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Thank-you, Janet ...



Picture: Roger Lapwood

President Janet Conochie who is passing on the microphone after many years of recording

THE annual meeting of the Granta Grapevine is being held on a new day this year – Friday 16th October, and we would like to invite all those with an interest in the group, be they listeners, volunteers or anyone who would like to know more about the service, to join us at 2.30pm at Chalklands Community Centre. Refreshments will be provided.

The Granta Grapevine team record the Linton News on to tape for those who are visu-

ally impaired or have difficulty reading the printed version for whatever reason. We get the text as an e-mail from Graham Potter at the Linton News.

It is then printed in large type by our editor Linda Dumper for the convenience of our two teams of readers, then it is read and recorded. The other side of the tape is a topical magazine which may be recorded in the studio or live at outside events.

The finished master tape

is copied with a high speed duplicator by Roger Lapwood, who then has it delivered to listeners, so we have quite a large team of volunteers in the production chain.

One of those is Janet Conochie who has been with the group since its inception in March 1990. She is stepping down as magazine editor and will be replaced by Andrew Dunn after the AGM. Janet will be continuing as our president but I would like to thank her

for many years of support and guidance in the art of Talking Newspaper production.

Despite our team's size, there are still a few posts we would like to fill, such as a publicity officer, so if you would like to join our friendly group, give me a call. If you need help with transport, if you would like to help us or require further information, call me or see our website www.grantagrapevine.org.uk

Mike Crofts 893619

Linton gets to know a couple of new dog collars ...

The Institution by the Bishop of Ely and the Induction by the Archdeacon of Cambridge of the Reverend Dr Stephen Griffiths as team rector of the Linton team ministry will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th October at St Mary's. Here, Steve introduces himself and his family.

IT'S all change at home right now. Son Lee is starting at a new sixth form college and daughter Rebekah is starting at CRC. Son Scott is considering his university options. My wife Jo is starting a new post at Ridley Hall theological college and beginning her PhD field research. I am preparing to start as rector at St Mary's and, in the middle of all this, we have a new puppy...



Of all these changes, the puppy is making the most dramatic difference, of course. As a family, our routines are changing, our personal timetables are being altered. Puppy training demands that we all take on new jobs – some pleasant, some not so pleasant! We are working to new priorities. We have to pull together as a team.

But not everything has changed. The puppy is also learning to work around our routines; her own new reality of becoming part of the family.

Mostly, we are having great fun together adapting to the new dog collar!

I am looking forward to being the new dog collar in Linton. Certainly, there will be a mix of continuity and change into the future – but I trust that the relationships we share will be sometimes profound, sometimes fun – but always infused with a growing sense of friendship.

I have been ordained for 16 years, serving communities in Birmingham, East London and north Essex. I have had the privilege of training youth workers in the UK, South Africa, India, the US, Norway and Europe.

Jo has been doing youth work and training youth workers for more than a decade too. We are committed to serving the community of Linton to the best of our abilities – young and not-so-young alike – and look forward to getting to know you all as time goes by.

Rev Dr Steve Griffiths
Picture: Rev Dr Steve Griffiths

New landlord takes over



Pictures: Dragan Koprivica and Owen Barnicoat

Back in business: the Dog and Duck facing a brighter future

THE Dog and Duck public house reopened on Friday, 11th September, following a brief period of closure. The pub has been run by managers since the departure of Chris Varian.

There to welcome everyone back on opening night were new landlords Dragan and Belma Koprivica, and it proved to be a very busy time.

Dragan, known to all as Zak, came to the UK in 1992 from

his native Croatia, and worked in many food establishments across London. In 1999, after some hard studying, he attained a BA in architectural engineering from the University of Westminster.

Until recently, he and his wife lived in Newport, Essex, and had looked at the possibility of moving to Linton before now. The chance to run the Dog and Duck was too good

an opportunity to miss. Dragan said: "Linton is a lovely village, and we are keen to integrate with the local community. We want to introduce something new, something that we hope everyone will enjoy."

They intend to make the pub a more family orientated environment, where children are welcomed with their parents and are able to sample the new menus. Food is served all day



Nice to see you: Dragan behind the pumps

and much later than the traditional 9pm cut-off point. Chefs Leon Camara and Marciano Giardino are already being kept busy by customers eager to try the new dishes.

Dragan said they are thrilled with the welcome they have received and want to extend a warm welcome themselves to all their customers. We wish them well.

LNT

Carpet bowls team triumph

LINTON's Indoor Carpet Bowls captain Susan Ripsher and her team have won the Summer League cup, the Inter-club cup and were runners-up in the Knockout cup. What a great summer of bowling for the Linton club. Thanks to all the team and very well done.

Too good for jumble ...

A DOUBLE wardrobe is urgently needed. If you can help, please e-mail me.

Perfect for a little girl, this month we have a beautiful Annabell baby doll with cot and many accessories, all in excellent condition. The following are on offer: a decorator's pasting table, a Topaz starter bike with 15in wheel, a boy's mountain-style bike 20in wheel with 5 gears, a 5/6-year-old silver Philips TV with 27in screen and the wicker trolley 33in x 13in x 14in with metal frame and drawers.

The Raleigh Apollo, raised £20 for the Beacon Community Trust.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please phone Kate France 891602 or email katefrance@linton48.freemove.co.uk

The Bard of Linton

*Balsham has a big one
Hildersham's is small
It's where they grow their onions
from springtime to the fall.
I've searched all over Linton
Nowhere can be seen
An allotment here of any kind
Nowhere to grow a bean!*



The value of a pair of puppets

A NEW term has brought lots of exciting changes at the infant school. Firstly, you may have noticed the children walking to school in our new uniform. Also it's not just LVC which has undergone radical changes over the summer. We have refurbished the main corridor, cloakroom and toilets which have transformed the feel of the school.

We welcomed two new teachers: Mrs Sleeman has taken up the post of assistant headteacher, Year 1 leader, as well as our special educational needs co-ordinator, and Mrs Donnan has joined the team covering other teachers while they are planning, preparing and assessing the children's work and also taking on the role of creative development co-ordinator.

In our newest initiative, we are addressing the issues of values and creating responsible citizens for tomorrow to combat the negativity our community has towards the youngsters of today.

Last year I spent a significant amount of time researching what values are important to a lots of people, including staff, governors, parents and children. As a result, I have prioritised the top 11 so we can focus on one a month.

Each month we will introduce a new value to the children and this will form the main part of our collective worship. September saw us focus on **unity**. We looked at belonging together and aiming for the same thing. In October we will think about the value of **independence**. The other nine values are **friendship, respect, happiness, love, trust, courage, resilience, understanding and simplicity**.

To help the children understand the importance of these and what they actually mean we have two new members of the school who are experts in the field of values. Vinnie and Veronica are puppets and they are used to tell stories or set up scenarios. But they lack uniforms. Do we have a seamstress who feels she could make uniforms that will fit two puppets 38cm tall?

Louise Clark



Uniform couple: Vinnie and Veronica just want to fit in

PLODDING ALONG An update on police matters

Your chance to tell the police what you think

THE Cambridgeshire police authority is asking you, the public, what you think police should focus their efforts on next year. For the first time, a 'People's Priority' will be included in next year's policing plan, meaning that you can decide what should be a priority for policing in Cambridgeshire.

Each year, the police authority publishes a three-year rolling plan setting out what is expected in terms of tackling national and local priorities. It provides an overview of the resources available, how these will be used and specifies how the police's performance will be monitored. The authority is asking you for your views on the 2009-2012 plan, which is available in libraries across Cambridgeshire and online (see * below), as well as asking what should be included in next year's plan.

To give feedback on the policing plan or register your views, please visit the authority website (see ** below) to fill in the questionnaire.

The overall 'People's Priority' will be based solely on the consensus of public opinion and will be included in next year's local policing plan. The deadline for responses is 23rd November 2009.

* www.cambs-pa.gov.uk/policies.cfm for the police authority policing plan survey;

** www.cambs-pa.gov.uk for the authority's website - register your views for the 'People's Priority'.

If you have any questions, please call 0300 333 3456.

PCSO Leanne Allan

Flaxfields set to be ready by next spring

FLAXFIELDS, a Sanctuary housing project in partnership with Cambridgeshire county council and South Cambridgeshire district council to provide an extra care housing scheme for older people in Linton, is due to be completed in the spring of 2010.

It will comprise 40 spacious apartments, 32 one-bed and eight two-bed all for affordable rent. The apartments will comprise a fitted kitchen, level access shower room (including toilet and wash basin), lounge and one or two bedrooms. All apartments and communal areas will be fully wheelchair accessible.

Security will be a high priority. Access to apartments will be through a door entry system, which can be monitored from the residents' homes. Each flat will have a community alarm system, responded to by on site staff throughout the day and night. Assisted technology can be installed via the intercom system should the need arise.

The scheme will provide holistic housing and support with care that will enable people to achieve maximum independence through care plans that focus on helping them to remain independent and provide for privacy and dignity. Care staff will be available on site 24 hours a day for emergency situations.

Flaxfields will provide increased opportunities for social inclusion and reduce the risk of isolation and improve the mental health and well-being of people - both residents and those within the wider community.

People living in the village will be welcome to use the restaurant and encouraged to become involved with events organised at the scheme.

If you are interested in applying for extra care housing at Flaxfields, please contact South Cambridgeshire district council for an application form on 03450 450051.

Schuyler Newstead

La Pipelette (Chatterbox)

As we know that our schools are promoting French, we thought it would be fun to hear from a young French reporter. Her debut article is about the first day back at school after the summer holidays.

La rentrée

QUAND j'ai commencé dans ma nouvelle école, j'étais très excitée; je ne pouvais pas attendre. Quand le jour est arrivé, j'étais curieuse et contente de voir mon école, mes nouveaux amis et aussi les anciens. Je pouvais enfin rejouer avec eux.

Ma nouvelle maîtresse est gentille. Elle s'appelle Madame Wise; elle est galloise. Dans mon école, il y a une

maîtresse d'histoire et une maîtresse de français, Madame Kelly.

Mon école a une grande salle principale; la cour de récréation est très grande aussi. Ils font pousser leurs fruits et légumes frais.

Aussi, cinq jours après la rentrée, c'était mon anniversaire. J'ai une amie qui est née le même jour que moi. Elle n'est plus dans la même classe mais nous avons fêté son anniversaire ensemble.

Please help me help others

I HAVE lived in Linton for 15 years and it would be great if you could help with this. I'm taking part in the The Aspire Channel Swim 2009 on 06/12/2009 to raise money for Aspire and I'd really appreciate your support.

I am doing this in a 25-metre pool over 12 weeks. I will have to do 1416 lengths which is 22 miles but I hope to complete this by mid-November, although the deadline is 6th December.

Several years ago I had an accident in a gym which damaged the discs in my spine and I had many years of chronic back pain. I was lucky enough to be sent to Stanmore orthopaedic hospital where I had major surgery and a long recovery period.

Four years on I realise how lucky I am, in that although I still have a lot of pain and am limited in the things I can do, I can walk. I know a lot of people are not that lucky.

So now it is my turn to give something back through my swimming which is something I love. It's easy to donate online, go to my JustGiving page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/KAREN-ENNEW0>

Thank you.

Karen Ennew

Looking for seasonal produce

WE would be grateful for any donations to the produce stall which will open after business at the Gardening club AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th at the village hall. Thankyou.

Kirsten Newble

Dancing my dream ...

I GREW up in Linton and attended the three Linton schools where I took the lead of Sandy in Grease while at LVC.

I have since moved to Saffron Walden where I'm a member of Saffron Walden musical theatre company, but my mum still lives in the village.

I'm taking part in a charity production of Crazy for You which will be staged at the London Palladium on 18th October with a rehearsal period of 48 hours. The charity is Cecily's fund - Educating Zambian children orphaned by AIDS.

I am lucky enough to be a member of the ensemble (singing and dancing) for the show. Having never attended a theatre school, I assumed I'd never realise my dream of performing in the West End so this really is a dream come true! Many thanks,

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Staying in touch ... ghost Lintonians from far away

Dear Editor,
First, thanks for keeping the Linton News going! Believe it or not, there are quite a few folks like me who live far from Cambridgeshire but who count on the online edition to keep us in touch with the village that has many decades, even centuries of connections to our families' histories. I await the uploading of the September issue and assume the delay is due to your tech guy's busy schedule. Am I right? (I believe he lives in our old family home, Vine Cottage, by the way.) With nobody from the family now in the village, we are still drawn there by our roots, childhood memories and a sense of belonging through our ancestors. We

are but ghosts to the present Lintonians, as my cousin so aptly put it, in regards to her childhood home, built by her grandfather, where the thick hedge, her dad's pride, surrounding the now somewhat elderly bungalow on Meadow Lane, is no more. A few cousins still visit once or twice a year to check on the family graves in the cemetery. Even my brother who had not been back since he was a lad, remembered how to 'do the rounds' of the homes of our aunts and grandparents, to have lunch at the Crown, to take the obligatory photo of the Dog and Duck, and to sign the petition for the wind farm debate, when he and his wife were over earlier this year. They sent me pictures, even of the new clapper stile, which

I remember so well from my few childhood visits just after the war. For instance, had I not read the story in August of the restoration of St Mary's church where I was baptised almost 70 years ago, my Day and Taylor cousins would have been unlikely to send a contribution in recognition of our forebears who contributed much to village life, including building Chapel Row and other dwellings, serving as teachers in the village school, and volunteer Red Cross nurses in the soldiers' hospital in WWI. Some were on the parish council and the church vestry as well as calling the roll of Linton's fallen heroes on Armistice Day faithfully for decades, including remember-

ing my Uncle George Harold and the 46 other lads who made the ultimate sacrifice in WW1. Back in the 1870s, it was another of our cousin forebears, Daniel Pitches Day, who undertook to do the restoration of the church. Most of all, I miss Garth's column. Without his generosity in sharing nuggets of information, I would have never been able to clarify or confirm my hunches about my forebears. Please give a couple of lines from time to time to report on his progress to recovery for those of us who care, yet are far away. Judy d'Albert, Irvine, California
We are delighted that Garth has been able to resume his column on Page 8

A road user's view of the Linton 'rat race'

Dear Editor
Yes, this may seem like a fun event to attend but I am not talking about an annual event - I am actually talking about a daily occurrence. Every day vast amounts of the traffic from Haverhill use Linton as their bypass. They put their foot down through our village to beat

the traffic on the A1307 (the 'bypass'). Are we all thinking here, 'Linton bypass needs a ... bypass'. I know many drivers are experiencing problems pulling out of the High Street in the mornings as we queue up for such lengths of time. Only last week it took me 15 minutes to get from the fire sta-

tion to the Crown and noticed that as traffic was queued up so badly, it did not allow the vehicles from the A1307 into the village. On getting to the Crown and realising it had taken 15 minutes of my journey, I chose to turn around and take a different route. This was 8am. It is truly ridiculous and has now got beyond a

joke. This will only get worse if we continue to allow this to happen. This is our village and our safety. This should not be allowed to continue and I ask that relevant councillors look at how this can be stopped please. Many thanks. Kate Wright
address supplied

... and a councillor's

Dear Editor,
*I have every sympathy with those who daily face the problems created by the A1307. Many of us have been working for years to get improvements on the road and in the village. There has been a significant level of success with measures on the A1307 such as: safer right turns, traffic lights, speed reduction measures, better signage and, most importantly, more active enforcement by the police. We also have the one-way system in the High Street and traffic calming on Back Road. Access onto the A1307 from the High Street has improved significantly since the introduction of the traffic lights. There is still much to be done and I continue to press the county council to give the A1307, and its feeder villages, the priority they deserve. However, there is no magic wand that can solve all our problems and we have to recognise that there are many competing demands on the relatively small amount of funding available for highways work. Yours sincerely, John Batchelor, county and district councillor
Note from the Editor: rather than waiting a month for a comment on Kate Wright's letter, we took the opportunity to ask Councillor John Batchelor to respond.*

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
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
Aquacise Mon, Tues and Wed tel 890248 to enrol	Granta school
WEA, 10am Tuesdays	VH
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
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
Tae Kwon Do, 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays	SC
Ladies' badminton, 8-10pm Tuesdays	SC
Senior mobility, 11.30am-12.30pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Yoga, 7.30pm Tuesdays term time	Hildersham VH
Bowls roll-ups from 2pm Wednesdays	Bowls pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Men's keep fit club, 8pm Wednesdays	SC
Tots-in-tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays term time	VH
Music Matters, 10.30am & 1.50pm 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

OCTOBER

1 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
1 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
3 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
5 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
6 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7,21 Storytime for under 5's	Linton library
7 Linton reading group, 8pm	D & D
8 Linton Trefoil guild, 7.45pm	3 Cambridge Road
8 Gift of life talk, 7pm	Lothbury centre, Weston Colville
10 Camera club annual exhibition, 10am	VH
10 Music society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
10 LIFE coffee morning, 10am-1pm	CC
13 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
13 Gardening club AGM, 7.30pm	VH
13 Sport centre users meeting, 6.30pm	LVC
15 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC
16 Granta Grapevine AGM, 2.30pm	Chalklands
17 Jumble sale - Wednesday Brownies 2pm	Infant school
17 Friends of St Mary's quiz night, 7pm	Infant school
17 Balsham crafts fair, 10.30am-4.30pm	Meadow school, Balsham
20 Historical society, 7.30pm	VH
21 CAMTAD hearing help, 9am-12noon	HC
24 Dads & tots, 9.30am	VH
24 Prize bingo, 7.30pm	VH
25 Music concert, 3pm	Hadstock church
31 Table top sale, 10am	St Mary's pavilion

NOVEMBER

1 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
2 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
3 WI 7.30pm	VH
3 Linton Granta playgroup restart, 10am	LVC
5 Luncheon club, 12.15pm	The Crown
5 Parish council meeting, 8pm	CC

KEY: CC Cathodeon Centre, HC Health Centre, LHLinton Heights school, 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.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

FIRST things first – I'm not a nice person, I have an opinion on most things and am really very much the proverbial 'grumpy old woman'. I dislike wishy-washy, dilly-dallying about – much preferring to get sleeves rolled up and get on with thing. Politicians who get interviewed and, instead of answering the question, spend their time slagging off the opposition annoy me – I have little patience with call centre customer service departments and I dislike having my dinner interrupted by telephone calls by double glazing or kitchen fitting companies. You must be getting a flavour of what I'm like – like I said, not very nice.

So imagine my reaction to the idea put forward the other day of having an 'alcohol liaison officer' in every A&E department – give me a break, I thought. But after a bit of reflection I changed my mind – cracking idea – given that this generation of binge drinkers causing havoc most weekends throughout the country have been the most targeted in history about the dangers of drink with advertising campaigns, leaflets, websites, school curriculum time spent on highlighting the issues – there is absolutely no excuse for not charging these morons for the care they receive on a weekly basis. Alcohol liaison officers could book them in to A&E, get their credit/debit card details and once the cost of mopping up after them is calculated, organise the invoice and payment and then, once discharged, give them a few more leaflets to bin.

Given that a fully-equipped ambulance costs about £250 a call out – I think this would go some way towards contributing towards the cost of their behaviour. If they can afford to drink themselves into a stupor week in, week out, they can surely expect to pay towards their idea of fun.

However, another cost-saving exercise concerning this particular group could be that rather than wasting the time of the ambulance service, organise tractors with a large trailers, sling them in the back, and let them wallow in their own vomit, urine and faeces for the journey to hospital. On arrival, once tipped out, use a large fire service hose to clean them up a bit so that hospital staff wouldn't have to deal with a stinking mass of yobs, just a mass of yobs.

Like I said before – I'm not a nice person – so things like a tax-payer funded organisation not responding to a tax-payer really gets up my nose. My feeling is that if we want the NHS to be there for us when we desperately need it – ie when we are sick – it can no longer pander to the binge drinking yobs making so many people's lives a misery.

I am a St John's ambulance first aider after a five-day course which I very much enjoyed and which has come in very useful in the three times I have come across accidents on the Linton/Balsham/Fulbourn back road. I was asked if I would be interested in helping out with the organisation but the thought of scraping up drunks off the streets of Cambridge holds no appeal to me at all, but I applaud the much nicer people out there who do it on a regular basis.

Concert delights for music-lovers

LINTON music society's 50th anniversary celebrations continue with a season packed with music to suit all tastes.

The season begins with a highlight, a concert by Taiwanese-Canadian virtuoso pianist Wayne Weng, on Saturday 10th October, 7.30pm at Linton village college.

His recent final round performance at the Washington international piano competition, where he won a prize, was described by the Washington Post as 'valiant and passionate, raising the excitement level of the afternoon several notches'.

He will perform a luscious programme of piano favourites, including Beethoven's Sonata, Chopin's Sonata, and Ravel's La Valse.

Tickets, costing £10, £2 for students, and £22 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) are available at the door, or in advance either by telephoning 01223 893480 or from Sweet Talk News, 77 High Street, Linton.

In an addition to the season, there will be a concert of string quartets by Haydn, Dvorak and Mendelssohn on 28th November from the Solstice Quartet as part of the Cambridge music festival. This replaces the programme by the Quince

Quartet.

On 12th December we can enjoy a festive concert in St Mary's church by the Classic Buskers, who promise a carol-free zone in their Christmas Show!

In the new year, the Reincke Trio will perform Mozart's finest piano trio, 'Kegelstadt' in Eb, K498, and we can also look forward to concerts by the award-winning Jenkinson Farr Duo, talented young saxophonist Hannah Marcinowicz, accompanied by Daniel Swain, and the Armonico Consort, whose concerts (including chant and polyphony by Tallis and Byrd) have been a sensation at every major music festival across the country.

We welcome new members, so why not consider joining? Members save money on ticket prices and in addition, can take advantage of a free extra concert on 10th April from Saffron Walden music club, featuring the young prize-winning clarinetist William Stafford and pianist Hiroaki Takanouchi. For information about membership, please contact Dr Bruce Conochie, 894460.

Further information at www.lintonmusic.org.uk or contact me on gill_lee@talktalk.net

Gill Lee 893485



Virtuoso pianist Wayne Weng will perform on 10th October

Picture: Gill Lee

Reading books is fun!

ONCE again the Library had a successful year with the summer Reading Challenge, 'Quest Seekers'. Of the 139 children and young people who signed up to read six books during the summer holidays, 77 finished and almost all the others read some of the books, going home with various stickers and small prizes.

Many of the 77 finishers were at the library on Saturday 19th September to collect their medals and certificates and eat chocolate cake – a very busy but fun morning!

For those children who couldn't make the presentation morning, the library saves the medals and certificates until they come in, but all the chocolate cake went.

All the finishers names were put in a hat to win two

Quest Seekers bags, Joshua West and Harry Fish were the lucky children who had their names drawn out.

We were delighted that so many children took part and even if a child doesn't finish all six books, even one book can represent a big effort for that particular child and should be applauded for that.

We have had lots of positive comments from parents, including one from a mum who said her child had been very reluctant to read.

But he was really enjoying the challenge, and was reading voluntarily after he had done all six books.

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Linda Pearson
library supervisor

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We did it: the winners with Linda Pearson

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What a swell party this is...

SOME months ago, when the WI was booking coffee mornings, I offered to hold a garden party. This offer was accepted and a date booked.

It was decided that the East Anglian Air Ambulance should be given any profits as they receive no money other than donations and their service is unfortunately so necessary.

I contacted Alison Horsley of the EAAA who brought me some leaflets and a large banner that I could use on the day and everything was set. The weather being a major factor, we prayed for a lovely day.

Every day of the week leading up to the garden party, I made cakes. Lots of them; Bakewell tarts, shortbread, Viennese whirls and fingers, coconut pyramids, sweet scones and cheese whirls and more, all in miniature. I also had donations of scones, and meringues from WI members and some adorable mini fairy cakes from Lian Watkin.



'Nice day for it!': Wendy's guests enjoying tea and cakes

A plant stall, vegetables for sale from the garden and a raffle all contributed to the funds.

The morning dawned, perfect weather, our prayers had been answered. My husband spent the entire morning mov-

ing garden furniture from the neighbour, and WI president June Bunn came to help with the sandwiches; lots of those too as they were also very small.

As the ladies arrived to buy and eat and drink my husband

emigrated to the shed. He did take some pictures for me though as I was rather busy!

I believe everyone enjoyed themselves as there was not too much left over.

Unfortunately Alison from EAA was unable to join us as she had planned. She was very disappointed but delighted to collect a cheque for £250 the following evening.

I cannot end without saying my thanks to June Bunn, who supported and helped me all through the planning and execution.

Also to the ladies who provided the cakes and savouries, the ladies who did sterling work on the stalls and entrance table, the neighbours who loaned their furniture and all the visitors who came and enjoyed the party. A special thanks to two very generous donors and my husband who was just there doing anything that needed to be done. Thank you all.

Wendy Foster

Picture: Jim Foster

Give those aching muscles a treat

BACK pain is one of the most common causes for people in Britain to miss days at work. Now Linton is to get its own osteopath, Rachel Ives, who will be based at the Linton Complementary Health Centre.

Rachel has recently taken over the osteopathic practice at the centre. She has been in practice since 1993, has a Masters degree, and is experienced in treating patients of all ages using a broad range of techniques, including soft tissue techniques and joint mobilisation.

Osteopathy is a form of manual medicine that focuses on the relief of pain and discomfort by working on the moving parts of the body, in particular the musculo-skeletal system.

Most patients who visit osteopaths complain of symptoms that arise from the muscles and joints, especially back and neck pain, although other complaints can be successfully managed.

Osteopaths receive a thorough training in clinical sciences including anatomy, physiology, pathology and differential diagnosis, which is reassuring to pa-

tients in acute pain and worrying that the underlying cause may be something more serious.

A further source of reassurance for patients visiting osteopaths is that osteopathy as a profession is now closely regulated. Osteopaths need to be registered with the General Osteopathic Council in order to practise in the UK.

The popularity of osteopathy for patients with low back pain has grown this year, since the National Institute for Clinical Excellence published guidelines for the appropriate treatment of patients with low back pain.

Intervention by a manual therapist such as an osteopath is suggested, in conjunction with exercise therapy. This is the first time osteopathic management of musculo-skeletal injuries has been suggested to clinicians within the NHS.

Rachel is offering free 15-minute consultations throughout October. To book an appointment call 0845 430 9120 and for further information go to the website www.lintonhealth.co.uk.

The spicy girls ...

AROMATIC, fragrant, spicy smells wafted their way through the village hall last month sending taste buds tingling with the promise of Indian delights to come.

Dina Mandalia created various delicious vegetarian dishes beginning with Bombay Mix using everyday cereals, nuts, raisins and spices and easily toasted in a microwave or on the hob. We nibbled on this as she continued to make a vegetable curry, two rice dishes and a special gently spiced potato dish.

Dina told us this potato dish is the only meal eaten, once a day, during one of the Hindu five-day fasts. After the fast, they then feast. And at the end of the evening, we also feasted on a wonderful display of Dina's delicious food.

Dina is an amazing woman and while creating she spoke about her life. She is committed to world peace and cultural diversity and was made an Ambassador for Peace by the Universal Peace Federation. She also gives talks on Hindu

customs and culture, teaches English as a second language to adults in Cambridge and organises diversity projects in the prison service.

The Strolling Group's last walk was to the 164-acre Borley Wood in Linton to meet gamekeeper Keith Pearson, who spoke about the wildlife - fallow, roe and muntjac deer live there and even red deer are seen.

Interestingly, the wood is owned by Pembroke College and managed by the Forestry Commission. There are fabulous views across our countryside on the walk up to Borley.

The October stroll is to the Pocket Park looking at trees with the tree warden. Details from June Bunn (891442).

The very successful August tea party, hosted by Wendy Foster, raised £243.38 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Future dates include Harvest Supper on 6th October. (remember to bring cutlery and wine glasses), and on 3rd November a talk by Bev Briggs on 'My job as a personal shopper and stylist.' Trysha Hunt 894533

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Hypatia and a number

HYPATIA decided to make the class think of the same whole number.

First cube it, multiply the answer by three, then divide the result by two and finally take the square root. All the students had a whole number less than 100. What was the answer they all obtained?

Solution to No 56 - Mental Arithmetic?

The solution to the unknown number is found by assuming a result and following the clues in reverse; the division by 10, +7 and squaring etc, always noting that there is a whole number at every stage. By this method, n = 503.

Urania

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brownies' jumble sale

WEDNESDAY Brownies are holding a jumble sale in the Infant school hall at 2pm on Saturday 17th October. Donations of jumble can be left from 10.15am. Sorry, no electrical goods may be sold.

Daphne Brazier 892276

How's your general knowledge?

THE Friends of St Mary's are organising a quiz at 7pm on Saturday 17th October, at the Infant school for teams of six to eight people. Admission is £7.50 per person to include ploughman's supper and soft drink. Bring your own wine if you wish.

Margaret Clark 892988

Coffee morning for LIFE

LINTON Initiative for the Elderly (LIFE) will be having a coffee morning at the Cathodeon centre from 10am-1pm on Saturday 10th October. There will be a talk on diabetes awareness by Mr Arthur Smart of Diabetes UK. Refreshments, home-made cakes, greetings cards and handicrafts will be on sale. Proceeds will be shared between L.I.F.E and Diabetes UK. Donations are welcome. For further information contact Geoff Reynolds on 892645.

Music lovers, lend us your ears

A CONCERT 'Music for a While', with soprano Sally Plummer, flautist Peter O'Connor and pianist Geoffrey Pratley is being held at St Botolph's church, Hadstock at 3pm on Sunday, 25th October, with music by Mozart, Handel and John Rutter as well as settings of John Betjeman poems and arrangements of Irish folk songs.

Tickets are £10/£8, £5 for children and can be bought from Monica Clarkson on 892988 or on the door. Cakes, tea and coffee afterwards in the church hall. All proceeds to St Botolph's and St Mary's, Linton, church fabric funds. Do join us for a 'beguiling' afternoon.

Sally Plummer

20 years of Balsham crafts

MEADOW primary school in Balsham is organising a craft fair in celebration of its 20th year from 10.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October. This is a fund-raising event for the benefit of the children at the school. There will be approximately 40 stalls of top quality crafts including children's clothes, cushions, wooden toys, jewellery and more. There will also be face painting for the children. Home-made refreshments are available all day long and ample free parking. Cost is £1 adults, 50p children and senior citizens, children under five free.

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Autumn and ACEs by the sea

ACEs had their annual trip to the seaside on 9th September, and yes, it was Clacton. Strangely, since we changed our coach driver, our trips have been blessed with decent weather.

However, when walking on the seafront and pier, a few icy blasts reminded us that autumn was already well on its way.

We went by a scenic route through picturesque Essex villages, noting historic houses, ancient oaks, crinkle-crinkle walls and the village pump 'dugged for the prevention of colera'. (I bet they still got an A* grade for their English!)

Clacton's gardens and traditional attractions were a

little faded, it being late in the season, but still enjoyable. The sea, shore and sand were popular, even if the outlook is now interrupted by a wind farm—the blades notably immobile.

Many came prepared to paddle, but there were no sandcastle builders this year. After lunch (how many had fish and chips?) and shopping, we met in the gardens for a chat.

We came home by the motorway, fortunately in the opposite direction to the traffic jams, regaled by the jokes and banter of Chris, the driver. So, where to next year? Yarmouth? Frinton? Cley? It is your choice.

The next event will be a

soup and rolls lunch followed by some fun. Geoff Hales' Travelling Theatre will entertain us with monologues and favourite nostalgic and comic poems, so be prepared for laughter and perhaps a few gentle memories.

Come along to the church pavilion at 12noon for a 12:30 start, on Thursday 22nd October. Call Enid on 891069 or Anne/Sue on 891001, if you need a lift.

The pavilion is accessible by wheelchair; we are willing to lend a hand with the push up the ramp. Remember, all of our seniors are invited and new faces are most welcome.

Enid Bald 891069

What's cooking?

FRIDAY 18th September saw not only the third anniversary of the opening of Granta school in Linton, one of the county's flagship special needs schools, but also the reopening of the school's food technology facility.

This room has been superbly upgraded and has four colour co-ordinated complete kitchen areas with brand new ovens, hobs, work areas, food preparation surfaces and provision for washing up.

There is a hob and sink designed and built specially for wheelchair users, and the glass fronted ovens mean all the students can see their culinary creations cooking.

The new larder is also a very welcome addition, and provides storage space that was very much needed.

The refurbishment has been paid for from funds raised by Friends of Granta school, the registered charity set up by parents, staff, pupils and associates which provides specialist equipment, funds school social events and supports the school special needs community.

Headteacher Lucie Calow said: "It's wonderful that we continue to provide the very best facilities for our pupils".

Ann Dowbiggin, the teacher in charge of food technology said: "It's like a real kitchen you would find at home, which is so important for the students when they are learning independent life skills such as cooking."

So from now on the Granta students enjoy their cooking in a state-of-the-art fully adapted kitchen.

Caroline Ilott



Chef's corner

THE back to school period is also a busy time for our chef; he needs to get back to his recipe books and find inspiration for a new season. Joel's column will be back soon but in the meantime, we asked Jan Lupton and her friends from the Farmers' market for another recipe. Editor

Mushroom risotto

Approaching a quarter of the way through our series of recipes to help everyone through the Credit Crunch, we have reached mushroom risotto for October. The mushrooms are grown and picked by Linda and Colin who run Coldhams Wood Mushroom Farm.

Ingredients (to serve four):

- 50g dried porcini mushrooms
- 250g chestnut mushrooms
- 300g risotto rice, such as arborio
- 1 glass white wine
- 25g butter
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- parsley leaves, chopped
- 50g parmesan grated

Put the dried mushrooms into a large bowl and pour over one litre of boiling water. Soak for 20 minutes, then drain into a bowl, discarding the last few tsp of liquid left in the bowl.

Crumble the stock cube into the mushroom liquid, then squeeze the mushrooms gently to remove any liquid. Chop the mushrooms.

Heat the oil in a shallow saucepan or deep frying pan over a medium flame. Add the onions and garlic, then fry for about five minutes until soft.

Stir in the fresh and dried mushrooms, season with salt and pepper and continue to cook for eight minutes until the fresh mushrooms have softened.

Tip the rice into the pan and cook for one minute. Pour over the wine and let it bubble to nothing so the alcohol evaporates. Keep the pan over a medium heat and pour in a quarter of the mushroom stock.

Simmer the rice, stirring often, until the rice has absorbed all the liquid. Add about the same amount of stock again and continue to simmer and stir – it should start to become creamy, plump and tender. By the time the final quarter of stock is added, the rice should be almost cooked.

Continue stirring until the rice is cooked. If the rice is still undercooked, add a splash of water. Take the pan off the heat, add the butter and scatter over half the cheese and the parsley.

Cover and leave for a few mins so that the rice can take up any excess liquid as it cools a bit. Give the risotto a final stir, spoon into bowls and scatter with the remaining cheese and parsley.

Enjoy!

Moving on: facing the challenges on the journey to adulthood

NOW that the 'Impact' youth groups have been running in Linton for five years, we have inevitably had to say goodbye to many of our older members as they have moved on to higher education, training or the world of work.

This set us thinking: what can we do to help with this transition? How can we continue to support and encourage these young people, even after they have moved on? I am leading an initiative on behalf of the Beacon community trust, and here is the story.

The journey started a year ago and as with all the Beacon work has been prayerfully led. The group we are now giving additional support to consists of the oldest members of the youth group. I thought that there should be a way of encouraging their faith while away from home and facing new and different challenges as they move into adulthood.

Once the vision was communicated at a trustee meeting, the trustees and youth leader (Louise Rose) gave it their full support.

To get things started, Louise and I invited the young people to dinner in St Mary's pavilion and

we enjoyed a budget meal, prayer and some conversation. The meal, pasta carbonara and strawberry pavlova, was cooked and prepared with the help of the young people (giving them the opportunity to work on their cooking skills).

Then we all sat down and chatted over dinner. Kim Morgan-Jones spoke about how to follow what God is calling you to do and shared her experiences and wisdom about selecting and going on to university.

We asked the group if they wanted to meet again and what would they like to cover in future sessions. All the young people agreed that they did want to continue to meet and their needs included 'How to be a Christian at university', 'How to find a church when you leave home', 'Managing money and budgets', 'Bills' and 'How to hear about what God wants you to do'.

The Beacon is committed to supporting this group and I look forward to sharing their continuing story in the future.

Sue Filby



The youth group at a recent conference at Shepton Mallet

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There's a lot that's new at Linton Heights this year

WHAT a special time the start of each new academic year is for everyone involved in the community that is a school.

'I am excited but a little nervous' is how one of our new Year 3 pupils described her feelings at her first assembly with us. It pretty much summed up how most of us were feeling on our first day back.

I felt extremely excited about the wonderful opportunities that we have planned for this academic year but, at the same time, wondered how our new pupils would settle on their first day. I am delighted to say that all has gone very well and our 51 pupils from the infant school and our eight new pupils across the school have settled in well.

We welcome warmly all new and returning parents and carers and look forward to working with you over the coming years. We also welcome our new cover teachers, Daja Uhde and Julia Taylor.

For many of us, the memory of returning to school after a

long summer holiday is about things that are new and making a fresh start. To the list of new uniforms, new shoes (with accompanying new blisters), new haircuts and pristine books, we are happy to add the following at Linton Heights: new markings on the playground for the children to enjoy at playtime, new storage areas in the school, new 'comfort' facilities for the adults and new (almost complete) toilet blocks for the Year 6 pupils.

It's been a busy summer at Linton Heights but, when the construction work finally finishes, we are all looking forward to enjoying the benefits that this new space will provide for us.

Significantly, at this time of new construction and refurbishment, we celebrated the 35th birthday of Linton Heights junior school on 10th September.

This gave us to the opportunity to reflect on the changes that have taken place over those 35 years.

Those of you who attended the school will have many fond memories of the teachers, the lessons, playtime and your friends.

Our aim at Linton Heights remains the same as it was 35 years ago: to provide enjoyable learning and personal development experiences that will prepare our young people for their future responsibilities while, at the same time, giving them many happy memories to share in the years to come.

As we welcome in the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to our governors who have completed their time on the governing body.

Many thanks for all your support to Esther Cornell (chair), Frank Reimann, Jane Catley, Jayne Overall and Tracy Coston (clerk). We look forward to welcoming our new governors at our first meeting in September.

Jennifer Malone
headteacher



LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

Illustrated by Maureen Williams



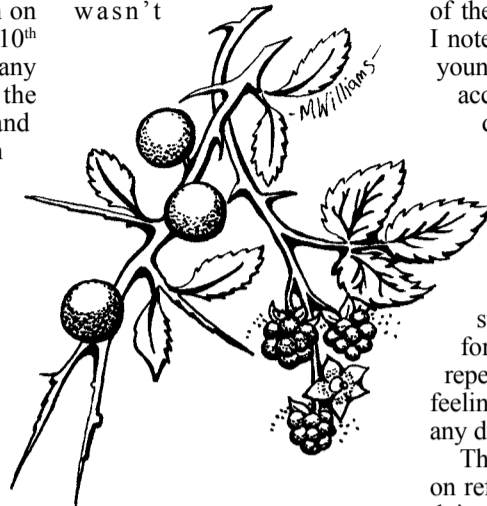
The devil, the fox and the blackberry

SO often I hear it said 'People have lost touch wi' nature'. Well, one way to connect is by blackberry picking! Only you'd better hurry for at least according to folklore the devil spits upon the free fruit and turns it to poison on old St Michael's day, the 10th October. By then, despite any effort by Mr Diabolos, the berries are past their best and the autumnal equinox on 22nd September is already behind us marking the transition from summer to winter.

Back in paradise, cut the top off a plastic milk bottle and thread the handle through your belt to be hands-free. Avoid low or busy roadside berries as they may have been contaminated and always leave a few high ones for birds. Most of all, enjoy views and fresh air, awareness of where we live, observe the wildlife and put that busy life on hold. The rewards bestowed upon you or your family are endless.

On my evening expeditionary trip assessing the abundance and ripeness of the wild pantry, equipped with lamp and in relative peace and twilight, something rustled in a tree. A beam of light revealed a most handsome, finely white-marked fox with a rich

autumnal sienna coat. Realising he'd been rumbled, he slid quickly down 30 feet of trunk as if made of runny jelly, disappearing into undergrowth of dead white nettles. Now he certainly wasn't



light of the silvery moon, via the Old Mill ford, following the riverbank to the church, stopping at the deep pools and using the lamp to view the trout, bullheads (Miller's thumbs) crayfish and other inhabitants of the stream. Along the way I noted comfrey of which the young leaves are an excellent accompaniment to any fish dish, and yarrow which can be added to salad or boiled. Both once-valued plants with a variety of uses medicinal and nutritional, although the latter at a stretch may be confused for one with more deadly repercussions, so if you are feeling adventurous and have any doubts, leave well alone.

The fox had long gone but on reflection I suspect he was doing much the same as myself; surveying what's on the countryside menu.

I concluded my evening excursion away from screens offering nothing but Blow'em up, Make me famous for being nothing but a celebrity, murder or gloating over somebody's misfortune. My mind refreshed by the wonder of nature, two large bubble-like fiery spheres in the sky passed over at speed, without sound, without trail. I called several witnesses and not a magic mushroom between us. Did anyone else see them?

blackberry picking! Continuing on beside the river, the fields were alive with rabbits.

Traverse the A1307 and up the hill via Long Road over the old railway line to where sloes thrive. The pathway leads to views of Linton well worth the walk and is an old haunt of seasoned pickers. From up there one truly realises the depth of the valley and value of the treasured home we call Linton.

Having assessed the possible harvest I returned by the

Christmas Tree festival

FOLLOWING success of the first ever Christmas Tree festival last year, St Mary's church is hoping to repeat the event this year from 11th-13th December with even more trees to fill the Church with light in the lead up to Christmas. Trees will be provided and volunteer decorators, whether a group or individual, should call Hayley Donnan on 893357 for further details.

Gill Powell 893664

Never too old to start

A GENTLE fitness activity class for seniors or those who wish to become more active is starting weekly from 1pm to 2pm on Tuesday 6th October. Chair-based, with some standing exercise to music using a soft band for resistance work, it is run by an experienced expert and is also suitable for those referred from the Linton health centre. For information, contact me.

Vikki Green 833862

Children find out all about the dangers of fire ... the safe way



Junior firefighters: the children with fire safety officer Mark

Picture: Pauline's

PAULINE'S Childcare is a family owned nursery in Linton catering for 15 children a day from birth to five years. We provide a supportive environment where children thrive through a varied range of activities and experiences with our professional and highly skilled staff by their side.

One such activity came last month when the fire service visited us. The children had been very interested in fires and what to do if there was a fire at nursery or at home. To extend this interest we arranged for Mark, the local fire safety officer, to come and talk to us.

The children were thrilled and enjoyed learning about

many aspects of fire safety including what a smoke alarm is and what sort of noise it makes, how to crawl on their hands and knees out of the house instead of standing up so they don't get smoke in their lungs, and that we mustn't go back inside even if our mummy, daddy, brother, sister, pets or favourite toys are still in the house. The fire brigade will rescue everyone.

We all practised together the number that we should ring if there's a fire - 999 - and did role plays to practise answering the questions the person who answers might ask us, such as where we are, what our name is, and where we live.

Since then firefighters and 999 phone calls have been a feature of nearly every role play scenario. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and came away with a lot of knowledge which will help them understand how to keep safe if there is an emergency.

Because the children enjoyed this so much and so we can continue to help them understand the world around them, we have arranged for the police to visit us next week to tell us about how they help keep us safe.

Danielle

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The Way We Were by Garth Collard

Linton connections with Cambridge University (2)

THE sun seems more golden, the blackberries are ripe and the park has emptied once more. This can mean only one thing; the autumn term is with us again at LVC. When students returned to the college in September they were struck by how much had changed. A new sign was above the doors to reception, the new Year 7s were milling around looking shiny and awed and most noticeably of all, at a great big three-storey building opening its welcoming doors to them. You could actually hear the 'oohs and ahs' as they walked into their new science labs, gymnasium and dance studio.

We are delighted with our new building. It's attractive and fit for purpose. The students have officially described it as 'cool' and actively look forward to lessons in this improved environment. The staff enjoy it too. Mr Maddock and his PE team are dazzled. During the past year, they been in the dark behind builder's hoardings. They are once more emerging into the light and now realise the PE facilities we have now are amongst the best anywhere. Mr Smyth and his science teachers are the envy of everyone. Their labs are fresh and spacious and boast the finest views over the local hills. The youth team is happily unpacking its new pool table and games equipment, ready to move into Red Zone space and Granta pre-school has already filled the college with the sounds of tiny children at play. All is well.

Not everything was new and we maintained some important LVC traditions at the beginning of term. Take, for example, the tradition we have had at LVC for excellent GCSE results. That tradition, I am pleased to say, continued again this year. 85% of our students achieved the magic 5 A* to C grades and 31% of all of those grades were at A* and A grade. That is now four years of an upward trend in our results and the number of top grades was the best that the college has ever achieved at GCSE. Our Year 11s thoroughly deserved their results, but equal praise should go to their teachers who worked extraordinarily hard with the year group. Every single child in the year achieved GCSE passes and 99% got 5 A* to G grades. Nobody slipped through the net. I think that final statistic is the one I am most proud of. We hope that the excellent start augers well for the year to come.

Caroline Derbyshire

FIRSTLY, I would like to thank everyone who visited me at the hospital or gave me their good wishes. This is the second article on Linton's close connections with Cambridge University, especially with Trinity College.

THE Millicent lords of the manor of Barham sent all their male children to Eton and then on to Trinity College in Cambridge from the 15th to 18th centuries. In the 17th century, two men associated with Linton played dominant roles in Trinity College.

Dr John Richardson was born at the Grip farmhouse, the eldest child of a yeoman farmer in 1564. He was educated at the church school in Linton, then located inside the churchyard. At the age of 14 he went to Clare College to study theology and divinity.

He obtained his doctorate and was soon acknowledged nationally as an authority on the bible and early church history. In 1584 he was invited to be one of the founder members of the new Emmanuel College. This was a puritan foundation. By the 1590's his religious views were more conservative and he moved closer to the views of the Dutch theologian, Dr Arminius.

The Calvinists believed that God had selected a group called "the elect" who were predestined to be saved, but Dr Richardson came to believe that God gave everyone a free will to gain salvation or be damned; this could be achieved by living a good life and doing good works.

He believed that the communion service was more important than the sermon, which went against all his earlier puritan beliefs. He also favoured more ritual in the church service. These views seemed to many to be too close to the Roman Catholic church and he infuriated his former puritan colleagues.

King James I abandoned his earlier Calvinist views and wanted the Church of England



A house from the past: Catley Park before it was demolished in 1979

Picture: Garth Collard

to be strengthened by the introduction of more ritual into the services. His views seemed to be close to those of Dr Richardson and in 1611 he appointed him to be the professor of Divinity in the university.

King James ordered a new translation of the bible in 1611 and Dr Richardson was in the Cambridge team which translated the section from Chronicles to Ecclesiastes. King James had enjoyed religious debates with Dr Richardson on visits to Cambridge.

Dr Richardson was highly regarded for his wit, tolerance and scholarship. In 1609 the fellows of Peterhouse College asked him to become master.

When the mastership of Trinity College fell vacant in 1615, King James appointed Dr Richardson who soon after became vice-chancellor of the university.

When the king stayed in Cambridge he was hosted by Dr Richardson at Trinity.

In the master's lodge he was present when the King signed the marriage treaty with the French delegates for the marriage of his son Charles to Henrietta Maria of France. He would have met all the leading statesmen of the time.

Dr Richardson died in 1625

and his period as master of Trinity was recorded as being very successful. He was a good administrator and reorganised the college library.

He was either buried in the college chapel or possibly in Linton church. In 1644 many of the monuments and inscriptions in the church were destroyed by the parliamentarians.

At the end of the 17th century Sir Thomas Sclater was a dominant fellow at Trinity College. He purchased the Great and Little Linton estate in 1674 and lived in a large Tudor mansion at Catley Park (on the hill beyond Camgrain). Sir Sclater was a rich royalist lawyer who was expelled from Trinity College by the parliamentarians in 1644 but restored after 1660 in the reign of King Charles II. He became one of the chief magistrates in the county and was well known for his persecution of parliamentary figures who had profited from the Civil war.

Trinity College wished to build a grand new library and engaged Christopher Wren to be the architect. The library filled the gap in Neville's Court alongside the river.

Sclater was involved in the discussion about the design, and the college was uncertain how to fill the gap between the

ends of the library and the building in Neville's court.

Sir Thomas agreed to pay for the extension of one side of the court building by adding two arches to the old building.

When you walk up the staircase into the library, you can see a portrait of Sir Thomas at the top.

The bookcases in the library cost £45 each and the fellows were invited to subscribe to the cost. In return Grinling Gibbons carved the donors' coat of arms on the end of the bookcases.

Catley Park was used as a summer residence and Sir Thomas planted beautiful gardens around the old house. He kept an account where he listed all the money he spent at Catley; he also gave details of all the linen, cutlery and china required to make the house suitable for guests. Perhaps he even entertained Christopher Wren at Linton or even Sir Isaac Newton; he was a member of the college at this time. Sclater played a prominent role in town and county politics and was at one time MP for the university.

After his death in 1684 he was buried in the college chapel and there is an inscription over his grave located in the entrance area of the chapel.

Sports centre: share your views

THE next sports centre user group meeting will be held from 6.30pm on Tuesday 13th October at the Linton village college in room 8. Use LVC main entrance. Please come along to present your comments and views. Contact Mark Wilson on 01223 890248 or email info@linton-sport-fitness.co.uk.

Mark Wilson

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Parish Council Matters

Six years on....

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JUST in case you don't know or are new to the village, the parish council decided some years ago that it needed to keep the parish more informed as this was part of the way forward to obtaining Quality Parish Status.

In the early days it was up to the chairman to write articles to fill the two Parish Council Matters pages, with other council members helping. This was a difficult task, with one person trying to fill the front page, or page nine as it became, every month. The other council sponsored page, page 10, was dedicated to full council meeting minutes.

After some time it was hard to think of something to fill the space so the council made another decision which was to hand each month to a different councillor, meaning everyone gets a turn every 15 months, and I'm told this month it is my turn again. So it is that soul searching time to write but, having previously written just about everything that I spend my time on with the council, I was stumped for ideas. Suggestions came from various council colleagues such as my work with the Air Training Corps (ATC), but as I'm only a silent member these days (as the ATC committee changed its meeting night to a Tuesday when I'm helping to run the IT club) that's out. Then there's my hobby of being an apiarist but that's not really council business, so I dropped that and came up with looking at the council and its association with The Linton News.

In 1986 the parish council helped the late Ron Amsden bring the paper into existence. Then in 2000 we hit the web, and for the record the Linton News will have been on the web for 10 years in March 2010. The council hooked up with The Linton News in October 2003 so this month we will have been in The Linton News for six years.

Back then the council opened with the words "WELCOME to the first edition of a

regular update on the work of the parish council. These pages will keep you up-to-date with matters dealt with at parish council meetings; introduce you to your parish councillors; and publish important council documents..." A disability access and traffic problems article were in the first edition.

October 2003



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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WELCOME to the first edition of a regular update on the work of the Parish Council. These pages will keep you up-to-date with matters dealt with at Parish Council meetings; introduce you to your Parish Councillors; and publish important Council documents, such as the Chairman's Annual Report and relevant parts of the Council's annual accounts. You will find details of how to contact us by phone, personal visit, letter and e-mail. Councillors will use these pages to highlight the main areas of their work. In the past details of Parish Council business have only been posted on the Parish Notice Board. While we will continue to do this, these pages will enable us to expand the information we provide each month. They also give us the opportunity to ask your views on issues before Council decisions are taken. Your feedback will be essential. Future editions will run a Residents' Response column and we would love to hear your comments. You know what they say if you like what you read, tell others - if you don't, tell us!

Some of what we will publish in the paper reflects our ambition to achieve Quality Parish Council status. It's not obligatory to do this but Linton Councillors have decided that they want to do more than just the minimum required, and have given their whole-hearted support to making these pages a success.

A huge thank you is due to the Linton News Team, who have agreed to publish these pages in the Linton News each month and have been extremely helpful in guiding us in how to make it more interesting for you to read. Amazing you have got this far - they must have had some effort! There's no denying that a proportion of the Parish Council's work is routine, and pretty mundane - but we will try to keep it as un-mundane as the paper. Again, any suggestions would be very welcome.

Gill Barker

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Know your councillors



Mrs Enid Bald, Chair of the Council

Linton Disability Access Project: village safety review

ONE of the most contentious areas of concern of the Parish Council is traffic and safety on Linton roads, particularly the High Street and the A1307. The problems of the High Street are well-known, particularly to mothers with small children. However, we are now considering these problems specifically from the point of view of less able and able members of the community. We have the opportunity for a grant from the Jointly Funded Minor Improvement Scheme, which are considered annually by the County Council, and this year we are hoping to put forward two schemes: a bid for a "mini-moonhouse" at the junction of Fishburn Road and the High Street, and the Linton Disability Access Project. Who better to assist the Parish Council in identifying these problems than residents Tony Smith and Margaret Anderson. With their input we have identified specific areas where road crossing is a problem (if not impossible), as well as areas where small changes could considerably improve visibility, and hazards that others might not notice.

The scheme incorporates dropped kerbs, additional and painted safety barriers, and removal of hazards, all of which would improve access to most of the village amenities. Plans can be submitted to the Parish Council Office and are welcome to add their suggestions for the scheme.

During walks around the village it was noticed that some of the hazards could be tackled by residents in their own backyards. For example overgrown foliage and hedges, and steps which were the width of pavements. It is particularly noticeable in Sycamore Lane at the moment, where the hedgehog has been

on right back, that the pavement is now of sufficient width to allow residents in wheelchairs to utilize this area more safely. Steps which provide onto paths could be painted white to make them visible.

Complaints are frequently received of holes being ridden on pavements, or left lying on pavements. If cyclists have any dangerous or distressing

This can be to the disabled or visually impaired, they would act differently.

All road users and pedestrians have to live together in the village. Let's be more considerate of each other! With the Disability Discrimination Act coming into force in 2004, help us to ensure that Linton is the forefront of caring for less able residents.

The continuous road has been improved, it would be a good idea to have a "hole in it". D.C. said. The continuous road has been improved, it would be a good idea to have a "hole in it". D.C. said. The continuous road has been improved, it would be a good idea to have a "hole in it". D.C. said.

COUNCIL MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed the new newly-elected Councillors, Father Cornell and Bob Hammett.

Resident Andy Booth and Tony Smith were thanked by the Chairman for their assistance in advertising the change of rubbish collection day.

Mr Clay reported on Open Spaces. There had been progress in getting areas verges cut to park cars.

Mr Green reported on the recreation ground, in Mrs Kayson's absence. The block paving in the front of the pavilion was completed and the hedge surrounding the Pavilion was being cut.

Mr Green reported that the country was in reasonable condition and that there had been no further correspondence concerning the child playing there. Mr. Aherne reported that the Vintage Playgroup had recently been the subject of an insect attack with a waste bin on site. Part of the site had also been broken. Repairs were costly but in hand.

The Chairman drew attention to the Traffic Working Party Minutes. The Council noted that the newly-formed Steering Group, including members of Access 1307, Payments for People, the Parish Council and a County Highway Officer, had also recently met and an Action Plan had now been agreed. This listed all the works required and gave time scales for their implementation. Further regular meetings have now been set up to 2005. Some individual items on the Action Plan were queried, in particular the proposed parking restrictions for the High Street. Father Cornell reported that this was now out for consultation with the residents concerned and some replies had already been received.

An update on Quality Parish Council status had been circulated. Council agreed that if the Linton News could be persuaded, an extra page circulated with their paper was the best way forward.

The payments due were considered and agreed. The Clerk was asked to organise the annual meeting of the parish on the 1st of August at the 1st Station. All

the correspondence for July was noted. Agreement was given for Linton Garden to site a bird house in the Pocket Park, thanks were extended to Tony Smith for his assistance with the Disability project. Further issues discussed: the churchyard lighting project; a visit by residents to Huchins House in Stratton with regard to the Harvested Housing proposals for Flatfields, Pymons Meadow Open Space (it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting); an incident report from the police regarding recent assaults on waste bins; a policy review.

Finally, the Chairman reported that the Clerk would be on holiday for one week during August but the office would remain open.

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First edition of Parish Matters in October 2003

Having been on The Linton News team since its second edition, after answering an ad in the first edition, it led to me being co-opted onto the council and I have been here ever since.

Hope you enjoyed this history of the parish council's association with The Linton News.

Cllr Graham Potter

Drains on the recreation ground

SOME of you may have noticed that the recreation ground has been partially under water at least twice this year after heavy rain, so much so it has put the cricket pitch under water. So what's changed, is it climate change or some other change that's taken place? I've put it down to the road junction improvements at the college entrance. At first this resulted in minor flooding mainly at the bottom of Stanton's Lane near the school steps. Anybody suffered with wet feet all day after wading through the large puddle? This was attributed to the water coming down Stanton's Lane from the road changes and the run off from the college drive. This brought a large amount of debris and soil with it which blocked the drain. Thus the water ran down the path, flooding the area outside of the pavilion but not to the extent of this years flood. The parish council brought this up with the county council as the road changes and the school are their concern. On looking at the problem they carried out some extensive work putting a soak away at the top of Stanton's Lane. They also completed some work on the pipe, or lack of a pipe, down the lane. I think they piped some of it and also modified the drain at the bottom so that water entered the pipes more efficiently.

So what's gone wrong? This year we have been flooded twice, which lifted the block paving outside of the pavilion washing the sand from under the blocks. At first it looked as though they just needed re-laying but upon investigation it had only washed the sand out around a manhole within the paving and lifted the lid of another. Anglian Water was asked to check the manhole, "not ours" they said. So whose is it? We contacted the county council and they agreed it was theirs and checked it. They confirmed that the force of the water coming into the drain had actually broken the seal between the hole and the cover. This has now been repaired so the block paving can now be re-laid.



Anywhere but down the drain

Picture by Graham Potter

However they have also discovered that the pipe from this manhole to the river, which was replaced with a blue plastic one some years ago, no longer lines up with the manhole and, would you believe it, feeds into a smaller pipe not large enough to cope with the volume of water. The county council will lay a new pipe, rerouting it behind the pumping station to the river.

So a small problem with some blocks becoming dislodged and unsafe has resulted in a bill to re-lay blocks, re-seating a manhole cover and finding out that the drain pipe was too small. All seemingly because some road changes increased the volume of water draining to the river.

So do we need to upgrade the river? Not today.

Cllr Graham Potter

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 6th August 2009.

Present: Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), M Gee, A Gore, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, J Linsdell, G Potter, Mrs J Williams and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cox, Daly, Krarup, Rossiter and Urwin.

Reports from co-ordinators: Recreation ground - a full update on the parking issues was deferred to the next meeting. A request for refurbishment of the benches was added to the 'Wish List'.

Venture playground: Cllr Hammett reported that the repair work on the skate ramp was not satisfactory and Clever Curves had been asked to address the situation. They had indicated that major refurbishment would soon be required. Cllr Hunt reported that there was some damage to the play equipment in the fenced venture playground area. The clerk reported that she was aware of this and that Anglian Playgrounds had been asked to carry out the repair.

Glebe land: The council had received an acknowledgment from the Diocese of Ely following their request to extend the riverside path although no decision had been made.

Churchyard: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Crofton Engineering for modifications to the church gate as they were a local reputable specialist company, familiar with the site and able to perform adjustments to the gate as and when required.

Allotments: Mr McMurray of South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) had again been contacted for an update on the situation with Mr Balaam but no response had been received. This will be discussed at the next meeting to decide whether a formal complaint should be made to SCDC.

Report from the youth working party: The youth working party had made recommendations following their meeting. It was resolved:

- 1) To investigate the cost of a ball wall and appropriate fencing, as low as practicable, around the tarmac area.
- 2) That Cllr Hickford contact Crofton Engineering to investigate whether modifications could be made to the seating on the youth shelter and if so to request a quotation.

Report on Local Council Advisory Service seminar covering risk assessment and risk management: It was resolved:

- 1) That the draft forms for risk assessment and risk management be adopted.
- 2) To meet in September to agree a programme of work and areas to be checked, including frequency and assessor.

To consider the model Financial Regulations as detailed in the Internal Audit check: It was resolved that the new format for Financial Regulations be considered by the finance committee and brought back to full council for adoption.

Coles Lane car park: Cllr Gore gave an update on the current position. It was agreed to accept the solicitors recommendations, subject to minor changes, and ask him to negotiate with SCDC on behalf of the council.

Update on tree planting wish list: Cllr Rossiter had issued a report with recommendations. It was resolved:

- 1) That the council apply to SCDC, before the end of August, for trees to be planted along Bartlow and Horseheath roads.
- 2) That the council agree that this area is a priority should the SCDC bid fail.
- 3) To postpone discussion with landowners until further enquiries have been made.
- 4) To submit a map to the highways agency with precise details of where planting is required on the A1307.

Safety and security: Further to a request by Cllr Hickford it was resolved to upgrade the infra red camera on the recreation ground subject to a maximum cost of £750.

Report on the meeting to discuss the Bobby Scheme: It was resolved that the council work in partnership with the Bobby Scheme, canvasses residents offering them the scheme and subsidising it by paying the £20 for each property that is committed to the scheme by the end of September. The maximum number of properties to be funded was set at 250 initially, therefore committing a maximum of £5,000. This will be reviewed if necessary.

Funding will be obtained from the safety and security budget.

Correspondence received and for discussion:

Following receipt of the Linton News accounts it was suggested that a meeting of the directors of Linton Parish Publications and the Linton News team take place.

A resident had expressed concerns on the condition of the grassed area at Parsonage Way. It was agreed to consider this matter when the current grass cutting contract came up for renewal in 2011.

The request by the county council for volunteers to help in proposed swine flu antiviral collection centres would be monitored.

The SCDC Crime and Disorder Partnership invitation to an event on anti social behaviour being held on Tuesday 29th September will be accepted by Cllr Hickford.

It was resolved that the clerk would attend the Society of Local Council Clerks regional one day conference at Chilford Hall on 24th September for £49.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon centre on Thursday 3rd September 2009.

Present: Ms E Cornell (chair), Mrs E Bald (vice chair), Dr B Cox, B Hammett, R Hickford, Ms T Hunt, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr J Rossiter, Mrs J Williams and Mrs S Parry (clerk).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gee, Gore and Urwin and Mrs K France (press). Councillor Daly was also absent.

Disclosure of interests from members: Cllrs Cornell and Hickford disclosed personal interests as parents of children attending the youth club.

Reports from co-ordinators: Open spaces: Cllr Bald reported that generally grass cutting in the village was to be commended.

Recreation ground: The clerk had issued a report on the drainage problem. It was resolved to proceed with repairs to the block paving outside the pavilion.

A verbal report was given by Cllr Krarup which included that the middle plank of a picnic table was broken off at one end. The nettles in the area of the groundsman's container required cutting back. Grass was growing through the paved area in front of the pavilion. Users of the pavilion were reminded to keep the gate shut.

Cllr Linsdell reported that the steps down to the river were being eroded. The Environment Agency will be contacted for advice.

Cemetery: The tree survey schedule of work was considered. It was resolved to obtain quotations for recommended works. Additionally a quotation is to be sought for the removal of various other trees.

Rights of way: Cllr Rossiter requested that Mr Ralph Robinson be co-opted on to the working party. This was agreed. A report on the recent meeting with the county council will be issued shortly.

Venture playground: Cllr Hammett reported that he was still awaiting a meeting with Clever Curves regarding the skate ramp. It was agreed that the payment to them would be withheld until the matter had been resolved.

Churchyard: Cllr Cox reported that following receipt of the

quotation from Landmark Restoration he was seeking a further quotation from Clifton Flints for the repair of the western boundary wall. He had requested split quotations so that the work could be undertaken in stages. However some emergency work may need to be done pro tem. It was resolved to defer any decision until updated quotations were received.

Allotments: Cllr Linsdell reported that he had spoken with Mr Balaam who confirmed that he had met with Mr McMurray, SCDC planning officer. This had not been a very positive meeting and no conclusion had been reached. In view of this protracted saga the chair agreed to contact Mr McMurray direct.

Linton youth club: A report from Cllr Hickford had been circulated. It was resolved that the parish council would contribute £2000 towards the youth club start up costs.

Camping Close: Cllr Hickford had issued a report on the recent meeting with the Infant School and proposed:

- 1) That the parish council takes over responsibility for grass maintenance for Camping Close.
- 2) That the parish council organises more litter picks on school days to help with health and safety issues.
- 3) That signage is put into place requesting that dogs be kept on the lead and away from the northern section and requesting users to respectfully not use the northern section during school hours.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Potter. Cllr Cox proposed an amendment to the proposal adding: That confirmation should be sought from the Open Spaces Society that these actions would not jeopardise the council's application for Village Green status regarding unrestricted use. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. Proposal carried. Cllr Rossiter was concerned that the legal process was being started too soon as the current 2006 Act provides no right of appeal against a decision not to register land as green.

Correspondence received and for discussion:

SCDC information on appeal to the Secretary of State by Enertrag for the erection of seven wind turbines. Cllr Cornell reported that following the planning determination meeting on 2nd September the district council had unanimously refused the application. However the county council highways officer did not consider that the application would have a detrimental impact on the A1307. The district council will be contacting the county council for an explanation and it may be that the services of an independent consultant will be required. Representations for the appeal would include further evidence regarding safety on the A1307 and old photographs of the area around the Dog and Duck public house.

It was noted that the district council now provides litter bins and the £380 earmarked for a litter bin in Back Road would not now be required as one has been installed there.

Guides and 1st Linton Brownies request for funding to help with travel costs to the centenary celebration in Cambridge. It was resolved to award £500.

Permission from the county council to plant trees in the Horseheath and Bartlow Roads was noted.

Request from CPALC on the future jobs fund to assist a currently unemployed young person to get back into the labour market. It was resolved that the parish council enters into this scheme.

EDF permission to paint sub station (with conditions). Cllr Bald proposed that the sub station by the village sign be painted. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford. A vote took place with two votes in favour, five votes against and three abstentions. Proposal defeated.

Consideration of request to clean Stanton's Lane Bridge. Concerns were raised as to the implications regarding the closing of the footbridge during cleaning, resulting in inconvenience to residents and possible cost implications if this procedure needed to be advertised. It was agreed to contact the county council for advice and to contact ProClean again to ascertain if any other method could be used which would not result in total closure.

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



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