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Out with the old and in with the new



The old bridge



The new bridge being lowered into place

Pictures by Stephen M^cGee

Stanton's Lane bridges

WELL, it finally arrived! After a year of planning, a few problems in manufacture and several delays in installation, the new Stanton's Lane bridge was installed on Tuesday 9th May.

It was long ago realised that the effects of age, flood and moronic vandalism had weakened the structure so that it was becoming unsafe. Changing needs meant that it no longer served its purpose – wider child buggies and increasing numbers using wheelchairs and mobility aids meant that the old bridge was too narrow, and many members of the community could not use it. However, it would be an expensive project for village finances.

The Safer Routes to School (SRTS) initiative and its team leader, Claire O'Neil, came to our rescue. SRTS works with schools and communities to encourage sustainable travel, including walking and cycling. Our local scheme works with the village schools and Linton village college, and is linked to the Parish Council through the work of Esther Cornell. The bridge had been noted in the travel plans of LVC and the schools for their SRTS applications.

In August, I met Stephen M^cGee (the bridge engineer) David Lines (CCC Highways) and Claire O'Neil, who agreed to replace the bridge. Most of the funds would come from SRTS, with the cost of renewed bridge supports, clearing the old structure and installing the new bridge coming from Highways and other CCC funds. LPC had set aside £1,000 towards costs.

However, we soon met problems involving extra costs. Cables cross the river, and the poles carrying them would interfere with the bridge installation – the cables would have to go under the bridge and the poles removed. No sooner had this been done than BT put up another pole, without permission.... The supports were rebuilt, a dying chestnut tree removed and trees cut back along the path to allow the installation crane to pass. Manufacturing delays left us without a river crossing for longer than anticipated, although innovative use of pallets and planks meant that some could still cross the water!

After all of this preparatory work, a truck finally trundled into



Max and his master Tony Mannion were the first to cross the bridge. This picture was re-taken more recently and shows the temporary mesh which will be replaced by wire mesh
Picture by LNT

Linton carrying our bridge, with a crane to position it. It was in place in minutes! Stephen M^cGee hardly had time to focus his camera before the bridge had been fixed; thank you for the pictures.

As I write, the bridge project is not complete; abutments need to be tidied, safety "wings" at the sides of the bridge will be installed, approaches and pathways need to be finished, and mesh sections will be placed inside the frame of the bridge. Later in the year, weeds will be removed and planting will be completed on the riverbanks. There will be an opening ceremony next month, which we hope you will attend; look out for posters and publicity.

Thanks to all who have contributed money, time and hard work in replacing the bridge; it is much appreciated. We look forward to many years of good use from it, and safe travelling throughout Linton for all.

Enid Bald

Baby Freddie evicted from his pram to make way for plants

WE breathed a collective sigh of relief as the sun shone once again for the gardening club plant sale after earlier threats of bad weather. Several people were waiting for the off, and there was a crowd all the morning, buying plants, asking questions, taking refreshment and enjoying the beauty of the surroundings.

Many young people came looking for inspiration including the Levine family, pictured, and we were pleased to pass on surplus plants to a playgroup planning a children's garden at the Cathodeon centre, and to a local group who were holding a sale the following week to raise funds for the victims of Chernobyl.

The total sum realized was around £430 which will subsidise the annual show, and for this we must thank everyone who arranged the event and worked so hard on the day, those who donated plants and produce, the welcome buyers and most particularly Susan and John Anderson for sharing their lovely garden.

At the last club meeting earlier in the

week, we heard Timothy Clark speak about his life's work of nurturing and saving historic plants. Mr Clark, and his impeccably behaved black labrador Ace, remained unperturbed during some early technical hitches with the projector, ably fixed by Bruce Conochie. He went on to show slides of many old, beautiful plants including tulips, ranunculus, primroses, bluebells and daisies, accompanied by a vast amount of information imparted without notes.

As one member remarked, we were privileged to have met a man who will be remembered with the greats before him, like Gertrude Jekyll and Margery Fish who saved and propagated old plants which were thought to have disappeared.

There is a members' outing to Cherryoaks in Burrough Green on 20th June and the annual show will be held in the village hall on 5th August, so we hope everyone is growing madly for that! For a copy of the schedule please contact Susan Anderson on 891623.

Gloria Fidler 891800



The Levine family with four-week-old Freddie's pram full of plants

Picture by Ron Pitkin with camera kindly loaned by Peter Thomas

LINTON DIARY

To guarantee entry into this diary please ensure that your event is written into the diary in the Post Office.

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

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

Weekly

Slimming World, 7pm, Mondays	Cathodeon Centre
Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Story Time, 2.15-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays	Village Hall
IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Linton Granta bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays	Rear of pavilion
Linton Radio Race Car club, 6-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Tots in Tow, 10-11.30am, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Ladies' netball, 7-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
LVC badminton club, 8-10pm Thursdays	Sports Centre
Little Acorns, 10-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Bridge club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays	Village Hall
Granta Badminton club, 8-10pm, Fridays	Sports Centre

June

3 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
4 Aztec's Charity Football Match, 12noon	LVC
4 Linton Music Society concert, 3pm	St Mary's Church
4 Ashdon Kite festival, 11am,	Ashdon Village
5 Tatty Bumpkin classes, 10am	Village Hall
6 Scrabble club, 1pm	LVC
6 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
7 Reading group, 8pm	Dog and Duck
9 Exhibition, 6-10pm	Darryl Nantais Gallery
9 Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
9 Flower Festival BBQ, 7pm	Infant School
10 Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
10 NSPCC sale, 10.30am	Tosca Cottage, 28 Horseheath Rd
11 Flower Festival	St Mary's Church
11 Camera club, 10am	Coles Lane car park
13 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
14 Save the children open garden, 12.30pm	Cardinals Green
15 Parish council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
15 Bus Fare meeting, 2pm	SCDC Cambourne
17 Dads and Tots, 9.30-11am	Village Hall
17 Hadstock fete, 2pm	Hadstock Village Green
20 Scrabble club, 1pm	LVC
20 Farmers' Market, 9.30am	LVC
21 Gardening club outing, 6pm	Village Hall
21 ACE garden party, 2pm	7 Symonds Lane
21 Brownie walk, 6pm	Infant School
21 Complementary health talk, 7.30pm	Village Hall
24 Summer fair, 12noon - 2.30pm	Infant School
24 Garden party, 3pm	Hildersham Church
24 Car Wash fund raiser	Fire Station
25 Friends of St Mary's concert, time tbc	St Mary's Church
30 Nappuccino, 10am	Saffron Walden Baptist church

July

1 Farmers' market, 9.30am	LVC
1 Friends of St Mary's BBQ, 6pm	Richmonds, High Street
2 Annual fishing match, 9am-3pm	Little Walden
4 Scrabble club, 1pm	LVC
4 WI, 7.30pm	Village Hall
5 Reading group, 8pm	Dog and Duck

Refuse collection: 12th, 26th June.

Recycling collection: 5th, 19th June, 3rd July.

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

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Too good for jumble...

THIS month's special offer for IT enthusiasts is a set of eight books in mint condition and accompanying brand new CDs for a complete course in Windows 2000, leading to a Microsoft certified professional engineer examination.

Offers of £10 or more are also invited for a Black & Decker GY350 400w hedge trimmer, about 150 old red pantiles with ridge tiles, two mountain style bikes for 7 – 11 year-olds and a child's trampoline.

For any of the above items or to offer an item valued at least £10 to profit a village charity or a national charity with a Linton representative, please phone Kate France on 891602, or email katefrance@linton48.freeserve.co.uk

St Mary's church received £20 from the sale of two bikes. The £48 raised from the garden toys was split between Linton Scout group and the Linton District Guide Association. Many thanks to all who have donated items to raise money for charities.

Kate France

A plea from the editor

PLEASE be early. Owing to the increasing number of articles, from now on they will be placed on a first come first served basis. To ensure that *your* article goes into the paper, please get it to me as early as possible or, if it will be close to the deadline let me know how many words it will be so I can plan for it.

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THOUGHTS FROM THE GRANTA RANTA

Do you know what I think? When people get in their cars and drive, their behaviour is altered by mild carbon monoxide poisoning. Or maybe it's the effect of the constant vibration of tyre on tarmac that affects the chemical balance of the brain. Either way, at best inconsiderate, at worst insane behaviour on our roads seems to be on the increase.

There was a groundswell of support for a 20mph speed limit on our new one-way system, but obviously not enough for its inclusion in the scheme. As a result, those of us who do drive at around that speed in the village are aggressively chivvied along by purple-faced tailgaters, their temple blood vessels throbbing alarmingly. These people are doubtless charming in real life; I've not been tailgated by a trolley in the Co-op yet (maybe that's the next stage of advanced vibration/monoxide syndrome).

It frightens me how angry seemingly normal people become when they get behind the wheel, and over such trivial imagined slights. I was recently harangued in Newmarket's multi-storey car park by a man with very limited and colourful vocabulary. He felt I should no longer be allowed on the road because I had taken two attempts to get out of a very tight space. On another occasion, a young woman got out of her own car, climbed onto the bonnet of mine and beat my windscreen with her fists because I had neglected to let her out of a side road in Sainsbury's car park.

Our new one-way system is testing the afflicted. Old ladies and women with prams are frequently to be seen scuttling out of the way of ridiculously fast cars and vans at the foot of Coles Lane. It's only a matter of time until someone is mown down. Maybe the felled pedestrians would create an impromptu speed hump and solve the problem?

The tragic sight of our roadside verges being ever more populated by floral tributes seems to do nothing to alter the behaviour of drivers. We've become complacent. A car is a potentially lethal machine, to be used to get from A to B as safely as possible. Please everyone, calm down and slow down before someone is killed.

Guide promise



I've bought you a calf

WHEN girls are ready to make their Guide Promise, they often choose to do it in their own special way. Molly of 2nd Linton Guides took the promise seriously when she said "...and to help others..." She asked her fellow Guides for any spare coins they had so she could buy a goat through Oxfam for a needy family in Africa.

The girls and friends of 2nd Linton Guides brought coins totalling £40.46. Instead of buying a goat, Molly was able to buy a calf for a family in Malawi and will have 25 trees planted by an Oxfam partner in Honduras. Congratulations Molly and the Guides.
Kate France 891602

Have your say on bus fares

PLEASE be aware that the South Cambridgeshire district council's scrutiny and overview committee will be examining the implementation of the government's concessionary fares scheme at a meeting at 2pm on Thursday 15th June at its offices in Cambourne.

Under the committee's procedural rules, members of the public are permitted to ask pre-submitted questions at its meetings.

Please contact me at Democratic Services, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB3 6EA if you have any queries regarding this:
Patrick Adams 01954 713408

Flowers and more



WE are looking forward to seeing you all at this year's flower festival and fête.

Throughout the weekend there will be many different events taking place, and details of the programme can be found on the flyer distributed to most households in the village, or on the church notice board at the top of Church Lane.

The flower arrangers will be using their skills and imagination to interpret the theme of 'Linton: our village, our family. How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity' (Psalm 133) and the church will be open on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9th-11th June.

At 7pm on Friday evening there will be a BBQ and barn dance; tickets available from Bob Simmonds on 891754. On Saturday the fête will get into full swing from 10am with numerous attractions including a bouncy castle, 'train' rides, golf putting and the chance to win a ride in a Ferrari, not forgetting the keenly contested tug-of-war at 12 noon. Will the Waggon & Horses team triumph again this year? It's not too late to enter your team - phone 891675.

At 3pm the teddy-bears of Linton (bring yours along) will



Ready for the parachute jump

parachute from the church tower. At the Infant school will be stallholders selling crafts, books, plants etc and Business and Enterprise groups from the village college selling items they have made. The day will conclude with a concert by the "Impact" youth band at 7.30pm.

On Sunday, students from LVC will be giving a concert at St Mary's church at 2.30pm, after which the annual duck race will take place on the Granta. Refreshments will be available on the Saturday and Sunday at the Infant school. The festival ends on the Sunday evening with "Songs of Praise" at 6pm in St Mary's church.

For further information please contact:
John Wilson 891675

The importance of sport and energy



THE main event at May's meeting was the discussion of the resolutions. With the Olympics in England in 2012, the WI with their resolutions this year is hoping to give our youngsters a sporting chance.

The first resolution reads "Sports for a healthy population". Concerns were expressed that with schools no longer encouraging competitive sport this has resulted in overweight, unhealthy children. The resolution was fully supported by all members with no dissenters. The other resolution discussed was "Renewable energy technologies" to be installed in all new build or renovated buildings; this also passed unopposed. Ann Simpkin, our president will represent us at the annual meeting in Cardiff in June.

Following the usual business, members were entertained by playing "beetle" and refreshed with drinks and biscuits.

Our next meeting will be on 6th June when the speaker will be Miss R Wheeler on "Why go to school?" New members and guests are always welcome; do come and join us.

Tricia Lewis 893609

A walk in the woods



AT Hildersham's April meeting we welcomed the beginning of spring along with our young and enthusiastic guest speaker Peter Vince from the Woodland Trust, who took us on a pictorial trip around Britain with views of some beautiful woods which the Trust has managed since 1972.

After the war, with the need to produce more food to feed the nation, the government introduced the Tax Break, encouraging farmers to make bigger fields resulting in the loss of woodlands and 109,000 miles of hedgerows. East Anglia is the least wooded area, and ancient woodland is not naturally protected. We are still losing woodland through drought, Dutch elm disease and the expansion of building and airports.

Different events are run to raise funds to enable more trees to be planted. The 'Tree for All' campaign aims to add to this by involving children in planting one tree for every child in the UK under 16, through schools and other organisations, to achieve their vision not just for us now, but for future generations.

Our next meeting will be Sunday 18th June, when there is an outing to the Leaping Hare, Wyken Hall Tudor gardens.
Pamela Parris

Helen triumphs again at the song for peace contest

THIS year, with my son Jack (Adrian) Cooke singing my song 'Soft Whispers', I came second in the International Song of Peace Contest after being pipped to the post by a song about Aids in Africa.

It was terrible watching the results. It's a truly excruciating procedure with the audience clapping and cheering each announcement. I have a beautiful crystal trophy to show for it all, but best of all were the following memories, ones which will stay with me forever.

The International Song of Peace Contest is part of the Peace convention which takes place each year in Tipperary. I entered a song for the second time; this time it was about the Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hariri, who was assassinated last year. He was a truly amazing man who brought stability and peace back to a civil war ridden country.

He was also a self-made billionaire who used much of his



A delighted Helen meets Hind Hariri

Picture by Brian Bonney

money to help others. His youngest daughter, Hind Hariri, accepted the International Peace Award at a really tear-jerking ceremony. Hind said that she would prefer to be watching her father collect the award himself rather than accepting it for him. It was all

really moving.

I wanted so much to meet Hind but with the press and everyone gathering around I knew it was going to be impossible, but she asked to meet me.

She told me how touched she was about the song for her father and once again her eyes

welled up with tears. After all it was only just over a year since the murder of the father she adored. Later I helped to plant a 'Tree of Lebanon' in Hariri's memory. Is it to be wondered that I can't come down to earth?
Helen Bonney 894887

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In praise of recent events

Dear Editor,
Last month I attended two events in Linton which made me realise what a fantastic village we live in.

The first was the wonderful Linton in Pictures exhibition at the village hall. It was lovely to see so many people of all ages enjoying the photos. For people who have lived in Linton all their lives, it was a trip down memory lane; for others like me who are fairly new to the village, it was a fascinating glimpse into the past. I went along expecting to be there for half an hour but I stayed for two hours and it still wasn't enough. The amount of work which went into collecting, captioning and exhibiting these photos is obvious and I hope this will become a regular event. I cannot wait for the book to come out!

The following weekend was the first Linton Children's Book Festival and this was also an inspired event. I loved walking around the village and seeing the mini book reviews on lamp posts as adults and children from all walks of life described their favourite children's book. It was amazing that we managed to get so many well-known authors to our village in one weekend and everyone who went along had a great time. Once again, lots of hard work had gone into organising the festival and I hope it will become a regular feature of village life.

The same weekend, there was an auction to raise funds for the Friends of Linton Heights and the Scouts cooked a Big Breakfast to raise funds for MAGPAS. All of these events, like so much that happens in Linton, were run entirely by volunteers. People like this are the unsung heroes of village life and I think we should all recognise and applaud the contribution they make in turning Linton into a thriving community and an enjoyable place to live. Thank you all.

Tony Kelly
Rivey Close

Thank you

Dear Editor,
We are most grateful to our collectors, and to Linton and Hadstock people; thanks to their generosity we raised the grand sum of £1738.96 towards Save the Children's work in the UK and around the world to stop child suffering through poverty, disease, violence and injustice.

Anna Newton
pp Linton and district SCF committee

Dear Editor,
Sheila and Ron Carder would like to say thank you to all the residents, friends and neighbours of Crabtree Croft for the money given for a wreath and donation to the British Heart Foundation following the sad loss of Mrs Margaret Dunster. Thank you all for your kind generosity.
Mrs Sheila Carder,
Crabtree Croft

Dear Editor,
I would like to say a very big thank you to all who came to my surprise birthday party, and a special thanks to John, Michelle and Martine for organising it all.

I had a wonderful evening.
Julie Supcik,
Palmer's Close

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Dear Editor,
May I, through your letters page, say thank you to Garth Collard and the members of the Linton Historical Society for a wonderful 'Linton in Pictures' exhibition. It was a great opportunity to see some fascinating photographs and to meet up again with many people from the past, and all for free. I was thrilled to find pictures of myself and my family that I had never seen before. The only downside was an afternoon that wasn't long enough to take it all in, and the Linton Village Hall wasn't big enough! I am looking forward to the publication of the book and hopefully another exhibition, and next time I will allow more time.
Pauline Thake (Nee Bell)
Westfield, Clare,
Suffolk.

Can anyone help?

Dear Editor,
I was very interested in Garth Collard's piece in the Linton News of July 2000, regarding the Barclays Building at 30-32 High Street. This piece was recently brought to my attention by a very distant relative in Yorkshire who is researching the Smoothy name. I too am researching the Smoothy name [my maiden name is Smoothy]. Joseph Smoothy mentioned in the article is my third great-great-uncle.

The John Osmond mentioned who bought no.30 after Thomas Smoothy died, was the husband of Joseph's granddaughter (Mary Emma Smoothy). Mary Emma is my second cousin three times removed. Joseph's daughter Mary Jane married Joseph Sergeant, who ran the chemist and druggist shop at no. 30 from 1845-46.

This is a piece of history I did not know about, although I knew that Joseph was a butcher and his son Peter also a butcher. Just getting addresses from the census returns meant nothing at all to me, so the photo provided of no. 30-32 High Street gives me something tangible.

If there are any Smoothys still living in and around Linton, or any Smoothy descendants, I would love to hear from you. You can contact me on di1953@bigpond.net.au, or my address below.

Garth mentioned in his piece that the Smoothy tombs can be seen in the burial ground, I assume of the Independent Chapel. I would love photos and information of these, and anything else around Linton that may belong, or have previously belonged to the Smoothy family if anyone is able to oblige. I live in hope of someday visiting England, and particularly the places my ancestors were born, lived, died, etc.

I am a fourth-generation Australian; my great-great-grandfather Henry Smoothy (born Hadstock 1838) migrated here in 1862. My descendancy is through Buck Smoothy born before 1767 in Linton, who died in 1835 in Linton.

He married Mary Wright (b abt. 1770 - d 1853, Linton) in 1787 in Linton. They appear to have moved to Hadstock where all of their 10 children were born, but all were baptised in Linton Independent Chapel.

I now regularly visit your website to read your newspaper.
Diane Mathews,
Nagle Road,
CAPELLA QLD 4723
AUSTRALIA

Thanks, Joan...

AFTER serving for 12 years as our District Councillor Joan Smith stood down at the election in May. There will be many who will have cause to thank Joan for the help she has given over the years. She has always been a formidable champion of those who have fallen victim to the jungle of rules and regulations. On a personal level I have learnt much from Joan and will miss her guidance and advice, something readily offered whether asked for or not! Thanks Joan.

The world moves on and we now have a new District Councillor, Trisha Bear, someone who is already well known to many of you. She is a worthy successor to Joan, and a person I know will show the same commitment and enthusiasm for the job.

The result of the election was:

Altham, **Conservative** 499
Bear, **Liberal Democrat** 947

The political make-up of the District Council is now:

Conservative 25(+3)
Liberal Democrats 19(-1)
Independent 12(-1)
Labour 1(-1)

These changes may well have an effect on the way that the District is run, but at the time of writing those decisions had not been made. Whatever the outcome at the District we are here to serve the community so if we can help please get in touch.

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John Batchelor

...and thanks from Trisha

TRISHA Bear would like to thank the Linton ward electors for their vote of confidence.

I will endeavour, as your district councillor, to work in the best interest of the whole community.

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My visit to a wind farm

I WENT to see a wind farm in April. I have long been fascinated with wind power, ever since I found a field full of wind turbines in Truro, Cornwall many years ago.

Recently, I received some information from Renewable Energy Systems (RES) regarding the proposed siting of a wind farm containing 13 turbines at Wadlow Farm near West Wrating and Balsham and was pleased to take up the offer of a coach trip to see some working turbines in Coldham in Cambs. and Swaffham in Norfolk.

I always thought that wind power was a good idea in theory but had read of other people's uncertainties; and wanted to see for myself what impact these huge structures would have on the local area.

The first turbine we were shown was at Swaffham where there is a visitor centre which is open to the public on weekdays.

In the near distance we could see another single turbine, which is approximately the same height as those planned for Wadlow Farm, so we were driven there to crane our necks to see the top. It was a very still day but as we stood below, the



Eyesores or future objects for preservation as the few windmills left standing are? These are the new turbines at Coldham.

Picture by Roger Lapwood

sails began to turn, showing us that not much wind is needed to generate electricity.

Our third stop was at Coldham, near March where there was a field of eight turbines – all situated on arable land. This showed that once the turbine is in place, the farmer can grow his crops almost up to the base. This time

the sails were all turning, we were told at about 25% of their capacity. This generated a whooshing sound, rather like "white noise" or "womb music" – not very much of a nuisance and besides, we were right underneath them and the Wadlow Farm turbines will be not be close to houses.

There was a busy rookery in

the treetops very near one turbine; the rooks did not seem at all disturbed. I know that wildlife habitats would be disrupted during the building phase, but this would happen with any large project and the animals and birds will soon return once the surrounding landscape has been restored. Wadlow Farm has been

carefully chosen due to its close proximity to the National Grid so that any power generated can be loaded directly on to the grid. Also the site is open and subject to constant wind. As for being an eyesore, years ago windmills would have been a feature all over East Anglia – most have now gone and those that are left are subject to preservation orders.

These new turbines are tall and slender and the colour of a typical English sky – pale grey. I am sure people will soon get used to seeing them, and be secure in the knowledge that this kind of power generation will be a step in the right direction to stopping the rapid depletion of fossil fuels which will become very scarce and expensive in generations to come.

Before I went on this trip, I was almost in favour of wind farms in principle and this has gone a long way to confirm that erecting these elegant structures (both inland and offshore) is the right way to go. More information is available at www.wadlow-farm.co.uk.

Tracey Wilson

The views expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the Linton News

Time for a nappucino!

WHAT do you get if you cross parents who use cloth nappies and a coffee morning – a nappucino!

On the last Friday of each month, mums (dads and carers are very welcome too) meet together to share tips and coffee while the children play. Someone is also on hand to share information and discuss the pros and cons of different types of cloth nappies.

If you'd like to reduce nappies going to landfill and not use artificial chemicals next to your baby's skin, save money and have your baby in the latest fashions, come along and talk nappy. The next nappucino will be at the Saffron Walden Baptist church hall from 10am-12 noon on Friday 30th June.

Hannah Henley

01799 530272 or e-mail essexcn@hotmail.co.uk

May winners in the K-Club

THE winners of the May K-Club monthly draw were:

- 1st prize (£50)
June Keeble (No.169)
- 2nd prize (£25)
D W George (No. 356)
- 3rd prize (£10)
D S Page (No.171).

An early exposure for members on Oxfam walk



Checking the route during the walk

Picture by Jim Cracknell

THIS is the fifth year that members of Linton Camera club have been asked to take publicity photographs of the annual Oxfam walk organised by the Cambridge branch. This is the biggest Oxfam walking event in the UK, bringing in around £50,000 in sponsorship annually. This year, the start of the walk returned to Chilford Hall as it had done in 2004.

Camera club members met at Coles Lane car park at 9am on Sunday 14th May before setting off for Chilford, and were surprised to be approached by an Oxfam official asking for directions. Three of our members had made an even earlier start.

June and John Keeble photographed the long-distance walkers setting off soon after 7.30am and then they left for their Borley Wood four-mile walk, sponsored by other club members – raising £75 for Oxfam. The other early-rising club member, Tracey Wilson, was also eagerly making the most of the light and great photo opportunities as

the walk began.

There was a tremendous atmosphere at Chilford Hall and on the walks with everyone and their dogs enjoying the day, the company and the delights of seeing wild flowers and the occasional deer. June said: "We had a wonderful time, both with the photography and on the walk."

Although the weather was mainly cloudy, we came away with many pleasing photographs, and all members had a good day, made all the more enjoyable by the smiling faces of the walkers and the helpful volunteers en-route. These included many faces from Linton and even two old friends, John and Clare Neville who had travelled from Norfolk to marshal.

The next Camera club awayday on Sunday 11th June is a visit to the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory, near Barton. As usual, we will meet at 10am at Coles Lane car park
Mike Crofts
893619



One young walker doesn't let a gate stand in his way

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A splendid evening

THE Linton Music Society concert on 29th April by the Doric String Quartet, a young ensemble with an average age of 23 formed about seven years ago, provided a splendid evening of music making.

They opened with a vigorous performance of Beethoven's *Op 18 No 1 quartet*, followed by a lesser known quartet *Op 41 No 1* by Schumann.

This work opened in sombre mood but soon developed a warmer feeling and ended with a spirited *Presto*. Again the clarity of playing and sensitivity of the group was outstanding.

The second half of the programme was devoted to the last quartet of a group of six composed by Bela Bartok in 1939. A feeling of tragedy prevailed throughout the work offset by the vigour of the middle movements. This work was also very sensitively played by the quartet, the individual players displaying their enviable techniques to the full and ending with a breathtaking *pianissimo*.

The next concert is at 3pm on Sunday 4th June in St Mary's Church. The programme will consist of virtuoso works for the clarinet including the *Suite from the Victorian Kitchen Garden* by Paul Reade and Lovreglio's *Concert Fantasy on Verdi's La Traviata*, with Anna and Miyako Hashimoto, clarinet and piano.

For a brochure or concert tickets please contact 894460 or 897983

Mike Francis 891544

Tatty Bumpkin comes to Linton



Jacob Evans with his mother and Tatty

Picture by Shonagh Shipp

TATTY Bumpkin came to Linton village hall for a free taster session on Monday 8th May. The session was attended by nine children from 12 months to three years who all enjoyed standing by the giggle tree and laughing out loud. They accompanied Tatty on a jungle adventure, met a lion and monkeys, bounced on a gloomy cloud and flew with butterflies.

The yoga inspired classes are for children from 18 months to six years and use the unique Tatty Bumpkin doll, stories and props to stimulate imagination and physical play while improving flexibility, balance and confidence.

It was noticeable during the session that the confidence of the children grew throughout

the class especially for those who were quiet at the beginning.

The class starts with the bendy, giggly, clever and strong song, followed by a mini sun salutation. It then moves into an adventure with Tatty, relaxation and then a game or song before finishing with stickers.

Classes, which must be previously booked, start on Monday 5th June at the village hall and run until the end of term with the possibility of a couple of one-off classes through the summer holidays.

For further details on the classes or children's organic clothing which is also available, please contact:

Shonagh Shipp
01440 708809

Let's go fly a kite ...

THIS year's Ashdon kite festival will be held from 11am-5.30pm on Sunday 4th June in Waltons Park, five miles north-east of Saffron Walden. The full programme promises a great day out for children and kite enthusiasts and includes a variety of kites, rockets and even bows and arrows.

You will be able to pick up tips from Team Piscean, a husband and wife pairing who make as well as fly their kites.

The Friends of All Saints Church, who are organising this event to raise funds for church building maintenance, look forward to welcoming you.

Elizabeth Noakes

Teacakes at Tosca Cottage

TEA, toasted teacakes and cold drinks are on offer in the garden of Tosca Cottage from 10.30am-4pm on Saturday 10th June to raise funds for the NSPCC.

There will also be a garage sale, so if you have any good-as-new/unused items you wish to donate for the sale, or if you have items that you would be prepared to sell yourself (bring your own small table) and give a 20% donation, please call me at the number below.

For more information please call at Tosca Cottage, 28 Horseheath Road or contact:

Helen Bonney 894887

Reclaim your secateurs

IF you've lost your garden secateurs, a pair has been found in Mill Lane. Please phone 891544 to reclaim them.

Wendy Francis

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hot weather, poor security

THE recent heatwave saw much poor security across Linton. Cars left with their windows open and mobile phones, satellite navigation systems, and even laptops left clearly visible. Front doors were left open while people went down the road for a chat. Please, please take care with your possessions and secure your home, even if you are just visiting a neighbour. Keep us updated of any suspicious activity, vehicles (don't forget the registration number) or people. Keep in touch by phone, E-Cops, emails or contact our control room.

PCSO Dawn Brock, 07736085525

Problems at the farmers' market

BECAUSE Charlie Barker ran out of vegetables early this year and the weather was so dry, new ones didn't appear as they should and at the last market we ran out of vegetables! We have now managed to find a salad producer so there will be lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers etc. available in June. Please accept my apologies for the difficulty in getting someone local in place this spring.

Jan Lupton

Walking with Brownies

THE Wednesday Brownies are having a charity walk in aid of Milton Children's Hospice on Wednesday 21st June. We are walking to Hildersham and back and will be leaving Linton infant school playground at 6pm. Everyone is welcome. For further information, please contact:

Daphne Brazier 892276

Have a smashing time ...

A SUMMER fair will be held at Linton infant school from 12 noon-2.30pm on Saturday 24th June. There will be a bouncy castle, facepainting and hairbraiding, crockery smashing and a coconut shy. Refreshments include a BBQ and cream teas. Entry free. Details from:

Jane 07815 541233.

Lunch in the Garden

LINTON and District Save the Children committee invites you to lunch in the garden at Waverley House, Cardinals Green, Horseheath from 12.30pm on Wednesday 14th June. There will be a plant sale, gift stall and a prize for the most stylish hat. For more information and tickets, please call:

Anna Newton 891770

Car wash fund-raiser

LINTON fire station will be holding a car wash at the station from 10am-2pm on Saturday 24th June to raise funds for the fire service benevolent fund.

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The book festival - what a triumph

PIRANHAS, shadow puppets, a dancing mouse and a toilet seat with teeth – just a few of the attractions at Linton's first Children's Book Festival.

Spread across three sites and two days, the festival took place over the weekend of 6th and 7th May and boasted a wide range of free performances and workshops celebrating children's books.

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed the festival. We were particularly pleased to learn from your evaluation forms that every speaker and workshop was somebody's favourite!

Poet John Foster's humorous verse was especially popular, as were

Percy the Park Keeper creator Nick Butterworth and *Angelina Ballerina* artist Helen Craig.

Simon Chapman's hair-raising jungle expeditions were well appreciated by older children. Indefinite Article's puppet show *Pinocchio* was great fun, while *Spill the Beans* (Paul Cookson and David Harmer) brought events to a rousing finale, proving conclusively that poetry "is not dead, not boring".

The week leading up to the festival also had many highlights. Infant and junior pupils enjoyed special in-school activities, including an extraordinary day dressing up as favourite characters in a book. Other

highlights were the wonderful garden story times by members of Linton Gardening club, and those little 'favourite book' posters that sprang up around the village, allowing people of all ages to engage with the festival.

Huge thanks are due to all who contributed to an exciting and memorable event. The whole thing would not have been possible without the full support and enthusiasm of so many members of our community here in Linton.

A full report and photos of the festival and its events will be available on www.lintonbookfest.org
Linton Bookfest Committee 892977



Re-enactment of the Angelina Ballerina stories attracted many eager young dancers

Picture by Roger Lapwood



Enthusiastic crowds gather in the idyllic setting of Susan Anderson's garden in Mill lane for a story time session

Picture by Ron Pitkin

Story time in the garden

AS part of the Bookfest, members of the gardening club held garden story times in the week leading up to the festival. Blessed with wonderful weather, the children, aged from two weeks to 10 years, arrived straight from school, to be refreshed with juice and biscuits.

On Tuesday 2nd May, Jan Sheppard read garden related poems, including some by A A Milne, Spike Milligan and John Drinkwater, to an avid audience. This was followed by a hunt in the garden for bug stickers which were made into bookmarks.

On Wednesday, it was *Katie the Caterpillar* by Cicely Englefield at 3 Mill Lane, with breaks in the story to make caterpillars, snails, bees, spiders and butterflies which were all taken home.

On Thursday, Rosemary Harrison read *The Gruffalo*. The children followed a mouse on its adventures through the wood, meeting a fox in his hole, an owl who flew by an ingenious system of pulleys, a snake in a wood pile and finally the Gruffalo. This was followed by a search for animal shapes and an exploration around Rosemary's exciting garden.

Each afternoon was quite different, was fun for everyone and it was excellent to see familiar enthusiastic faces each time, as well as new ones.

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Linton's big picture show

THERE was a big response to the recent Linton exhibition with hundreds of people turning up to look at the history of the village in photographs.

Local history expert Garth Collard said that as well as the splendid turnout, a large amount of new and valuable material, mainly photographs, had been brought in.

"Keep the old photos coming" is his message to the people of Linton. "There's a treas-

ure trove of information waiting to be discovered in old pictures and family snaps.

"It's not just the people in the pictures, but also what is in the background – maybe an old shop, a house that has been demolished, or something relevant to village history that has long since disappeared."

More details of Garth's Linton history book, due in November, will be included in future editions. LNT

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Aaahn't they sweet



Karla and Riziki's new babies

Picture by Kim Simmons

THIS is always an exciting time of the year. After the drab and dreary months of winter it is wonderful to see that the gardens have burst into leaf and colour, the zoo is once again busy with lots of visitors and this is the time of the year when most of the babies arrive. On 19th April Deja and Mirko our Amur tigers became parents for the third time, this time a boy and a girl. Both mum and cubs are doing very well and we expect the youngsters to start venturing out from the safety of their nest very soon. On 7th May we were delighted that Karla became a mum again and very relieved that this time both Riziki and Karla are proving to be the perfect parents; just as well because I am not sure there is enough room on our sofa for four little lions! We are continuing with our programme of updating and modernising of

our big cat area and in particular the lion's accommodation to house our expanding lion pride. Other news is that we are pleased to report that Charlie our Crowned lemur has now been joined by a beautiful female "Talata" from Mulhouse zoo in France. The pairing is part of an international breeding programme to help save this species from extinction so we were particularly pleased that the pair took to each other immediately. Lemurs are seasonal breeders so we hope that the pair will breed next year. As part of our commitment to environmental education we will continue with an exciting and interactive programme of events and activities aimed at both adults and children. For more information please visit our website: www.lintonzoo.com Kim Simmons 891308

Only take official advice

ARE you a member of, or run or organise a local group? Do you have in your community a branch of the British Legion, Women's Institute or similar. What about a Friends' club, Luncheon club or perhaps an Over 60s group? Do you meet on a regular basis; do you have guest speakers from time to time? If so, you may be interested in having a member of your District Community Fire Safety team come along to talk to your group about fire safety in the home or anything else to do with the Fire Service. Any fire can have a devastating effect on those involved. A fire in the home, whether it results in injury or not, can have long lasting effects on all involved. Contact the Community Safety team on the number given below to discuss your requirements and to book a date. The service is free and is part of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's commitment to reducing fires in the home. Finally, we have in the past drawn the community's attention to pressure sales tactics used by some companies trying to sell fire extinguishers and the like. We have had two companies operating in South Cambs recently, one selling fire equipment and the other offering free electrical safety checks. A tactic often used by companies like this is to tell you that recent changes in the law require you to have a safety check, which they will do for free. Often such legislation does not exist; the catch is that they then often recommend equipment or work that may not be necessary and which is often very expensive. Please be careful and bear in mind the old adage: if something seems too good to be true it often is! The exception to this, of course, is the service provided by your Fire Service. For professional fire safety advice, contact us. It's free and without prejudice. We will also supply and fit smoke alarms, and even replace those over 10 years old, again free of charge to our residents. To arrange an appointment please contact me: Tony Hibberd, Trading Standards South Cambs Community Fire Safety team as follows: National Hot Line 376217, 08454040506 tony.hibberd@cambsfire.gov.uk

POT POURRI 18

WHAT is the area? Linton is expanding, and building is to occur on two pieces of triangular shaped land. Two sides of the two plots are 17m and 28m. However, the third side of each plot differs. Further, the two plots have the exact same area in whole number of square metres. What is the area and the length of the third side(s)? **Solution to No.17** Where to place the distribution centre? The warehouse should be placed at Linton. It seems counter intuitive, but the mileage will then be at a minimum. Urania

Charlotte's Chatroom

ON Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May Linton's Youth theatre held a performance of the musical *Annie*. Produced by Mark Long, with choreography by Sarah Lane and music by LVC's Mr Charlesworth, it was set to be a great performance from the start. With such a dedicated group of young people (ranging from year 6 to year 11) but little time to rehearse, it was safe to say things were tense at the last moment, but the entire cast pulled through to put on a great show. Youth theatre has been running for a few years now, and although it isn't directly connected with the school, Linton village college pupils are keen to take part in the productions, and the yearly performance is held in the school hall (last year they performed *Guys and Dolls* which was also successful for the drama group). Youth theatre only had a few weeks to rehearse until the opening night. Two of the main characters, who have just left Linton, were studying for GCSEs, so every rehearsal possible was crucial. With such a tight schedule a lot of us were unsure whether this performance would actually be worth putting on, but the cast were amazing. Although the entire cast was outstanding, a special mention has to go to Nell Corrin (playing Miss Hannigan), Ben Powell (playing Warbucks) who had to take some early GCSE exams whilst learning words, songs and dances, and obviously the star of the show, Charlotte Johnson. A pupil in year 7, she went to every rehearsal and was amazing on the night. On both nights the school hall was packed, and if you were fortunate enough to see the show you wouldn't be surprised at how well it went down. Youth theatre is starting its drama sessions again fairly soon. There is an initial fee to take part in rehearsals and shows, which is well worth the money, as I'm sure everyone who took part enjoyed themselves immensely.

Share in their exotic adventures



John at the tiger rescue centre

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shows are: "Life and Death on the River Kwai"; this is the western Thailand area of the infamous Burma Railway that claimed thousands of WW2 lives, including many soldiers from our region. We take a look at that, plus the beauty of the river ... and a remarkable tiger rescue centre run by monks. "The Red Centre"; a four-wheel-drive camper van, a heatwave where temperatures nudged 50 degrees Celsius ... and the arid centre of Australia. Uluru (Ayers Rock) ... the Valley of the Winds ... and the long rough road to Alice Springs ... an area so hot and barren that it was worth driving 30 miles for a slice of cold watermelon. Twice. "A point of gratitude"; Hindus celebrate Thaipusam - a spectacular festival giving

thanks to their gods. These images, from Singapore, show the religious and social aspects ... and follow the dramatic experiences of a family where a nine-year-old boy was undergoing his first 'spiking'. If you are interested in one of these image shows, please email us john.keeble@clara.net. John and June Keeble 894948



June with what appear to be tame tigers

Welcome home

HILARY Johnys is the new Welcome Home From Hospital co-ordinator. The scheme organises volunteers to help patients discharged from hospital who need short-term help to settle back home. The volunteers from Welcome Home help people just out of hospital in a variety of ways, by shopping, light housework or checking to see someone is OK. The scheme has been run for nearly 10 years and has helped thousands of people during that time. New volunteers are needed and Hilary would be happy to hear from anyone looking to do this rewarding work. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact: Hilary or Miki on 714433 email: whfh@lineone.net

Summer exhibition

FROM 9th June to 29th July the Darryl Nantais gallery is looking forward to hosting Tony White's solo exhibition for the first time. This is a long awaited show, his first for two years.



'Evening' by Tony White

For those of you who are not familiar with Tony's work - he specialises in print making; working on paper in the form of limited edition linocuts and lithographs. His new pieces include the use of watercolour and pastel to acrylic and oil on board and canvas, with his subjects ranging from semi-figurative to abstract. We anticipate an exciting and busy show! For opening times and more information please visit our website on www.nantais-gallery.co.uk or contact: The Darryl Nantais gallery 59 High Street 891289

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The Derbyshire Post

I AM sure that some of you will have seen my face peering at you from the front of other local newspapers in recent weeks. This is because the building work that commences this summer at the college has now gone public.

The project is being financed by Cambridgeshire County Council; LVC has been at the top of their list of development priorities for some time now and the fact that a lovely new school, The Granta, has been built alongside us, rather highlights the shabby nature of some of the 'add-on' buildings and mobiles that have enabled the college to expand to its current size.

What begins, therefore, is a gradual process of demolition, building, furnishing and decanting. The 1937 listed college building stays and will be used by community education, learning and student support. I am still keen to find Heritage funding for full restoration and the development of a college and village archive. The only other buildings to remain are the sports centre, the new block, which as its name suggests is relatively new and the business centre.

The first stage in demolition involves the removal of the existing Horsa building, currently used by community groups and then the timber framed Vic Hallam buildings which have "reached the end of their economic lives" as the county council politely describes it.

Building then begins on a new gymnasium, seven new science labs, new food technology suites, a new library and resource centre and a new ICT suite. Entrance to the college will be through a newly built reception area.

The design incorporates motifs from the Art Deco listed original, but also picks up the wave design of 'The Granta'.

The architects, Mouchel Parkman, are keen to provide students with indoor social areas and outdoor shade and shelter.

The county council is currently making a formal planning application and it is unlikely that work will reach completion until 2010. However, we are all keen to keep the disruption to students, teachers and community users to a minimum. Classrooms will not be emptied until new ones have been built (in other words we will avoid the use of temporary mobile accommodation as much as possible).

Children in current years two and three will inherit a brand new college campus. Lucky them!

Caroline Derbyshire

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- S/0796/06/F Dalehead Foods Ltd, Cambridge Road, Linton. Ingredients and packing store.
- S/0871/06/F Dalehead Foods Ltd, Cambridge Road, Linton. Proposed tray store, boiler room extension, lairage extension, stunning area and associated carbon dioxide tank, switch room, welfare building and carcass primal cutting line.
- S/0908/06/F Mr & Mrs D Tilling, 60 Balsham Road, Linton. Conservatory.
- S/0917/06/F Mr & Mrs Grigg-Pettitt, 148-150 High Street, Linton. Extension.
- S/0919/06/F Mr & Mrs G Jones, 10 Fairfield Way, Linton. Extension.
- S/0959/06/F Mr & Mrs Grigg-Pettitt, 148-150 High Street, Linton. Alterations and extensions comprising enlargement of window in hall to form glazed door, removal of window in study/playroom to create access to new single storey weatherboarded and pantiled extension for two additional bedrooms.

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The Way We Were

by Garth Collard

The Waggon and Horses Public House

THE Waggon and Horses public house is now the oldest pub in Linton. It was opened in 1838 by Henry Prior, the brewer in the Grip, to sell his locally produced beer. He paid £300 to purchase a group of buildings from the Linton Union Guardians of the Poor which included the local Task/Workhouse, the Waggon site and 10 other adjacent tenements used to house the poor.

The Waggon building dates from the early 17th century. There was once a Tudor task house for the poor of Linton located on the left hand side of the present car park area. This was replaced by a new workhouse in 1737 which cost £100. This building was used by the Shepherds Society until the early 1920s and can be seen in the photograph. Can anyone tell me when it was demolished?

The actual pub building had one entrance, two public rooms, stabling for four horses and could cater for two lodgers. Rural pubs and beer houses like the Waggon were allowed to open from 6am until 11pm

on week-days and Saturdays. Sunday opening was often contested by the church. Henry, Thomas and John Linsdell, the landlords from 1838 until the 1860s would have

found the Linton vicars very unco-operative in this respect and prosecutions for illegal opening on a Sunday were commonplace.

The Waggon catered mainly for local labourers and its reputation was on a par with that of the Dog and Duck. Drink was a serious Victorian problem and the clientele of the Waggon would have consumed enormous quantities of beer. The national yearly consumption figure for beer in 1890 was 34 gallons per head of the



A picture of The Waggon and Horses taken around 1900

Picture courtesy of the Cambridge collection

population.

One tragic incident from its history occurred in June 1866. A youth called Robert Shelduck stopped at the Waggon with his load of building materials and timber on the way to Haverhill. He went into the pub and later emerged to feed his horse, but unfortunately the horse bolted and Robert tried to hold on to the shaft. He fell off within a few yards and was crushed under one of the wheels. He raised his head and then expired.

Fatalities as a result of waggon accidents were commonplace and my own grandfather in Devon was killed in a similar incident.

Henry Prior sold all his pubs, including the Waggon and Horses to Christmas Breweries of Haverhill by 1906 and Greene King took them over in 1918. The pub prospered and achieved reasonable stability in its tenancies. The Cowling family were landlords/ladies from the 1890s to 1914, and Bennett Bradford and his wife Verena were licensees from 1914 to 1939.

A gale in December 1936 badly damaged the pub roof and further structural alterations were carried out in 1942, 1954 and 1960. The interior was refurbished in 1986 when the bar area was opened out, and the car park was enlarged in 1998. The Waggon and Horses is now a very successful pub which caters for all sections of the community. The exterior appearance has been considerably enhanced by the use of tasteful flower basket arrangements.

LINTON COUNTRY DIARY by Darryl Nantais

The cemetery tree

Illustrated by Maureen Williams

I SET off with zoo keeper Edga one evening, armed with lamps, to the cemetery grounds on a hedgehog - watch. Edga soon demonstrated his top notch tracking skills quickly locating a hedgehog run and nesting gallery. To watch this ancient spiny species running about is endearingly comical, yet tragedy only too often strikes when they get caught up in discarded plastic can rings. Please ensure you cut or break these up.

On the way home I pointed out a particular tree in the corner of the cemetery by Chalklands. Edga beamed with excitement explaining by the shadowy torchlight he believed it to be a very fine example of an evergreen called Chinese Juniper, *Juniperus chinensis*. Unfortunately its beautiful branches are currently barely seen and are in a stranglehold by a thirsty and leafy parasitical climber. Edga offered to release the juniper from its fate, retrain it and expose its magnificence.

The following early evening we revisited the tree but we had

a spectator. A few feet away stood a muntjac deer. Bynight-fall she was watching us again behind my studio backing onto the cemetery grounds.

Until my walk I never realised just how many fascinating trees and shrubs grew in those grounds. Edga named every single one in Latin!

One day I

and tried again and this time saw the old grey squirrel *Sciurus carolinensis* sitting on my garden table gathering nuts.

There's a lot of talk about the ridding of the likes of my little nut mad friend in an effort to reintroduce the native red squirrel *Sciurus vulgaris*.

Actually, many people



stood in my garden in the bright morning sunlight, closed my eyes and listened. I could literally hear the sounds of buds creaking and leaves unfolding. With a deep intake of air through my nostrils I could smell that sweet aroma from the nearby lilac, blended with a waft of oilseed rape. Opening my eyes I saw the world, fighting for fuel, battling for beliefs and dying for dollars! I blinked

prefer the greys as they tend not to move into the house uninvited, for if you have ever had red squirrels move in, you surely know what I'm talking about!

Until the time of the industrial revolution the white squirrel was common in America. Then, for reasons unknown, the hawks suddenly began picking them off one by one. Conservationists here fear the

red squirrel is disadvantaged by its colour for being more easily spotted than the greys! If our local kites and hawks have no problems spotting a grey mouse from over half a mile away, well I'll leave the conclusion to you, dear reader! However, there once appeared in my pond thousands of small fry where no adult fish had been before. What a visual delight with their shiny silver sides flashing in the sunlight as the shoals circled their way close to the water surface. Their origin remained a mystery although they might have fallen from heaven. Chances are the spawn was dropped or regurgitated by a bird. They fed on a plentiful supply of daphnia then one day I noticed there were fewer fish, and as the weeks passed fewer still, until eventually there were none.

Nature has a wonderful way of addressing itself. One great countryman, the late Mr Alfred Wesley of Steeple Bumpstead would say "If you cut down a tree, you cut down a picture".

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Parish Council Matters

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting of Linton Parish Council held at Linton Village Hall on Thursday 27th April 2006

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2005. The Chair apologised that the actual minutes from last years meeting could not be located. However the condensed minutes were agreed and signed.

Chairman's Annual Report.

First of all I would like to welcome you to the 2005/06 Annual Parish Meeting and thank you for giving up your time this evening, it is appreciated and as you may well note we are an isolated bunch of people dedicated to improving the village and maintaining it's charm. Only we seem to suffer from those that don't like what we are doing after we have done it and don't complain during. Why isolated you may ask?! Well at the last election some 4 years ago we drummed up support for an election, 15 of us were elected and we had to say goodbye to some of our colleagues. Sadly one of those is no longer with us. Also at every election time we hear of those who actually love being on the Parish Council, those who stay to see their projects through and those who say they would like to leave but feel a passion or a compelling urge to stay but, we are here for another term with four new councillors, one returning from a rest.

Now to the reason why we here, a round up of the years events. First the changes, we lost a member of the team who had been here for 8 years, Gill Barker. I went on holiday to return as Chairman and to find a new face as the Parish Clerk, Sue Parry who is still with us one year on. Therefore

you or we have not frightened her away. Yet another upset is losing her assistant earlier this year, this could have been the final blow but we have found a replacement so we are especially hoping to continue our relationship as Clerk and Chair. We also wish Dawn the assistant clerk well in her new job.

Having been the Chair, some 9 or 10 years ago, I was hoping to have an enjoyable time. Been there, done that, know the ropes so to speak, how wrong I could be! We suggested that the Clerk go and train to become a qualified clerk, although a good thing at the time, Sue came back with ideas and changes that had to be made. You can imagine 8 old hands, 4 not so old hands and 3 relatively new councillors are told by a new Clerk what we can do, and that we can't do it the way we have been doing it for 8 years. Not being dinosaurs we have been persuaded, perhaps reluctantly, to take on the changes and challenges, which really we have to do. The organisation called Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils (CALC) gave advice on protocol and legislation.

So what has been happening this year? The large-

cil did not carry out the project. We were in liaison with the County Council so all the fears and wishes of the local population could be put forward. I'm sure you all have your opinions as to whether they have listened or not and this can be seen outside, even the bits where they ran out of money.

We have also been watching what is happening around the village college both in the new buildings and on the road and traffic changes eg. the traffic lights.

This year has also been a problem or should I say nightmare as far as the Cemetery has been concerned. We have, in the past had a problem with the damage being done by the sap from the lime trees falling on gravestones. Added to this was councils concern for the state of the tarmac paths running around the cemetery. Then we were made aware of the problem of gravestones being unsafe due to a mortar problem. This has been a horrendous problem all over the country and although some councils have caused some relatives, who tend the graves, to be most upset. It is something we have been very aware of, we have been trying to contact the people who do look after a grave but it still leaves us a

We started the year with our police campaign, getting a police presence back in the village. But with the few problems this village



The new path leading to the Clapper Stile

Picture by Wiggles

faces it is difficult to get the police to spend time being seen within the village. This does highlight the problem that Linton does not, compared to other villages, require a great police presence, or is it the same reason that has been given for years - the police are too understaffed and there is too much competition from other villages.

A project by the last Chairman is the imminent replacement of Stantons Lane Bridge. For your information the dilemma surrounding the bridge is that it is unfriendly to the disabled and young families pushchairs, the bridge is too narrow. So if we did anything it would have to be within the disabled access guidelines. Clearly this was not possible so we have, through C^{llr} Bald and her hard work, secured a new 'off the shelf' bridge to be fitted this week. We wait to see the results.

Just for the record we had problems with some work carried out on the path up to the Clapper Stile. Although there was no problems with the work on the path, a problem arose from the fact that it rained as the work was carried out. Normally some of the longer serving members would have reminded

council that we do not normally carry out work in the latter months when it rains. We all forgot, so the skip was put on the recreation

and thank all councillors, who volunteer to give up their time for the village, many saving the parish considerable cost by using their expertise free.

The Chair then asked for any questions:

M^rFrancis was concerned that there was no 'Change of Priority' sign at the top of Coles Lane. C^{llr} Urwin replied that Cambs County Council (CCC) is aware of this and it should be addressed when the improvements are completed.

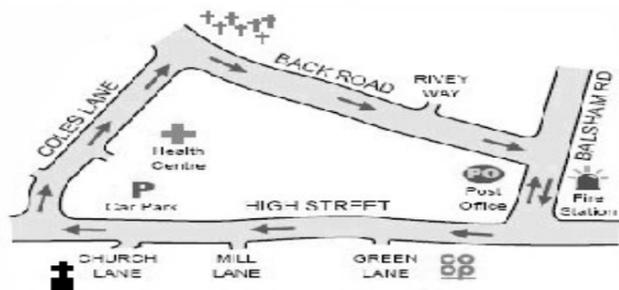
M^r Willingham will be writing to CCC regarding this issue.

Report from County Councillor

Highways - County C^{llr} (CC) John Batchelor thanked the Access 1307 Group, Steering Group, James Paice MP and the Parish Council for keeping the issue of traffic and issues relating to highways a priority. Although this has taken 20 years to achieve dramatic changes are now afoot. The pedestrian crossing for the top of the High Street will be delivered in July in conjunction with traffic lights at Linton Village College (LVC). Interactive signs are up and near completion. However the Bartlow crossroad remains a major concern.

Schools - The Special Educational Needs (SEN) School is still on schedule to open in September. There are plans to refurbish LVC and to replace the Vic Hallam buildings and mobile classrooms. There is a public consultation exhibition this evening. This refurbishment was agreed as part of the agreement to site the SEN school on LVC land and will cost in the region of £9m. This is a major investment and will be of great benefit to the area.

CC^{llr} Batchelor then asked for any questions: M^r Altham asked, regarding the A1307, if points were



The One-Way System - now permanent

est project must be the One-Way System, loved by some, hated by others, ignored by a most but it is here to stay. However you must remember the Parish Coun-

problem with unknown tenders. Doing anything to a grave without informing anyone causes an outcry, as other councils have found out.

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awarded for deaths and injuries as part of the points system for road improvements. CC^lr Batchelor replied, that although macabre the points system is slight injury, severe injury and death. However this is only one element of assessment and other issues are taken into consideration. The A1307 Group are working hard in partnership with Area Joint Committee, CCC, and SCDC to address the road safety issue.

M^r Willingham enquired about plans to locate a Park & Ride in Haverhill. CC^lr Batchelor replied that CCC are trying to encourage this shift to public transport use, but S^r Edmundsbury DC are not so enthusiastic.

Audited accounts for 2004/05. These were noted.

Unaudited accounts for 2005/06. These were noted.

Report from the Trustees of the Parish Charities. This was noted.

Report from the Trustees of the Cathodeon Centre

The Cathodeon Centre occupies premises originally constructed as the canteen and social club of the Cathodeon Crystals factory. It is run by the Linton Cathodeon Community Trust for the benefit of the village. The trust deed provides for the trust to be administered by five trustees, appointed by the Parish Council (three), County Council (one), and the local community (one). One Parish Council-appointed trustee is no longer a member of the Parish Council. The Trustees have met three times during the period covered by this report. In addition, a Users' Committee has met on three occasions under my chairmanship.

During the period covered by this report, the principal

users continued to be the Chestnut Playgroup and Linton Out of School Club (LOSC), who use the meeting rooms during the day from Monday-Friday. LOSC also uses the Centre during school holidays. In addition there are regular hirers on most weekday evenings and Sunday mornings. The premises are used for private hires on Saturdays. There are a few vacant hire times available. LOSC are able to use the adjacent library on certain days of the week, as does the Linton IT Group which uses the library service's computer equipment in the IT suite as well its own computing equipment. There have been some problems relating to the IT Groups use of library service equipment which are the subject of discussion at the moment.

The Trustees and the Parish Council are aware that some residents have felt that the play area is not open to the public as much as it should be at weekends, and that the spirit, at least, of the planning agreement which was a pre-condition to the permission for the Copperfields development has not been honoured in that respect. The Parish Council, with the Trustees' support, has decided to extend the hours somewhat, subject to suitable supervision and volunteers to open and close the gates coming forward.

The accounts remain satisfactory. However, it is important to remember that the Trustees are committed to ensuring that the sinking fund for future repairs gradually increases, and in fixing charges for the use of the building, the Trustees have sought to reflect the

need to raise sufficient income to cover long-term expenditure. Subject to that, the Trustees seek to keep hire charges as low as possible, with discounts for long term regular hirers. It remains the policy of the Trustees that common hiring rates should be charged to all organisations using the building without differentiating between them, and to review the rates charged with effect from 1st September in each year. Hire charges were raised in 2005 and will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Trustees.

Lastly, I am very pleased to report that the formal grant of the lease by the Parish Council to the County Council for the parts of the building used by the library service has been completed, at long last. This should help anchor the library service in the village for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees would also like to thank Sue Parry, our new Secretary, and George Glover, our Caretaker, for their commitment to the Centre's continuing success.

The Trustees continue to take an optimistic view of the Centre's future.

C^lr Gore, Chair of Trustees reiterated the fact that the lease of the building had been signed. He explained the importance of this lease which secured the public library until at least 2014 and shows what can be achieved if everyone works together. Any other business

C^lr Potter confirmed that there would be no poll as we only have 15 candidates standing for 15 positions on the Council. He thanked the outgoing councillors - Simon Alper, Sue Albrow, John Batchelor who has resigned as Parish Councillor but continues as County and District Councillor and Roger Hickford who resigned earlier in the year. He welcomed David Willingham, David White, Tony Krarup and John Linsdell, the new councillors.

M^r Francis asked to be kept informed as to when a speaker would be available to talk about the Linton floods.

Please welcome stantons lane bridge!

If you head down to the recreation ground you will see a sight that Monet would be proud of - a gently arched bridge over peaceful water, set against a background of trees. All we need are the waterlilies! Yes, the new Stantons Lane Bridge is in place. It took a year of planning and preparation, then 5 minutes work with a crane to set it in place....

The installation was not the end of the work. Brickwork needed to be completed, cables moved under the bridge, safety wings installed and pathways made good. A mesh is to be fitted behind the rails, as the gaps could be wide enough to be negotiated by a small child. Following delays in manufacture, it was decided that it was better to get the main structure into place and to have a serviceable crossing rather than wait for every aspect to be ready before installing it. The remaining work should be complete by June.

As ever, it took more work than bargained for - the crane could not be used to install the bridge whilst the poles and electric cables were there. The trees along the path needed to be trimmed to allow access for the crane - they also needed their crowns

lifting, so that work is only partly done. A dying tree was removed, but that could not happen until the cables were down. All jobs were interdependent, causing headaches for the Parish Council and Stephen McGee, the Bridges Project Manager, who organised the work.

However, the hardest part was getting the money! Many thanks to Claire O'Neil, Team Leader of Safer Routes to School, who provided most of the funding. Also to Stephen McGee, Gareth Guest, David Lines and the others at Cambridgeshire County Council whose departments provided much of the funding, and who were responsible for getting the work done.

LPC also provided funds

and support for the project, and our work is not yet done - a planting scheme will be proposed for the Autumn to improve the river banks. The weeds were deliberately left there following an heroic effort by our Tree Warden, Susan Anderson, and her digging team, to plant willow, dogwood and other saplings. Of the nearly 200 planted only a few remain; the rest were uprooted by vandals, so the weeds were left to protect the survivors.

It is hoped that an official opening event can be arranged to include the schools and other groups. So, lemonade rather than champagne....

C^lr Enid Bald



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Cathodeon Centre Playarea - opening hours to be extended, due to public demand

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A Sad Goodbye and Thankyou

AS Linton Parish Council reached the end of its term of office, 3 councillors stepped down from the council.

Simon Alper
Simon Alper had been with the Parish Council for the last 4 years after being elected in 2002. Simon undertook many roles within the Council, serving on various committees and working groups. Simon's expertise was on the Finance Committee serving as the Chair of that committee during his final year.

Sue Albrow
Sue Albrow worked at Linton Village College for many years and was able to keep the Council up to date with the community education within the village. In recent months she had also become an active member of the communications working party.

John Batchelor

John had served 8 years of Linton Parish Council. He served on various working groups and was also a member of the Finance Committee. John is currently our District Councillor, and in 2005 was elected as our County Council-

lor as well, so although he will no longer be serving as a Parish Councillor he will be a regular visitor at our meetings.

Can we take this opportunity to thank them for their time on Linton Parish Council and wish them all well in the future.

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