The Olympic torch is lit for Jess

Arrived but it wasn’t until two weeks beforehand that I allowed to tell anyone. It became really exciting when the uniform Trust. Issy’s own fund raising at the college raised £500. The team comprising Katrina Bass and Issy. They trekked 96 miles over seven days in appalling weather conditions with constant rain and gale force winds, which the girls battled through without complaint. The walk raised £18,000 on Just Giving for the Bone Cancer Research Trust. Issy’s own fund raising at the college raised £500. The team plan to walk part of the Pembroke coastal path this year.

“Mum applied for me to be a torch bearer last year but it wasn’t until December that I knew I was definitely doing it. We weren’t allowed to tell anyone. It became really exciting when the uniform arrived but it wasn’t until two weeks beforehand that I knew I would be in Haverhill High Street,” said Issy.

Like other torch bearers she was concerned about the weather. Just before it started it was pouring with rain. “When we were driven round the course there was hardly anyone about but when we were dropped off at our starting places a great crowd had appeared and the sun came out,” said Issy. She had just three minutes for her run, with the crowds, including her friends from the college, cheering her all the way.

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Successful weekend for St Mary’s fête and flower festival

The weather was kind, the preparations came together, families and friends converged on St Mary’s church and Camping Close and the fête and flower festival provided a weekend of entertainment for all.

The church opened on Friday morning to a glorious display of flowers. From Greek origins to the modernity of the 2012 Olympic Park, every aspect of the Olympic legacy has had great coverage with great creativity by volunteers ranging in age from three to ninety.

On Friday evening Camping Close rang with the music of traditional country dances as nearly 150 people of all ages enjoyed the great barn dance, held, not in a barn, but in a large marquee generously donated by Trevor Page. A barbecue and bar provided excellent and much needed refreshment.

Saturday brought the traditional dog show and fête, with stalls, amusements, refreshment and entertainment for all. This would not have been complete without the teddy bear parade, horse jumps and, despite an unfortunate accident with a horse, a very good year for St Mary’s.

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**AZTECS JFC Funday**

On Sunday 2nd September, Aztecs JFC will hold the annual Funday at LVC. This is a major fundraising event for the club, and will include a mini tournament for over 70 teams from the Cambridge area. There are also lots of other activities planned including a fun run and various stalls including a cake stall. Please come and join us on this Funday.

Aztecs JFC are pleased to announce that we have won a Grow the Game Grant from the Football Foundation. This grant will be used over the next three years to help fund the training of our mini soccer teams. We are also currently registering players for the 2012-2013 season and would welcome any boys or girls to come along and join us. For more information please contact Jeanette Long, Club Secretary jeanette@yahoocom or Malcolm Peters, Chairman malcolm@instantemail.co.uk

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**LONGBorough**

Long long ago in a far off land lived a boy called Joseph…

The gospel will tell us that Joseph’s story was not without its ups and downs, and jealous siblings, being sold into slavery then becoming Pharaoh’s right hand man in the land of Egypt. Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams of a time of plenty and finally reconciliaton with his lost family.

Activities will include sand and crafts, taste and smells, songs, prayer and headdresses for all. Come and see the magnificent coat.

A warm welcome will be given to all.

It starts at 10.30am at the URC Free Church Horn Lane, just over the bridge from a raft of stalls to hunt, and finishes with coffee.

Julia Burdett

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Don’t be fooled by this phone scam

THERE is a new charity scam on the horizon, whereby criminals call you pretending they are calling on behalf of a charity.

They then request you sign up to a monthly donation direct debit to make regular payments. However, when asking them to confirm the name of the charity and its contact details the line goes dead – a clear sign you’ve been dealing with a fraudester.

White-collar criminals regularly call people to try to raise more money, unfortunately, fraudsters have been copying this method to try to take advantage of people’s goodwill.

But I am supposed to have outgrown such anthropomorphic ideas because I am knowledgeable, so I shall have to say that the climatic conditions are conducive to precipitation low pressures are dominating the country there is no room for the heavy showers it will continue.

It is not nearly so satisfying as accepting that ancient being the Rain god in person.

Barbara Joy O’Brien

Our thanks to Barbara for a very topical poem in view of the recent inclement weather.
Dear Editor,

As another Old Girl, I feel it unfortunate to have such negative and inaccurate responses to the Chairman’s report. It was part of a very positive, lively meeting, and not the Parish report but the Chairman’s report containing (as ever) personal views some of what has been achieved.

This summer, I think it is safe to say that three councillors from the 2002 election, but those put ting themselves forward at the following election (15 stood for 15 places) were returned unop posed and with the benefit of one councillor. It is no surprise that in 10 years there will be considerable turnover, especially noting the age of many of us at that time some have died, left on health grounds, moved away etc. A group left for political reasons, the Parish Council is no place for party politics.

The Parish Plan (PP) was an achievement and remains useful for local actions, but was an achievement and remains politics. I hope that all children who did not get to see her toys para chute from the tower were compensated by seeing the impressive array of emergency vehicles and apologise to everyone else for the general disruption caused.

Finally, thank you to the mystery person who kindly undertook what must have been the unpleasant task of laundring my hat and then returning it to me without ringing the doorbell and giving me the chance to thank her/him in person!

Andrew King

Vice Chair, Parish Council

Readers write...
BUSY mum of two, Nina Dye, recently celebrated a decade of running her successful men's hair salon with a complete decor make over. The contemporary masculine style fits perfectly with the relaxed atmosphere and as there is no need for an appointment, you can chill out and read the papers with a complimentary coffee until your stylist is free. Her handpicked experienced team provide an excellent and friendly service.

For younger boys there are toys and books to compliment the fantastic kid's corner decorated with scenes from Disney's Cars 2.

IN August 2012, the RSPCA of Linton announced that the annual Gala and Garden Party was not hopeful – rain, clouds, cold and winds were expected. Typical for a British Summer Solstice, in fact. But nothing deterrred the ACEs and we went ahead, with contingency plans including parasols to double as umbrellas, and stalls set up in the garage. In the end, we were lucky, and several people said it was raining when they left home but not at the party. Someone loves us.

Melanie Murdoch, of AgeUK, was there to inform and advise on their services. We also had representatives from the emergency room in Linton, and the Linton Fire and Rescue Service.

The weather did affect numbers, but we still managed to serve cream tea with strawberries to over 40 people, including several welcome new faces. The raffle had some interesting prizes, although not the fish-net stockings of last year – sorry. The next event will be at 12.30pm on Thursday 9th August at the Church Pavilion. The winner will be Mary Dicken on Suffolk quotes and their legacy. So that we show no bias to women, we will be having a Ploughman’s lunch. Mary also runs a different ACE – find more out at the meeting. All are welcome, lunch is included if needed.

Nina (front) and her staff
Picture by Jason, Elite Wedding Photography

Nina, Carl, Laura-Jayne, Nicola and Sue look forward to giving you a warm welcome when you next visit.

Apolgies from The Linton News for the old ad which appeared last month by mistake. Below are the correct opening hours and you can log onto the new website to find any other information you might need.

Nina would like to thank all her customers for their continued support and her team of Carl, Nicola, Laura-Jayne and Sue look forward to giving you a warm welcome when you next visit.

Linton playground upgrade project update

In April I wrote an article in the Linton News outlining the project I had initiated, with the backing of Linton Parish Council, to fund works for the under-eight playground on Linton Rec. I am very happy to announce that we have been successful in raising the funds. So far a total of £14,953 has been raised.

This comprises generous donations from Linton Parish Council (£2,000), The Charles & Mary Anderson Trust (£850) and AmeeyCefa Community Fund (£12,103), managed by Cambridge Community Fund (CCF). In addition, the Dangerous Dubs cycling group of Linton carried out a sponsored bike ride. Close to a further £1,000 will be raised.

I wish to wholeheartedly thank everyone who supported our project (in particular Roger Hickford, Emal Bald and Sue Parry from the Parish Council for their continued support of the project). We also had support along the way from Rev Richard and Chestnuts, the Heads of the infants Church, the Heads of the infants school, junior school and college. Chestnuts Playgroup and several individuals – many thanks to all of you.

Funding for this project has been ordered and should be installed towards the end of August. We will have several new items of equipment: a roundabout, a truck (themed play area), a bird’s nest swing, balancing beams and a puzzle piece for very small tots. Look out for posters around the village for details of a forthcoming opening day. Alternatively please check for new developments (Linton Playground Upgrade) or email davidwalkerlintongrounduprade@gmail.com. David Walker

The Life of Things: Joanna paints from the heart

THE Life of Things is an exhibition of acrylic paintings by Joanna Harley inspired by the lyrical ballads of Wordsworth and Coleridge. It is showing at the Exchange Gallery, Saffron Walden Library from 14th August-6th September.

Joanna finds inspiration in her immediate surroundings: the fields and copes, her garden and kitchen at Rose Cottage, Radwinter. She enjoys capturing the energy and joy of the moment in nature – the abundance of wild honeysuckle, the Rose Cottage grape harvest, the blue haze of a bluebell wood.

Joanna was born and brought up in Linton where her mother Rosemary Harrison still lives. Her elder son goes to the Granta School and has Fragile X syndrome, which is a genetic fault affecting the brain, causing learning difficulties and acute anxiety. She has helped her son overcome the stresses and strains on a mother of a child with special needs.

As a lover of literature as well as art, Joanna has found the poems of Wordsworth particularly inspiring. They highlight the effect of the beauty of nature in helping to cope with life’s challenges. She is often moved by the observations and critica...
McKenzie and the mystery of Snail City ...

SETTING off like Arthur Co- 
nan Doyle characters, loaded 
to the teeth with lamps, sup- 
plies and cameras, with John 
Cole, natural world enthusiast 
investigator, was a treat to 
behold.

We sped, splashing through 
puddle to muddy stream bank 
by Pocket Park and the old pond. 
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heated but also the disturbingly 
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Katherine McEwen lovingly 
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Steven Austin
IN 1739 Edward Hawkes, a baker and linen draper, lived at 23 High Street, part of which has been split into bed and breakfast, timber, plaster and thatched barns and land situated in the Barlow. Barlows Road, from the present day Finchams Close to Oron Lane. Edward died in 1793 leaving his 13-year-old daughter Mary as his heir. Four members of the Congregational Chapel were named as trustees for Mary, including Thomas Davy, farmer at Hadstock, Philip Clark and John Nunn, both Linton farmers and Abraham Fincham, a local builder.

Six years later 34-year-old Abraham married 19-year-old Mary and the farm then became known as Finchams. (It was then common practice for such advantageous marriages to take place.) The couple had three children, Abraham junior, William and John. By 1840 when both parents were dead, Edward was the owner. His two brothers were left two dozen bolster pads and pillows. Edward ran into debt and was forced to sell the farm to Pembroke College for £500. He had asked for £1,000 but the college replied that it was a ridiculous sum.

The farmhouse reverted to two-timbered and was used as farm labourers’ accommodation. Frank Foskett Pembroke let Finchams Farm either as a part of the Rectory/Church farm or as part of a Great Barn estate. Until the late 19th century the fields sloping down to the river were known as Lamb Fair Close, named after it in about 1864.

FINCHAMS FARM

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who was pictured with us holding our trophy. We are now back to Linton from England with a medal each. We were the victorious team. Picture supplied by Tony Kelly.
Emergency planning meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd October in the village hall

ON the 13th June tragedy struck when arsonists attacked Chilford Hall and razed it to the ground. The feeling this provoked in both the young and old members of the village was one of devastation. The importance of the venue and the love that the village felt for the historic barns is something that the Alper family should be very proud of and I know many of us were very frustrated that there was nothing they could do. Later the same month most of the village were left very concerned after an accident at the flower festival. Thankfully for both incidents the village was supported by our wonderful emergency services that did an excellent job for which both local and national. Obviously we need to consider flooding which we know has happened before. Should the parish council purchase a supply of sandbags? If so a suitable place to store them needs to be found. But there are so many other considerations. If the village flooded on a weekday just how would we get the children home from the village college? There are many scenarios that need to be looked at for all kinds of emergency. We need to keep records of medical experience and the skills of people in the village who would help in an emergency. We need to look at any specialist equipment such as tractors, diggers and although we all have mobile phones if these all went down does anyone have any form of radio communication?

We are therefore looking for people to help with the formation of the village Emergency Plan and to be plan holders who could react and help in the event of an emergency. We are holding a meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd October in the village hall and would like to invite members of the village, and closest surrounding villages, (young and old) to help formulate a plan that would protect us in the event of an emergency.

Cllr Esther Cornell

To di-verge...

HOW many times have we driven past a road verge full of wild blossom, or glimpsed a shy flower as we walk past, only to find on further investigation that it has been cut? The drivers haven’t had a chance to set seed, and gradually the rarer plants disappear, to be replaced by more invasive species. Currently the highways department cuts most verges three times a year for safety/visibility reasons. Unfortunately they tend to cut at just the wrong time – in wildlife terms. However, road verges can be designated as ‘Protected Road Verges’ (PRVs) if the timing of the cuts aims to control the more vigorous/weedy species and to allow the rarer plants to be seen. These are cut twice a year, the timing of the cuts aiming to control the more vigorous/weedy species and to allow the rare plants to flower and set seed before they are cut.

In Linton, we have a PRV along Back Road, designated because it contains indicators of chalk grassland, such as Common Knapweed and Lady’s Bedstraw. But there are other plants that we might see – Meadow Crane’s-bill, Eye-bright, Orchids, Ploughman’s-spikenard, Adder’s-tongue Fern, Drop-wort – such names! But no Dtheryodas here – that is special to Durham.

If you could produce a record of the plant species on a particular verge that you think might qualify, do let the parish clerk know. This site has information on designating a PRV and the species of interest: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/natureconservation/default/roadverges

Cllr Enid Bald
The same applied to the area at the junction of Granta Vale and opposite the Post Office was still 30mph and motorists should automatically make it a taboo topic and interest, and just because something was political did not participate. Recently Linton had a great tradition of high turnouts and also future works and long term planning.

The chair replied that he had acted on advice received from the monitoring officer. The chair commented that he felt important to identify verges that should be protected. Cllr Bald be reduced to two cuts per year so that plants could seed. It was him of four cars driving too fast after leaving the pavilion on a problems had been encountered. A key safe had been purchased with some of the lime and other trees identified at her meeting Hickford would investigate.

Under the promotion of local business item, Cllrs Mannassi and Hildersham and Bartlow with the fire service and interested residents, to create a local that would work and be effective. Hildersham and Bartlow for residential development). It was agreed to contact permission for residential development). It was agreed to contact had received a response to council’s letter dated 23rd May from Keith Mannani, the policy manager at SCD&C regarding the lack consultation. The letter would be scanned and emailed to all.

AABBREVIATED minutes of the meeting of the parish council held at the Cathedrone Centre on Thursday 7th June 2012. Under the agenda: item 1: New business: The蹿註冊 commuting time on the A1307.

There had been several reports of distraction burglaries in the area including an unsuccessful one in Finchams Close. The increasing crime rate had prompted the action of a lot of graffiti and damage to vehicles - was discussed. Cllr Champion would speak to the police.

Chairman: Cllr Batchelor had given a written report detailing the changes to the 19 bus service. Report from the district councillors: Cllr Bear had given a written report detailing the July 1st public consultation on how SCD&C progresses plans for housing and development in the area up to 2031. Difficult strategic decisions have to be made, for example - what to do with the Cambridge green belt, where should most new housing be placed and should it be a new settlement or town, as well as the numbers of houses to be built.<ref>Chairman asked whether council support this and would much greater account of the views of local residents so it was important.</ref>