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Goodbye to our Editor



A team
presentation
to Wendy in
thanks for
all her hard
work.

Picture taken
by Julian

OUR Editor is finally calling it a day. After 10 years in the hot seat, Wendy Foster has decided it's time she and her husband Jim started having a bit more time to themselves.

She said: "We are both retired now and felt we wanted some spare time to see our grandchildren and to travel a bit."

"I've really enjoyed my time on the News because I've met so many lovely people and made so many good friends."

She and Jim have a daughter, who lives in Spain near Valencia and a son, who lives a bit closer to

home in Wendover.

The daughter in Spain gives Wendy an excuse for some regular Skype contacts and the occasional sunshine holiday although she says: "I am not too fond of the heat".

They have two grandchildren, a girl Maisie, who is seven and a boy, Josh, who is 17 weeks.

Looking back on her working life, Wendy said: "I knew when I was 11 that I wanted to be a draughtswoman and I went ahead with that dream and I've never regretted it."

"I worked through various companies and ended up laying out printed

circuit boards on computers. I helped to lay out the BBC computer when it was first designed.

After living in Essex, she moved to Banbury with Jim when they got married. Coming to live in Cambridgeshire was like coming home as the countryside is very like Essex. Also, as lovely as the Cotswolds are they are much too far from the coast.

"During all that time," she said, "my favourite job was working for brewers Bass-Charrington in the Midlands, where I used to visit the various pubs with the surveyor, designing extensions to those pubs. The

perfect job."

"My last career job was for Arcam in Cambridge but after 10 years, I was made redundant and ended up doing a three-day week for a small company."

It was then that she saw a notice in the Linton News asking for help editing the paper and the rest, as they say, is history ... Doing jigsaws puzzles on a regular basis is great fun.

Soon after joining, Alan Judge, a former sub-editor for the London Evening Standard, also joined the team and Wendy enjoyed learning new skills and, under Alan's guidance, changed/updated the paper to what it is today. It is now exactly 10 years ago this month that she took over at the helm with just a couple of short periods off when Stephane and Jen took over..

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Wendy will be a hard act to follow, but has promised to help me over the coming months as have other members of the Linton News Team.

Frances Armes, new editor



Linton
fireworks
in 2011

Picture
taken
by John
Buckingham

Dazzling display and sci-fi show

COME along to the Linton fireworks display which will take place on Saturday 9th November on Camping Close.

The gates open at 6pm so there is plenty of time to enjoy the pre-show hospitality. Hot dogs, beef burgers and bacon rolls are all available, as are mulled wine, teas and coffees and soft drinks.

This year our guy competition has a sci-fi theme. Dress up your guys as your favourite spaceman or alien, and bring them to the field any time during the day up to 6pm. They will be judged at 6.30pm and the bonfire will be lit shortly afterwards.

The main fireworks display will start shortly after 7pm. We will be setting them off to a soundtrack of music from sci-fi movies.

This is the twenty-fourth year in which we have put on a display. Last year we raised over £10,000 for local schools and it would be great to equal or surpass that amount this year. We are very grateful to Camgrain for generously sponsoring this year's event.

For safety reasons we cannot allow sparklers or any other fireworks through the gates. Glo-toys will be available. Parking is limited in nearby streets, so it would be really appreciated if local residents could leave their cars at home.

Advance tickets are priced at £10 for a family of five (two adults and three children) and £4 for an individual. They can be bought at Linton schools, Sweet Talk News, and the post offices in Linton and Balsham. Tickets are available online at www.lintonfireworks.co.uk as well.

Andrew Clark Email info@lintonfireworks.co.uk

Carers' away day

THE County Council's Carers' Support Team has organised an information and support day on Friday 11th October for the army of family carers working across the county. The away day is designed to give carers who support a family member or friend a chance to find out more about services and information and to have some 'me time' with a series of entertainment and exercise sessions.

The free event will include speakers hosting informal discussions about carer issues such as welfare benefits, health and social care services, Carers Trust Cambridgeshire (Crossroads Carers) services and legislation around caring for a vulnerable adult.

The event is being held at the Holiday Inn in Histon, and thanks to the venue, free access will be available to the hotel's swimming pool and gym facilities. Pamper sessions will include hand and neck massages, music therapy, art sessions, pilates or yoga classes, pedicure and toe nail painting.

The information stands will include details of the Alzheimers Society, My Health Time, Sensory Services, Assistive Technology, Trading Standards, Cambridge Regional College and Health Watch.

To find out more or to book a place contact Nancy Voak on 01480 373282 or e-mail at nancy.voak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Amanda Davies
Communications Officer

Flu clinics

FOLLOWING on from last month's information, there will be four clinics for flu jabs on Saturday mornings in October. You can book an appointment for a flu jab by ringing 892555.

Linton Practice Nurses

Too good for jumble...

OFFERED this month are a Hewlett Packard Deskjet 930C printer with set up disk and a pink security box with carry handle 11in high x 14½in wide and 8½in deep, both in excellent condition.

Still available are the mobile computer work station, top plus three shelves, 59cm wide x 51cm deep x 77cm high, the old set of imperial weights for balance scales, a black plastic dustbin, two fireside chairs needing covers and the patio heater table model Hi-spot Minitec with refillable propane gas cylinder 19in high.

The small washing machine made £30 for ACE and the compost bin raised £5 for Medical Aid for Palestine.

To buy any of the above or to offer an item to profit a charity, please contact katefrance@profsoundconsult.com or call 891602.

Please note the donor chooses the charity to receive the money.

Children invited to name Linton's new fire engine

CHILDREN from the Linton area are invited to name the village's new fire engine.

Youngsters up to the age of 16 are being asked to submit a name for the Linton Fire Engine, which will be displayed in the dashboard of the new appliance.

How to enter

Think up a name for our fire engine with a maximum of eight letters and submit it with your name, age, address, school and contact telephone number, for a parent or guardian. You must obtain permission from your parent or guardian before entering.



Linton Fire Crew with their new engine

Picture supplied by Leanne Ehren

Email this information to lee.allen@cambsfire.gov.uk by the closing date of 5th November 2013.

If you win?

The winning name will be picked by the watch commander and crew and then displayed in the fire engine. The winner will also take part in a photo opportunity with the fire-fighters and engine from Linton, either at the fire station or their school, to be publicised in the media.

Leanne Ehren
Media and Communication Officer
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Editor

Corrections

IN the article on Linton walking group in last month's issue we transposed the names for the walk leaders. Pamela Phipps was actually on the left and Sheila Bennett was on the right.

In the article on the camera club it stated that the camera club exhibition was on Saturday 17th October, when it is actually on Saturday 19th October.

Sub-editors still needed

THANKS to two volunteers we now have more proof readers but we still desperately need new sub-editors to assist the new editor.

See page 4 for more information.

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New butcher's shop opens in Linton

ROB and Clare Ashcroft with two of their four sons, William aged 19 and Matthew aged 22, are opening a butchers shop at 37 High Street on Thursday 26th September.

After 25 years in the haulage business Rob decided it would be a good time to change as their youngest son had turned 18 and was supposedly becoming independent. Clare, who works part time as a teaching assistant at Linton Heights and is already known to many Linton families, will continue to work part time at the Heights but mostly in the family business.

The family live in Horn

Lane. They said that when the shop at 37 High Street was offered for sale it seemed like the chance they had been waiting for.

Although butchery is a new enterprise, Rob and Clare are by no means new to the trade as they ran a small-holding in Cardinals Green and butchered their own animals, as well as undergoing further training at Meat Ipswich.

Rob is from a family of farmers. His grandparents farmed in Warwickshire and his sister is married to a farmer in Blythburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, and they will supply lamb for the shop. Free-range pork and chicken will be

on sale as well as locally produced riverside beef, conservation grazed.

There will also be a small delicatessen section including traditional produce - olives, pesto, humus and locally made pork pies, sausage rolls and a few cheeses, a selection of Italian and French meats and ham - plus a section of condiments.

The shop will be open from 8am - 6pm Tuesday to Friday and from 7.30am - 12.30pm on Saturdays. Orders can be booked by calling 894224 and further information is available on their website www.ashcroft-familybutchers.co.uk.
Kate France



The new Linton butchers:
Clare, William, Rob and
Matthew

Picture supplied by Rob Ashcroft



THE Friends of Linton Village College have taken over the running of the small cafe at the monthly farmers market held at the college.

Why not come down and support the traders supplying an array of superb local produce. Then when your bags are fully laden and your arms can't carry any more, sit and have a freshly made cup of coffee and a slice of cake.

The market runs every first Saturday of the month from 9am to 12noon.

Charlotte Foster

Friends of Granta school coffee morning

THE Friends invite you for coffee and cake at Rosemary Harrison's house at 41 Back Road, Linton, CB21 4LG on Tuesday 22nd October from 10am to 11.30am.

Lucie Calow, the head teacher, will be present to give you information on how the school enables disabled students to gain confidence, learn and achieve so much whilst also having a great time at school.

We would love to meet you whether you have a link to the school, are interested in supporting disabled kids or simply would like a cup of coffee and a chat. There is no need to RSVP but if you know you can attend please ring Joanna Harling on 01799 598046 or Rosemary Harrison on 891314 as it will help give some idea of numbers.

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Linton Granta playgroup receives outstanding report



Everyone having fun at playgroup

Picture taken by Ron Pitkin

STAFF and committee at Linton Granta playgroup are extremely pleased and proud to let you all know that they received an outstanding judgement from Ofsted following their inspection in July.

The dedicated committee members, managers and staff demonstrate exemplary team work. There is a thorough understanding of the children's needs and stage of development to ensure they all have equal opportunities to make the best possible progress.

We would like to thank the parents and carers of the children, both old and new, for their continuous support which is greatly appreciated and has played a big part in helping us to reach this outstanding achievement.

We still have a few spaces left so if you would like your child to attend please call us on 07806 744864.

Karen Thompson, Playgroup Leader



An update from Linton Infants school



WELL, here we are at the beginning of October and the summer holidays seem a distant memory. Everybody returned to school rested and refreshed ready for the challenges the new school year will bring.

We were delighted to welcome 59 new children to our foundation stage at the beginning of September, who all appear to have settled into school life.

We also welcomed Miss Emma Stinton and Mr Josh Turner on to our team. Emma is teaching a Year 1 class and has taken on responsibility for ICT and Art. Josh is a sports coach and will be teaching all of the pupils two hours of PE a week.

Over the summer break you may have noticed a change to our playground. The swimming pool was removed and the area sown to grass, ready for the next exciting stage of development of the outdoor learning environment. This is a long term project but one the whole school is looking forward to. Watch out for some good social events which will help us to raise funds for the development.

Our theme this term is a wet one. Foundation stage are focusing on water, with the year 1 and 2 children studying Life on an ocean wave. The school's corridors have been transformed into *Shark Alley*, a *Trip down a River* and *Beside the Seaside*, complete with beach huts.

Although we have only just got into this academic year, the admissions window will soon open for children due to start school in September 2014. If you are thinking Linton Infants is the school for your child we are holding open mornings for you to come and see for yourself. The sessions will run from 9.30am to 10.30am on Wednesday 13th November, Wednesday 27th November and Wednesday 4th December. The places on each session are limited so please phone the school office to book a place on 891421.

Mrs Louise Clark, Headteacher



Linton Heights endeavours to achieve Ofsted outstanding status

EXPECTATIONS are high at Linton Heights about the progress that we will make towards achieving outstanding status over the next two years. I believe that this is a realistic target as making progress towards outstanding is very different to achieving a good.

To build on the many areas identified as being outstanding during the recent Ofsted inspection, we will be working with the acronym ACE to remind ourselves about how we will continue to raise standards through exceptional teaching and learning at the Heights.

A – Aspiration – sensitive pace, keeping expectations high, leading to pupil excitement and eagerness to learn and progress

C – Clarity – clear expectations, structure and resources leading to all learners knowing exactly what, why and how they are learning

E – Engagement – lively, appropriate teaching approaches, with carefully chosen activities and well directed questioning.

Good quality continuous professional development for all staff will ensure that the quality of teaching and intervention continue to improve so that the pupils at Linton Heights achieve their very best and, at the very least, achieve better than expected progress from their individual starting points.

We will build on the many successes of the creative curriculum that we introduced last September and will continue to work very closely with parents, carers and pupils to ensure that you have a say in the issues that are important to you.

I look forward to keeping you posted on progress as the year progresses.

Jennifer Malone Headteacher

Linton panel meeting report

THE police panel meeting held on Tuesday 17th September at Linton Heights school was well attended by representatives from the various villages.

We were made aware of incidents of anti social behaviour around the recreation ground and in particular a report of vehicle noise in Meadow Lane. These were checked out by PCSO Chris Pulley and the area has been patrolled on a regular basis. There was also a report of three youths gathering in the cemetery on Back Road in late August. These youths were found there and one is due to receive a caution for the possession of cannabis.

Speed checks have been carried out in Hadstock Road where a total of 71 vehicles were checked and seven fixed penalty notices issued with three people receiving a verbal warning and one driver being sent a letter. Checks were also carried out in Balsham Road where out of 38 vehicles checked, seven drivers were issued with a fixed penalty notice for speeding. These checks were carried out between 7.20am and 8.45am. Drivers using the A1307 have been targeted for mobile phone offences and for not wearing a seat belt.

The PCSOs have continued to regularly patrol the High Street giving words of advice on several occasions where appropriate, to drivers parked on the double yellow lines and moving them on.

The priorities for the next few months are on road safety, parking on double yellow lines particularly outside the Co-op in the High Street and parking by parents at school drop off and pick up times. Letters will be going out to schools setting out the problems caused by bad parking at these times.

It was also reported that PCSO Chris Pulley will be leaving the team at the end of September and will not be replaced at this time.

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Dear Editor
In your last edition you carried an article about the Bartlow tumuli.

Please see left a photograph of the Bartlow Vase, which I saw on display in the Roman museum at Alnwick Castle in Northumberland. The vase on display is a copy. I believe that the original is in the British Museum. It just shows how widely the excavated artefacts were dispersed. Have your readers found any other Bartlow artefacts on their travels?
Stephen Bugg, by email



The Bartlow Vase
This is a cast of an ornamental bronze vessel known as the Bartlow Vase, the original of which was recovered from a Roman burial mound, at Bartlow, in Essex. The cast, one of only eight made, was presented by William Tweopen, a friend of the Fourth Duke, to the Duchess. The original is in the British Museum, London.

OUR THANKS

A thank you to local neighbours

Dear Editor
On Sunday 8th September, number 1 Crossways suffered a dramatic fire to a large garden shed. Claire and Chris Norris would like to express their thanks to all who assisted and anyone that offered kind words following the incident.

Many thanks
Chris and Claire Norris by email

Get ready for winter

AGE UK will again be offering free Energy Efficiency assessments and the installation of energy-saving measures to older people in this area. This will be funded through an award from EON to Age UK - well done to them for gaining this funding.

This help will be targeted to support those most in need, e.g. in receipt of a pension or benefits, on a low income, or having difficulty paying fuel bills. Perhaps you are aware of an older person whose house is poorly insulated or has inefficient heating - let us know, as Age UK might be able to help.

Please contact Mark Buckton on mark.buckton@ageukcambridgeshire.org.uk or 01354 696650. Mark will initially concentrate on supporting those most in need, but it is hoped that a further grant from the Department of Health will enable Age UK to support more older people.

This is another initiative from Age UK, who already work with ACE to provide a Community Warden to help older people live independently in their own homes - contact me to link to that support.

The next ACE event is on October 24th at the Church Pavilion, a Soup and Rolls lunch with Speaker Mary Dickon - a very welcome return visit.

Enid Bald 891069

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Midwives, a brief history



THE talk for September was by Mrs Gillian Pett, a community midwife with 20 years experience. Midwives now have graduate status and need three-four years training before registration.

In 1902 it became law that a certified midwife has to be called to a birth. Back in the 16th century a midwife simply had to take an oath undertaking, among other things, not to dismember a baby, substitute one baby for another or use sorcery.

Some slides showing childbirth over the centuries, from the birthing stool to today's birthing pool, astonished our members. Pain relief in the form of gas and air was first introduced in 1881 and Queen Victoria used chloroform. Pethidine was introduced in the 1940s.

Gillian showed us several interesting articles midwives used to take to home births and related hair raising incidents. On one occasion, when attending a woman in labour, she was stuck in a toilet when the door handle broke and she had to climb through the fanlight. Other notable births were on a landing, in a wardrobe and on a narrow boat on the River Cam.

Gillian told us the increase in midwives has not kept up with the increased birthrate and there is now a serious shortage.

Our donation will go towards training midwives in Africa where infant and mother mortality are shockingly high. Gillian is a supporter of the charity Stand Up For African Women.

At our next meeting we will be having our harvest supper, which is for members only.

Sally Proberts

A sensational new season

AFTER a wonderful summer, the nights are drawing in and so it is time for the Gardening Club's new season which starts with the AGM at 7.30pm on 8th October in the village hall. This year the AGM will include a photographic close up quiz prepared by Ron Pitkin and Roger Lapwood. On 12th November the humble spud is highlighted as John Walker seeks to broaden our view of this mainstay of the vegetable patch. On 10th December Lian Watkin will bravely demonstrate how to make gorgeous Christmas table centres, whilst helping volunteers to make their own arrangements.

2014 brings Andrew Sankey to walk us around Sissinghurst, Vita Sackville-West's famous garden, via a slide show with emphasis on style and stunning colour combinations.

On 14th January he will highlight how this wonderful garden came about and what makes it so special.

Rodney Tubbs joins us on 11th February with *Gardening then and now*. Compost then becomes our focus on 11th March with Mr Coop from Westland Compost. For our meeting on 8th April Bryan Thurlow presents *The Perennial Mr Potter*, which recounts his 50 years as a gardener in Suffolk.

At the season's final meeting on 13th May, Deborah Hart will demonstrate how to plant fabulous containers and hanging baskets. We look forward to welcoming you to join us for another lively season of talks, which all start at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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

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Only dates for clubs and groups will go in.
You may also send an email with your event details to diary@linton.info, or use the form on www.linton.info.

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

WEEKLY

Cricket practice sessions, Sunday, 1pm & Thursdays 6pm	LVC
Conkers childrens' centre, 9.30am-12.30pm, Wed-Fri	CC
Whist drive, 7.30pm Mondays.	VH
Chestnutbaby/toddlergroup, 9.30-11.30am Mondays term time	CC
Linton Granta football bingo, 7pm Mondays	Pavilion
Linton theatre workshop, Mondays (call Joe 01440 703701)	
WEA, Tuesdays, 10am, term-time	VH
Scrabble club, 10am-12noon alternate Tuesdays	CP
Linton Granta toddlers, 9.30-11.30am Tuesdays	LVC
Granta bridge club, 2pm Tuesdays	VH
Table tennis club, 7.30pm Tuesdays	URC
Linton chess club, 7.30pm Tuesdays (893509)	CC
Granta duplicate bridge club, 2-4pm Tuesdays	VH
IT club, 7pm Tuesdays	CC
Tots in tow, 10-11.30am Wednesdays, term time only	VH
Bowls roll-ups, 2pm, Wednesdays until October	Pavilion
Linton radio race car club, 6-10pm Wednesdays	VH
Carpet bowls, 7.30pm Thursdays	VH
Bumps to babies, 1.15-2.45pm Thursdays	CC
Parents, carers and tots Mocha house, 9.15-10am Fridays	CP
St Mary's church choir, 7-8.30pm Fridays	St Mary's
Bridge club, 7pm Fridays	CC

For sports centre courses please call LVC sports centre on 890248

OCTOBER

3 Linton Lunch club	Red Lion, Horseheath
3 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
4 LVCC Race night, 7.30pm	Infant school
5 Farmer's market, 9.30am	LVC
7 Camera club, 7.15pm	CC
8 VIP Group, 2pm	Chalklands
8 Storytime, 2pm	Library
8 Gardening club, 7.30pm	VH
11 CC carers support meeting day,	Holiday Inn Histon
13 Light House club, 10.15am	URC
15 Storytime, 2pm	Library
15 History society, 7.30pm	VH
16 CAMTAD, 9-12noon	HC
17 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
19 Camera club annual exhibition, 10am	VH
19 Concert, Kings Taverners, 7.30pm	Hildersham church
20 Linton walking group, 11am	Church Lane
20 Messy church, 2pm	St Mary's church
22 Storytime, 2pm	Library
22 FOGS coffee morning, 10am	41 Back Road
24 Aces lunch, 12.30pm	CP
24 Granta Grapevine AGM, 7pm	Chalklands
26 Community Hub celebration, 11am	CC
31 Bright and light party, 5pm	URC

NOVEMBER

2 Farmer's market, 9.30am	LVC
4 Camera Club, 7.15pm	CC
5 Storytime, 2pm	Library
5 WI, 7.30pm	VH
6 Reading group, 8pm	VH upstairs
7 Linton lunch club, 12noon	Red Lion, Horseheath
7 Parish Council meeting, 8pm	CC
9 Fireworks display, 7pm	Camping Close

For Cathodeon Centre bookings contact Sue Mudge, 07765 369266

KEY: CC Cathodeon centre, CP church pavilion, D&D Dog and Duck, HC health centre, LH Linton Heights school, LVC Linton village college, RG recreation ground, URC United Reform church, VH village hall

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GRANTA Grapevine, Linton's talking newspaper, will hold its 22nd AGM on Thursday 24th October at Chalklands Community Centre. Doors will be open at 7pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome and refreshments will be provided. Granta Grapevine provides a spoken version of the Linton News and an audio magazine every month for those who are partially sighted or have difficulty reading.

We have a large quantity of talking books on cassette which have been kindly donated to the group. They are now available to anyone who enjoys listening to talking books, whether sighted or not. No payment is required but a small donation to help support the group would be appreciated. You can find out what titles are available at the AGM or online via our website at www.grantagrapevine.org.uk

We are always looking for help producing the talking newspaper. So we would welcome anyone who would like to join our friendly team.

If any of our listeners require assistance with transport to the meeting, or you would like to help us and require further information, please call me on 893619 or see our website.

Mike Crofts

Fifth annual dangerous dads charity bike ride



Linton Heights headteacher, Jen Malone, receiving a cheque for the school

Picture supplied by the Dangerous Dads

ON Saturday 18th May, a peloton of 16 Dangerous Dads set pedal for what has become an annual tradition, an all day cross country sponsored bike ride to raise funds for local charities.

Over the past four years we have raised nearly £7,000 for the likes of Linton Granta Playgroup & Toddlers, Chestnuts Playgroup and towards the refurbished under-eights playground on the recreation ground.

This year we chose to raise funds for the new library project at Linton Heights Junior school. It proved to be our most dangerous ride yet, with the injury list from our 53 mile off road journey including a broken arm, a broken collarbone and a small hernia. Dangerous Dads indeed.

The collection of sponsorship is complete, and I am pleased to confirm that we exceeded all expectations and raised over £2,500 towards the library project.

Ian Webb, Linton Dangerous Dads

It's shoebox time again

IT'S time to be thankful for all we have and to help underprivileged children by giving them a shoebox of goodies, which will be the only Christmas present they receive. As a representative for Operation Christmas Child please will you invite me to give a little talk to your group or club, or if you would like to invite friends to your home, I can come there.

This is such a special way to give a very personal gift at Christmas and there are lots of ways you can take part.

I can help you organise a shoebox packing party, which is great fun for large and small groups.

You can make your own box up or you can donate the following items: toiletries (not liquids), stationery, toys, hats, scarves or gloves

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For more information please contact Penny Cook, 892203 email prcook@talktalk.net 47 Mays Avenue, Balsham.

Penny Cook

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Andrew Westwood-Bate, 892430 or email on a.westwoodbate@gmail.com

Linton library – summer reading challenge



Children collecting their awards from the reading agency

ON Saturday 14th September medals and certificates were presented to young library users who successfully completed the Summer Reading Challenge.

The challenge is a national initiative from the Reading Agency which encourages children from four to 11 to read at least six books during the summer holidays.

The books they read can be anything from stories to audio books as long as they are borrowed from a library. The aim is to keep up children's reading skills and confidence over the school break.



Pictures by Roger Lapwood

creatures. Each week participating children collected a creepy scratch and sniff sticker for their personal folder and they also had the opportunity to attend a creepy craft session.

In total 100 children completed the challenge this year and most of them turned up on Saturday to collect their medals. Congratulations to all those who took part,

Marjorie Smith
District Library Manager,
South Cambridgeshire
Libraries Archives and
Information
07810056850

This year the theme was Creepy House and Linton library was decorated to match, with bats and other spooky

2013 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Remembrance day poppies

Pictures supplied by Dave Brooker

AS an ex-service man of 22 years service, I answered the call over three years ago to an advert in the Linton News to help out the organiser, Laurence Kidman, with that appeal. Last year, Laurence handed over the mantle to me and very kindly guided me through my first year as the local organiser. Hopefully you will see him outside the Co-op collecting for us this year.

As the 2013 Poppy Appeal approaches, I am looking for volunteers to help my already established team from last year's appeal. Last year the volunteers collected £2,773.96 from our community and we



would like to thank you all for your donations.

If you are a shop or business in the village and did not have a collection box last year please let me know and I will try to remedy this. If you have a few hours to spare between Friday 1st and Monday 11th November and would like to help this very worthwhile appeal, please contact me on either 891097 or at dbrooker7951@mail.com

Dave Brooker

The Linton News needs your help

Sub-editors required

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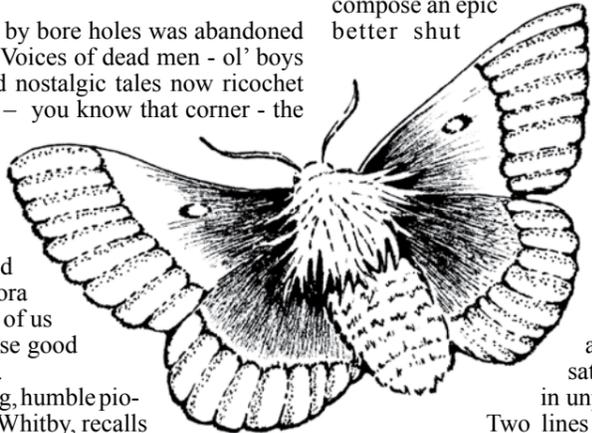
Dear discombobulated

CLIMATIC change, flood, drought or man's intervention created our current and periodically lugubrious river. For centuries, crisp clear waters lashed a bed of chalk and flint, yet in my own lifetime I've watched our Granta wither. Occasionally swelling to forge a new course it hollers and struggles like blood in furred arteries carrying goodness to vital organs, such are the forests and fields.

A project to increase flow fed by bore holes was abandoned due to localised adverse affects. Voices of dead men - ol' boys once sat in our village pubs told nostalgic tales now ricochet into the diary. "I tell you Darryl - you know that corner - the one that gave you that six pound trout - it were over ten feet deep then! Us lads played and swam there every summer". Well - I'm unconvinced about 10' yet t'was certainly deeper than today, and true as I sit here, fauna and flora once did flourish - the like many of us have never known. See here, those good ol' Linton boys are not forgotten.

Today our very own fund raising, humble pioneer and seasoned traveller Jean Whitby, recalls how in 1937, summertime were days spent paddling at The Island. So, in a hundred years time, perhaps our hundred year old children will bathe in deep clear pools, free of broken glass and our cries were not in vain.

Well! Before I continue sounding like a time lord, apparently diary words have caused a little discombobulation, for which



I do not apologise. Self defenestration from lofty prelaetical heights of the metaphorically and implicitly incomparable Diary castle is not an option! What? Precisely - I assume t'would be like those unmentionable five minutes of fame pop stars writing songs restricted to - white keys only? Yet! In future trust such ingredients are for a fine fecund feast. Or - 'If a chap can't compose an epic better shut up' Merci, William Morris.

That sorted - last month gave me butterflies as I tumbled madly in love with moths as fine weathered evenings brought forth such an array. Nota Bene - Darryl holding inspired thoughts for another day's diary about daytime moths such as the Oak Eggar, or my favourite camouflage expert, Chalk Carpet. And, Wow! What a humdinger of a salubrious summer. Trees seasonally laden with walnuts, apples and hob nuts (rich in monounsaturated oils) and blackberries and sloes in unparalleled abundance.

Two lines from a poem by John Clare (1793 - 1864) entitled *Autumn* I thought, aphoristically appropriate for the strange equine quiescence in the local meadows. "The fallow fields glitter like water indeed. And gossamers twitter, flung from weed unto weed". I say to the lovely folk of Linton until next month, with a sharp intake of breath. "Patch up them shed roofs".

Music Matters! are moving house

LINTON based music group Music Matters! which was established in 2007 by Emma Mason, is moving home after six years at Linton village hall.

The classes will be in the Strictly Dance Studio, on The Grip Industrial Estate.

Emma's classes use an engaging mix of songs, actions, rhymes, movement, stories and dance.

Music Matters sessions are run in small classes, and pre-booking is essential.

The new classes will run from Thursday 7th November for a block of five weeks.

If you have children aged between 12 months and five years, there are house warming taster classes planned for Thursday 24th October.

Come and find out why Music Matters at Strictly.

For more information contact Emma on 893140; music.matters@virgin.net; www.facebook.com/musicmatterslinton
Emma Mason

Cathodeon Centre celebration day

ON Saturday 26th October from 11am-1pm we will hold a celebration at the Cathodeon Centre to welcome it into the local area as a Community Hub.

Events will be taking place for the whole family ranging from Rhyme Time in the library, to interacting with children's book illustrator Marion Lindsay and making your own collage in the Community rooms.

Linton Bookfest will be present and there will be story time and activities for the under fives in Conker's Children Centre rooms.

This will also be an opportunity to find out what else takes place at the Cathodeon Centre.

We will be having a ribbon-cutting for the opening and this will be done by our guest of honour. Please look out for the posters that will soon be displayed in the village showing the timetable of the day.

For more information call Debby Jepps, tel 893594

Debbie Jepps

Autumn 2013 course at Linton WEA

WE welcome Wendy Barnes who is going to tell us all about A Brave New World - In 17th Century Virginia.

This is the story of the people who left England behind them to build a new life and a new country that eventually

became the USA.

The 10 week course will start at 10am on Tuesday 8th October in the village hall and will cost £45.30.

We also hope to have a course visit, and we look forward to you joining us in

this special year for the local WEA.

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Quiz night at LVC
THE Friends of Linton Village College are to hold a quiz night at 7.30pm on Friday 15th November at Linton Village College to raise money for the refurbishment of the school hall.
Tickets costing £8 per person include a fish and chip supper and are available from school reception or Charlotte Foster. There will be a bar.
Charlotte Foster 890270

WEA biennial conference
THE national WEA biennial conference and AGM is being held in Cambridge over Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October at the Cambridge Corn Exchange, you are invited to attend the sessions on 11th October - If you would like to know more, please contact Andrew on 892430 or info@lintonwea.org.uk or visit www.wea.org.uk/conference13

Dramawise

Oliver Kellar and Tamsin Kerslake, both at LVC, in a performance at the Edinburgh Fringe
Picture supplied by Frances Wyse

OUR Seniors won both the Sawston and Cambridge Drama Festivals with Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. They presented an open-air performance at Granta Park and then presented a week of performances in Edinburgh, that gained them a Show to watch from the Fringe. At the end of June they presented a production of *The Boyfriend*.
Our Juniors performed a new musical entitled *The Rats*.
One of our tutors, Mark, will be spending the next few months playing the professor in the hit musical *Dirty Dancing* in the West End. We expect to welcome him back in February.
Many of our students will be taking English speaking board and LAMDA examinations in November, we wish them well.
In February, Dramawise will be opening a dance school in Sawston with the same high standards as our drama classes. Ballet, street, modern and tap will be available from specialists for eight to 16years. Watch out for the dates and venue.
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SO the new term is upon us and once more the college has excellent results to celebrate: 95% A*-C (which is a new record) with a third of those grades at A/A*. The class of 2013 had worked hard and performed well in almost every subject and the community should be proud of them – particularly because, in partnership with their parents, our local schools have turned out another batch of charming, intelligent and highly employable young people.

Our only disappointment this year was the English results: we have been hit by national grade boundary changes for two years in a row and this year, the slightly higher number of children sitting on the C/D borderline in English were affected by the change in the way that other local schools were hit last year – only 69% achieved A*-C including English, which compares with the 70-80% we have enjoyed in previous years. It continues to be frustrating that grade boundaries are being used to rationalise national standards but at the expense of year groups of children whose results would have qualified for higher grades in previous years. In contrast our science, humanities and arts results were spectacularly good with very many subjects achieving the 100% A*-C pass rate.

On a separate note, let me introduce our new Community Business Manager to you. Here he is in his own words.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

and introducing Matt Bailey

MY name is Matt Bailey; I am the new Community Business Manager at Linton Village College.

As Community Business Manager my remit is a broad one that includes the management and coordination of the adult education programme, extended schools programme and management of the community sports centre.

LVC is the hub of the community and as such aims to provide exciting and affordable activities to further knowledge, skills and wellbeing. My aim is to build upon what the college currently offers by introducing more choice, more value and more for you.

However I would like to know what you think and encourage you to feed back what you would like to see offered in the way of adult education, after school activities and fitness classes. I would also like to hear of any issues, suggestions or ideas you may have regarding the delivery of the provisions we offer.

All comments will be both gratefully received and seriously considered. Please feel free to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same – I want to hear what you, our community, have to say.

Over the coming weeks I will be organising a user meeting where the community will be invited to come along to LVC in order to discuss ideas and suggestions.

In the meantime I would encourage you to either email me at matt.bailey@lvc.org or write to Matt Bailey, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JB.

I look forward to working more closely with you over the coming months.

Matt Bailey, Community Business Manager



The Way We Were

By Garth Collard

142 High Street – site of the old Dolphin Inn

IN 1600 this site stretched from the High Street to the Beeches and extended from the gardens of the Green Lane cottages to the whole of Granta Vale and was owned by Philip London. To the rear was the two acre orchard, Dolphin close, the main house was the Dolphin Inn in 1675.

Over the centuries the Dolphin Inn expanded and in the 18/19th century it was the venue for the Barham Manor annual wood feast given for all the Barham tenants. In 1803 the feast cost £8.17s listed as plums, currants, butter, cheese, eggs, milk, bear, beff, bread and flower.

By 1815 the premises were rented as a market garden and a shop by William and Robert Gimson, who owned the house now called The Retreat



1920s Crossroads with Coach and Horses on left. On the right, Dolphin cottages by Granta Vale.

Photo supplied by Garth Collard

in Market Lane, as well as the land in Joiners Road where council houses were built in the 1920s. The Gimsons owned the thatched cottage, 148 High Street, on the left hand side of Granta Vale.

The Gimson's were gardeners, nurserymen and florists and well known nationally as horticulturalists. In 1828 William was awarded the silver medal for his produce display at the London Horticultural Show. He exhibited roses, tulips,

anemones and peonies. In addition he showed grapes, melons, cucumber, apples, plums and vegetables. A tulip, which won first prize, was named after our village of Linton.

By 1840 the Dolphin Inn was closed and divided into three cottages. In the 1940s the middle cottage was occupied by Tom Wright, the village and town crier and bill poster.

The small bungalow at 138 was built in 1932 by Mr F Morley who owned the bakery

on the corner of Bakers Lane which is now a hairdressing salon. A new storey was added to this bungalow in 2005.

In 1955 the cottages were demolished and much of the rubble was moved into the cellar of the old Inn. Derek Meeks built a bungalow on the site and laid his front lawn on top of the rubble.

After Betty Meeks' death earlier this year, the bungalow was put up for sale. I understand it has been sold, subject to contract, to a local developer. I believe the bungalow will be demolished and several homes built on the site.

Please note: It is with regret I am resigning as chairman of the History Society. I am still available for enquiries and information. Garth

Aztecs had a great fun day and gained a new sponsor

THE annual Aztec fun day football tournament held in September at Linton Village College proved very successful. Over 70 teams from the surrounding towns and villages attended, with age groups from U7 to U17. Players, families and children all enjoyed the day and the weather was also supportive.

The annual fun day is our main fundraising event enabling the club to provide football to many boys and girls. With children's development, safety and welfare at the heart of our club, these funds also support our volunteer managers, coaches and helpers to train and achieve minimum football association level one

coaching, safeguarding and first aid courses.

It looks like another record fun day event for funds raised. I would like to give a special thanks to the Aztecs committee and many volunteers, referees and ATC who gave up their time to help and make this day a pleasure to manage, as many hands made light work throughout the day.

More than ever the village came out in force to support their local junior football club. Over 1,000 people attended the event and we thank you all for this wonderful support.

Please keep an eye out over the coming year as we look to do further fundraising events. Your continued support is much

appreciated and helps keep our local junior football club healthy and the envy of many.

Peter Hounscome, Fundraising Chairman

LINTON AZTECS Under 8 Blue Team would like to thank Julie & Jo's Childcare (Linton) for funding and sponsoring their football kit for the season.

Julie and Jo can be seen pictured with the Under 8s team, alongside Lee Jaeger (Manager and Coach) and Tony Wells (Assistant Coach).

Julie Dixon said "I am proud

to be sponsoring the team, as I know the importance of children participating in physical activity and am pleased that I can play a small part in supporting this and wish the team good luck for the season ahead".

Julie has also taken the promotion of sport a step further with the recent addition of her husband to her child minding team. Tony Dixon, a fully qualified PE teacher, will be helping Julie and Jo to build on the children's physical development by their regular participation in physical activity.

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Picture shows the Aztecs Under 8 blue team proudly wearing their new kit supplied by Julie & Jo's Childcare

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Parish Council Matters

The thin blue line that is getting thinner

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IT is my turn to write the article for Parish Council Matters. Although I knew about this requirement many months ago, as usual I left it to the last minute. It would be interesting to have feedback from our readers if they find these articles serve any useful purpose.

By the time you read this article Linton will have one PCSO less. Chris Pulley has resigned with effect from 22nd September, after nearly 10 years service. Since I was appointed as the police liaison councillor three years ago I have had quite a lot of contact with him and Leanne Fisher. He will be a great loss to Linton as he was very keen, enthusiastic and was always willing to look into problems that were brought to his attention. This applies to Leanne also.



PCSOs Chris Pulley and Leanne Fisher

I would like to thank Chris on behalf of the parish council for his services to Linton and wish him every success for the future.

From a personal point of view I was disappointed he has resigned, as a former police officer I would have been more than happy to have worked with either of our PCSOs on operational duties. I met up with Chris after I had been informed he was resigning to establish why he had thrown in the towel. At present there is a review being conducted as to the future role of the PCSOs. Rumours abound, but no one has given the PCSOs any information concerning their future or job security. Chris has previously made three applications to join the Constabulary as a police constable and these were not successful. I found this difficult to believe. Basically it would be fair to say that with all the uncertainty, he jumped before he was pushed. When alternative employment was offered to him he took it. I believe senior management should give the PCSOs some reassurance and in Chris' case they should have tried to persuade him to reconsider his resignation. They didn't. Ten years of experience lost.

The lack of a police presence in Linton is unacceptable and this encourages anti-social behaviour. Recently there were two night time burglaries at the Co-op with a substantial amount of goods stolen. With lack of police coverage criminals know the chance of being caught is remote. It is not unreasonable to suggest that with more cut backs there will be even less police coverage available for Linton. Our PCSOs also have responsibility to patrol

several other surrounding villages, in addition to dealing with all types of emergency calls.

I do believe that in view of the amount of money that Linton contributes to the Cambridgeshire Police Service through our council tax we should have a much better service. Our PCSOs would then be able spend more time patrolling in Linton. I have calculated that Linton's payments are in the region of £300k per annum.

Recently police officers had at blitz on speeding motorists in Hadstock Road. A total of 91 fixed penalty notices were issued and many verbal warnings given. These were for speeding, not wearing a seat belt and one for using a mobile phone. For several days the residents could exit their houses without putting their lives at risk. This was arranged by our PCSOs. Now motorists have reverted back to their old habits and are disregarding the speed limits. I tried to have Hadstock Road revisited but unfortunately there are many other areas requesting police to enforce speed limits on their roads. Recently our PCSOs organised for speed surveys to be carried out in Balsham Road, Back Road and Horseheath Road. The results were staggering with over 50% of motorists exceeding the speed limit by over five miles an hour. The surveys also revealed the excessive number of vehicles travelling through Linton to avoid queuing traffic and hold-ups on the A1307. Whilst it is not a consolation, other villages are also complaining about vehicles speeding through their villages with drivers using them as a 'rat-run' to avoid the A1307. Whilst there is no good time for motorists to exceed the speed limits the worst time is when children are leaving their homes to go to school.

Whilst on the subject of road safety I would ask that parents taking their children to the Infant School discourage them from using scooters and bikes on the pavement in the High Street. The pavement slopes towards the road and it is also very uneven. Even with the best of intentions parents do not have any control over their child when riding a scooter as they are some distance in front of the parents and their child will be going downhill quite fast. We do not want a fatality in the High Street, even though there is a 20mph speed limit in the High Street motorists are ignoring it.



Care needs to be taken on our narrow pavements

Pictures taken by Sue Parry

Last year the post of police and crime commissioner was introduced. Offices have to be supplied and paid for, together with all the supporting staff. I am sure that like me many residents

would have preferred this money to have been spent on employing extra police officers to patrol the streets and make them safer; Linton especially.

The police service has always been a political football. The politicians state crime is down despite the reduction of police officers. I would challenge this statement as this is not how the general public view crime and disorder. Many victims of crime shrug their shoulders and say: "It's a waste of time reporting crimes because there aren't enough police to deal with investigating crimes." Also there are people who have had property stolen, and they are reluctant to report these thefts because if they make a claim on their insurance their premium will be increased the following year and they would be unable to change insurers, as one needs five years without making a claim. Many car owners prefer to have criminal damage to their car repaired privately rather than lose their no claims bonus. A couple of months ago I needed to report an incident and went to Sawston police station and it was closed. How do people report crimes? I accept that phoning 101 can be used but this is unsatisfactory and impersonal as most people would prefer to speak to someone face to face and be given an assurance that the matter will be dealt with.

If we are to get better police coverage I would ask that all those residents who are concerned by the reduction in the police presence in Linton write to the parish council expressing their disenchantment.

There have been problems regarding illegal parking outside the Co-op whereby delivery lorries have blocked off Green Lane because they were unable to park outside the Co-op. Representations have been made to the Co-op and the manageress has arranged for their deliveries to be made between 7am and 8am whenever possible. There will only be one drop each day. Unfortunately the Co-op has no control over other deliveries but these will be smaller deliveries. Hopefully this will go some way to resolving the issue.

Parking in Linton is the source of many complaints. The parish council is considering hiring a traffic warden and to share him/her with other villages. The feasibility is being investigated and we would like to know your opinion on this. Please address your correspondence to David Champion at the parish council office. I will collate them and pass them on to our county and district councillors to make representation to the police and crime commissioner.

With the reduction of buses from outer villages more cars are parking in Linton all day and the drivers catch the bus to Cambridge. These cars prevent local residents accessing some of the local shops particularly elderly residents trying to collect their prescriptions from the chemist.

My idea to solve the problem of motorists using Linton as a 'park and ride' would be to make Linton a 'residents only parking area'. This is not the policy or the views of the parish council. The whole area would have waiting restrictions between 12noon to 1pm. The enforcement is much easier as police/PCSOs can do a sweep of the area and issue fixed penalty notices. The restrictions would also act as a deterrent. Residents bays would have to be created and marked out and permits issued to those residents and their visitors who wish to park in the prescribed area. These are solely my views on how to solve the problem of long stay parked cars.

Perhaps if all the revenue collected from payments from fixed penalty notices or even some of it were given to the police funds, this could be used to improve police efficiency. Police are fully aware of the problems of speeding and parking but they do not have the resources to enforce speed limits.

Cllr David Champion

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 1st August 2013.

Present: Mrs E Bald (chairman), P Poulter (vice chairman), D Champion, Ms E Cornell, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, R Hickford (county and district councillor), S Hill, B Manley, Ms M Mannassi, G Potter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Mrs K France (press) was also in attendance.

Disclosure of interest: Cllrs Champion and Poulter declared a non-disclosable pecuniary interest under allotment land item.

Cllr Hill declared a personal interest under the allotment land item as a member of the allotments association.

Update on proposed allotments site: It was confirmed that the previous decision to undertake compulsory purchase should be upheld. The process would progress following the guidelines already received and the Diocese advised of this. A letter received from the Diocese of Ely had stated that 'if the parish council was to support some housing development on part of our field and if that persuaded South Cambridgeshire district council to approve it, that might generate sufficient capital that we could donate allotments to the allotments society for free.' This decision was not within the parish council's remit and the land in question had already been rejected for development as it was outside the village envelope.

Consideration of alternative suggestions for use of the local council tax support scheme funding: Mrs T Coston had suggested the extra emptying of litter bins. Report from clerk referred.

Cllr Cornell requested that the project to commemorate WW1 be removed from the list. She would be standing down as a councillor with immediate effect. She explained that as she was passionate about social history and in particular WW1, she would focus her attention on this project, working alongside the parish council. She would also continue to be part of Access A1307. A vote of thanks was given and her resignation accepted with deep regret. Cllr Cornell left the meeting.

Improvements to the river were added to the list for future consideration.

Proposed bus stop improvements: Cllr Hickford explained that the county council had identified Cambourne, Sawston and Linton as villages to receive funding for improvements to bus stops. Cambourne's had been rejected but Sawston's had been successful. This had resulted in extra cash for Sawston and Linton and therefore it was now possible to upgrade two bus stops in the village. A new bus stop with a shorter but wider lay-by would be installed at Parsonage Way allowing buses to turn more easily into Bartlow Road. This would alleviate traffic hold-ups as the buses would be able to pull off the road. The county council owned the verges and it was hoped that very little open space would be taken up.

The lay-by at the Swan would be extended slightly towards the village sign making it easier for buses to pull in. The bus shelter would be enlarged with one opening and turned at a 45° angle to the road. No additional car parking would be provided. The county council had granted this funding and the village should be embracing the offer. A consultation would take place when the draft proposals had been finalised. Cllr Wakley confirmed that often several buses arrived simultaneously eg the CRC student bus, and the 13A and 13B if they were late. A larger lay-by would allow them all to pull in so as not to hold up traffic flows at peak times.

A request had been received from the county council for clarification on the orientation of the bus stop at the Swan. A 45° angle was agreed although there were still reservations regarding the design of the shelter as this did not meet previous advice received from the police.

Update on pavilion refurbishment: Cllr Manley confirmed that an application for a grant of £50k from Sport England had been successful.

A request from Mr J Palmer to reallocate £1000 from the pool project fund (income from the Wacky Races) to the pavilion refurbishment budget had been received. Discussion took place

and it was noted that this money was credited to the Linton Area Pool Project (LAPP) fund. The parish council had no control over this fund. It was agreed to investigate further.

Update on parking outside the Co-op: Comments regarding parking in the High Street had been received from PCSO Fisher. A letter had been received from the manager of the Co-op confirming that most deliveries were taking place between 6.30am and 8.30am and ambient chilled and frozen food was delivered in one lorry. There was no control on deliveries from other suppliers.

It was reiterated that lack of enforcement regarding illegal parking outside the Post Office, Sweet Talk News and the Co-op was the main problem. Cllr Champion would investigate costs of a traffic warden. After much discussion it was agreed to pursue the project for a loading bay outside the Co-op omitting the bollards. Highways to advise.

Consideration of the renewal of the lease on the Glebe Land: It was felt that the current terms of the Glebe land lease were too onerous for the benefit gained. Cllr Cox proposed that the lease be relinquished and notice be given. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Champion. Cllr Hickford proposed an amendment to the proposal that the Diocese be contacted to express our concerns and suggesting possible stewardship. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Wakley and agreed by the meeting. The initial proposal would be allowed to lapse pending outcomes.

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ABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 5th September 2013.

Present: Mrs E Bald (chairman), P Poulter (vice chairman), D Champion, Dr B Cox, Mrs S Dew, R Hickford (county and district councillor)(arrived at 8.45pm), S Hill, B Manley, G Potter, K Wakley, Mrs A Walker, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry (clerk). Three members of the public were also present.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mannassi and Wilson. Mrs K France (press).

Disclosure of interest: Under the allotments update item Cllrs Poulter and Hill declared a non pecuniary interest.

Chairman's comments: The chairman congratulated Dale-head Foods on their recent very successful Charity Fun Day which might become an annual event.

Public participation: A resident of Market Lane requested clarification of parking in the small cobbled area in the High Street. It was confirmed that this area, formerly the Market Square and now owned by the parish council, was a public car park predominantly for shoppers to use. It was possible to park eight cars there if they were parked responsibly; two of the spaces were allocated to the residents of The Old Reading Rooms. A sign could be erected confirming that this was a public car park and the council would admit no liability for any damage to vehicles parked there.

Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August: Under the pavilion refurbishment item it was confirmed that the treasurer of the Linton Pool Project had been contacted but no response had been received.

Consideration of Bidwells proposal for development at

Linton east (strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) site 318): It was noted that all the sites suggested by Bidwells for development were outside the village envelope, the proposal was in breach of South Cambridgeshire district council (SCDC) policy S7. The sites had been evaluated by SCDC through the SHLAA process and none were considered suitable for development. Current infrastructure could not support 400-700 new homes and would change the character of the village. Planning advice from SCDC stated that under the provisions of the currently adopted plan and the new local plan, Bidwells proposals could not be supported. Changes to road junctions were necessary for the development and their benefits would have to be weighed against the disadvantages of development, and would be paid for through levies imposed on that development.

Only one councillor spoke in favour of development. The council did not intend to meet with Bidwells at this stage and had not encouraged them to submit proposals. A response would be sent confirming that they could not consider these proposals on the grounds already stated.

Update on proposed bus stop improvements: Cllr Cox stated that Cllr Hickford had been incorrect in indicating that the brick culvert, revealed by the hole in the road opposite Sweet Talk News some years ago, was the responsibility of Cambridge Water Company. They did not supply water to the village until the 1930s and the brick culvert revealed had been of 19th Century or earlier construction.

Update on pavilion refurbishment: Cllr Manley reported that the tree had been removed and Mrs Anderson (village tree warden) had been invited to choose a replacement tree. A grant application to Budweiser via the Football Assoc. had been submitted.

Update on parking outside the Co-op: Cllr Hickford reported that the county council had agreed to the installation of a loading bay without bollards. The remainder of the funding was available to spend on other engineering works in the vicinity. The pavement on the corner of Balsham Road could be extended with changed priority. Several accidents had occurred here when cyclists had mounted their bikes at the start of the one way system and set off in the opposite direction crossing the Balsham Road junction. The pavement could be extended opposite the junction with Church Lane by the footpath to Coles Lane car park. This would protect both pedestrians and buildings.

Cambridgeshire county council and winter gritting: The proposed gritting routes had been received. It was noted that Wheatsheaf Way was on the green route so would only be gritted after five days of bad weather. Cllr Hickford reported that he had requested that this be included in the primary route group. Council supported this request. Mrs Howells, a volunteer gritting resident, was thanked for her help.

Written reports: Open spaces: Cllr Bald reported that the block of garages in Palmer's Close had been demolished and were to be rebuilt like for like. Residents had only been advised five days prior to this commencing; the parish council had not been advised at all. Cllr Hickford had investigated and found that this project had been ongoing since 2008/9 but no one at SCDC had brought this to the council's attention.

Update on neighbourhood plan (NP): Cllr Poulter reported that Hildersham parish council had agreed in principle to work with Linton to formulate a NP, subject to a clear statement of the costs and time commitment involved. It was very difficult to calculate either of these. It was agreed to guarantee a figure of £3 per head to a maximum of £600 for Hildersham. Bartlow parish council would be invited to the initial meeting.

Correspondence received for consideration: The SCDC costs for emptying the litter and dog bins had been received. Cllr Potter proposed that SCDC be retained to empty the litter and dog bins until Mr Tofts returned to work. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hickford and resolved by the meeting.

Council supported the proposed sale by SCDC of land adjacent to 70 Balsham Road.

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