered as a village green the parish council had to show that a significant number of the inhabitants of the locality had indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land for a period of at least 20 years, the relevant period being April 1989-April 2009. Evidence questionnaires in support of the claim, produced by The Open Spaces Society, were available from the parish council office.

Cllr Hickford reported that at the last meeting he had had with the infant school governors, they had agreed to keep the council informed of any developments. It was disappointing that the council had received no information regarding their proposals for Camping Close.

Cllr Hickford asked both the district and county Cllrs if they supported the parish council application for Camping Close to become a village green, they both agreed they did and agreed to complete evidence questionnaires.

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

Nina, Carl, Amie & Louise welcome you to

## BOYZ & MEN BARBER SHOP

**Opening Hours:**  
Monday 8:30am - 6pm  
Tuesday 8:30am - 6pm  
Wednesday 9:00am - 8pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 8pm  
Friday 8:30am - 6pm  
Saturday 8:00am - 3pm

**Fully air conditioned**  
**LATE EVENINGS 'TIL 8PM**  
Wednesday - Thursday  
Nina is now taking appointments  
Wed 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Special rates for senior citizens Monday to Friday  
113<sup>A</sup> High Street, Linton  
Tel: 01223 894481



## ProClean

Your Complete Cleaning Solution'

- \*Carpet Cleaning \*Rugs \*Stain Removal
- \*Car Valeting \*Caravans \*Motor Homes
- \*Upholstery Cleaning \*Stain Protection
- \*Floor Cleaning / Scrubbing / Sealing / Polishing
- \*Pressure Washing of Patios Paths & Driveways
- \*Domestic Cleaning \* Top Ups & One Off Cleaning
- \*Gutter / Fascia Cleaning

**\*Contract Office Cleaning (Flexible Options)**  
**TEL: 890433 Mob: 0777 375 8355**  
74 Bartlow Rd, Linton, Cambridge, CB21 4LY



## Heckford Norton

Your local professionals for whatever legal help you need in your business or personal life.

**TEL: 01799 522636**  
18 HILL STREET SAFFRON WALDEN ESSEX CB10 1JD  
www.heckfordnorton.co.uk

## Granta-Tech

Computer Support for Business and Home

Now refilling Ink Cartridges while U wait!  
Online remote repair service from £10

### TOSHIBA LAPTOPS FROM £349!

41 High Street, Linton  
Tel: 01223 893269  
Email: info@grantatech.co.uk  
www.grantatech.co.uk



Paul & Sonya welcome you to

## THE PEAR TREE INN

### HILDERSHAM

Tel: 01223 891680

Small, friendly village pub selling real ale and good quality food.  
No recorded music, TV or games machines.

Opening  
12.00 - 14.00 THURS & FRI. LUNCHTIMES  
Sundays Traditional Roast 12.00 - 14.30  
Evenings except Tuesday

## CHIMNEY SWEEP

**J. L. WIGHT**

Guild of Master Sweeps.

Qualified advice Problems solved.

Certificates issued.

**www.camsweep.co.uk**  
**01954 782284**  
20 Rampton Drift, Longstanton

## YOLE FARM BUTCHERS

35-37 High Street, Balsham, Cambs.

**Tel: 01223 893832**

Family and Catering Butcher  
All produce where ever possible is sourced from our own or local farms