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A GRAVE CONCERN



Mike Gee tests the stability of a gravestone, checks found that 79 were loose and four were very unstable.

Photo by Roger Lapwood

TO comply with Health and Safety regulations, three members of the parish council's cemetery committee recently 'topple tested' grave stones in the cemetery.

Modern headstones tend to be designed to sit towards the back of the base. Although they are usually very heavy, the adhesive or dowels used for installation are apt to dry out or rust and the headstone becomes loose on the plinth.

Mike Gee started checking memorials last autumn but stopped when one fell on his leg. Enid Bald and Esther Cornell checked the headstones with Mike in January and were shocked to find 79 of those tested were loose, and four very unstable. One had to be laid flat as it was dangerous.

"I was devastated that anyone, without my knowledge, would take action or lay flat a family gravestone," said Esther who has a number of relatives buried in the cemetery. However she admits that if the stones topple with a gentle push from her, they could cause a serious accident, particularly for an elderly person holding onto the gravestone to balance while bending to tend a grave.

Tampering with gravestones is, understandably, an emotive issue. To try to resolve the problem, parish councillors would like relatives of the deceased to make themselves known to the parish clerk by calling 891001 or visiting the office in the village hall.

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What a difference!



Pam Kenyon and David Parry-Smith compare notes on the restored organ.

Picture by Dr Bruce Conochie

M^{RS} Pam Kenyon was guest of honour last month at an organ recital in S^t Mary's church. The organ last received attention in 1968 by EJ Johnson, organ builders, and they have carried out the recent substantial cleaning and restoration of the instrument. The repairs were funded by Pam in memory of her husband, Philip, a former assistant organist. The work was required because of the deterioration in the functioning of the organ through accumulation of dust and dirt as well as periodic water damage.

The present director of music, Dr David Parry-Smith included in his programme works by Sullivan and Beethoven, both composers with

special meaning for Pam. The programme was designed to show off the lighter side of the organ repertoire.

After the recital he said: "The congregation is extremely grateful to Pam for her magnificent gift. The organ is now a joy to play and a number of people have remarked on the vastly improved tone."

The church was packed for the occasion, and tea and cakes provided by the Friends of S^t Mary's gave an opportunity for the audience to express their appreciation.

Margaret Clark
892093

Newpuzzle club will help children in the Ukraine

ARE you keen on doing jigsaws? Have you done all yours and would like to try more? I am starting a jigsaw puzzle club which will run from 10am to 1pm every Thursday commencing 2nd February at 130 High Street, Linton.

There will be a small charge for the hire of each puzzle no time limit for their return. The money collected will be sent to the Ukraine for a children's clinic or to a hospital in Belarus where it will be put to good use.

Money raised recently by our group was taken to the hospital in Belarus, and within two days the doctors had purchased and installed a scanning camera.

If you have any jigsaw puzzles you have completed and no longer require I would appreciate them for the club.

Rosemary Newman
890739

News of Rodney
Rodney the homeless cat has a found new home in the village, he is happily in charge of a golden labrador.

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

Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Mondays	Village Hall
Men's Keep Fit Club, 8pm, Mondays	LVC
Story Time, 2.15pm-2.45pm, Tuesdays	Library
Linton Chess Club, 7.30pm, Tuesdays	Village Hall
WEA, 10am, Tuesdays	Village Hall
IT Club, 7pm, Tuesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Linton Radio Race Car Club, 6pm-10pm, Wednesdays	VH
Tots in Tow, 10am-11.30am, Wednesdays in term time	VH
Little Acorns, 10am-11.30am, Thursdays	VH
Carpet Bowls, 7.30pm, Thursdays	VH
Bridge Club, 7pm, Fridays	Cathodeon Centre
Ladies' netball, 7pm-8.30pm, Mondays	Sports Centre
Weight Watchers, 7pm, Wednesdays	Cathodeon Centre
Tap dancing, 7.15-8pm, Fridays	Village Hall
Badminton, 8-10pm, Fridays	Sports Centre

FEBRUARY

4 Farmers' Market, 10am	LVC
7 WI, 7.30pm	VH
7 Dads and Tots, 9.30-11.30am	VH
11 Guide Jumble Sale, 2pm	Infant's School
11 Linton Music Society concert, 7.30pm	LVC
12 Camera Club outing to Anglesey Abbey, 10am	Coles Lane Car Park
12 Friends of S ^t Mary's, talk on sundials, 2.30pm	Linton Infant's School
14 VIP group, 2pm	Chalklands
14 Gardening Club, 7.30pm	VH
15 Railway Club, 7.30pm	Hildersham Village Hall
16 Parish council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
18 CAMTAD Hearing help, 9am-12noon	Health Centre
19 Cambridge Glass Fair, 1.30am	Chilford Hall
21 Historical Society, 7.30pm	VH
24 Quiz night, 7.30pm	Hildersham Village Hall

MARCH

2 Luncheon Club, 12.15pm	The Crown
2 Parish council meeting, 8pm	Cathodeon Centre
4 Farmers' Market, 10am	LVC
7 WI, 7.30pm	VH
10 Quiz Night (Save the Children), 7.30pm	Balsham Institute
11 Jumble Sale, 2pm	Symonds House
11 Linton Music Society concert, 7.30pm	LVC

Refuse collection: 6th, 20th Feb, 6th March

Recycling collection: 13th, 27th Feb.

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Are you on the phone?

THE village organisation "Helping Hands" is desperately looking for someone to receive the calls for help, and link the caller with a volunteer driver.

Whoever does this key job is not unsupported - two other volunteers are available (to cover holidays, etc) and expenses are paid. It would suit anyone who is at home fairly regularly (hours could be specified) and who would like to make a valuable contribution to village life. In the past this job has been done by someone housebound and also by non drivers.

Without an offer by some community-minded person who lives in the Linton telephone area, it looks as if this valued service faces possible closure.

For further information please call:

Alex Todd 892979

Too good for jumble...

FEELING the cold? How about a warming pan to air the bed at night - or maybe just to hang on the wall?

Kate France is inviting offers of £10 or more for a copper bottomed warming pan with a brass lid and wooden handle, a mah-jongg set in a leather case and a bassinet/carrycot with stand. A bunbag style baby support is offered for £5 or more. All proceeds go to a village charity of the donor's choice - or a national charity with a Linton representative.

Secondhand items worth £10 minimum are welcome for next month's column.

For more information about these items or to purchase please contact:

Kate France 891602 or e-mail her on katefrance@linton48.freeserve.co.uk

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FROM WHERE I'M SITTING

THE Linton News team is sorry to report that Tony Smith has written his last article for us. Owing to poor health and his impending move out of the village, he feels unable to entertain us any longer with his "ramblings". We wish him well for the future hoping that things will improve for him, and thank him for his past contributions. LNT

Planned wind farm near Balsham



Could cows soon be sharing fields with wind turbines?

Picture courtesy RES

RENEWABLE Energy Systems (RES), the developers of a proposed wind farm at Wadlow Farm tried to allay the fears of local people by holding public meetings in Balsham and West Wrattling.

A display showing pictures of turbines, what the site will look like, maps and information about RES, renewable energy and other wind farms was followed by a question and answer session in the evening where members of the public could put their questions to RES representatives. The meetings were very well attended.

RES plan to put 13 turbines, each 120 metres tall from ground to the tip of the sail, on the site which lies between Balsham, West Wrattling and the A11. They will be about half a mile from the nearest property. Residents asked questions about noise levels, the maintenance of the turbines and how the

site would be secured. The site is very close to the Fleam Dyke and there was concern about whether important archaeological artefacts could be destroyed during the work.

If the plan goes ahead, the turbines would generate enough electricity to power around 16,700 homes.

James Paice MP was unable to attend the meetings but sent an open letter to the residents pledging his support to help them get answers to their questions.

RES plans to take a group of residents to visit a similar wind farm in the near future so that they can see what the turbines look like and hear noise levels. There will also be further public meetings and consultation.

If you have questions or comments or would like to be informed about future displays you can contact RES by email at wadlow.windfarm@res-ltd.com LNT

Teaching Monty Don a thing or two

IF your weeds are in good heart then so is your soil." This piece of wisdom was the last thought planted in our minds at the end of a distinctly unusual and fascinating talk at the Gardening Club last month.

Charles Attwood, our chairman passed on his theories about the technical side of horticulture, "sweetened with a few stories to help the medicine go down." This turned out to be an interesting mix of intelligence gleaned from his years of experimental gardening, combined in some cases with his experiences as a family doctor.

We trawled through the alphabet and at the letter C learned that the colchicum, known erroneously as the autumn crocus, produces

colchicine which, when Charles started practising, incidentally on the first day of the NHS, was used for the treatment of gout. This generally worked well at a time when it was accepted that people either felt better or died after treatments, without there being any question of suing the doctor.

Also under C came the cardiocrinum, a dramatic scented flower which takes five years to bloom. In the case of the one that Charles was growing, it flowered for the first time when he was on holiday.

Having watched Monty Don laboriously tying tomato plants to a cane as they grow, Charles passed on the tip of knotting binder twine beneath the pot and tying it to an adjacent six foot stick. Thus the plant has a permanent support around

which it can be persuaded to climb. Many more stories emerged as Charles played to a large audience, including a small fan club of visitors whom we were very pleased to see.

It is time for a reminder to our faithful snappers about the photographic categories for the annual show on 5th August. These will be: flowers, transport, still life, markets and celebrations, and for the juniors: my favourite photo taken by me.

At our meeting on 14th February Sylvia Norton, who many will know as a former club member will be speaking on plant hunting in Chile. We look forward to seeing again the crowd who turned up last month and anyone else who would like to join us. Gloria Fidler 891800

Christmas lights in Linton



Unfortunately we do not have a photo of the winning house in Chalklands, but this house in Balsham Road was entered into the Haverhill Echo competition. Did it win? Watch this space.

Picture LNT

ON 19th December under a clear night sky the stars were out-twinkled. Ice formed upon the pavements as PC Martin Addison-Atkinson and PCSO Dawn Brock escorted me on a grand tour of Chalklands and Paynes Meadow. Their mission was to judge this year's Christmas lights competition. With more dazzling displays than in previous years it was a tough job that required every conceivable aspect from subject content to artistic endeavour to be considered. These were checked and double checked by our very efficient and professional officers who added to our fine community spirit by presenting this year's winner with the customary prize provided by the residents' association chairperson Anne Simpkin. Top prize went to 52 Chalklands and

second prize to 72 Chalklands. Displays at 65 and 96 were highly commended and a special acknowledgement went to previous year's winners M^r and M^{rs} Marlow of 54 for their leading inspiration.

Darryl Nantais

ALL around the village lights abounded. In Lonsdale a box put out for MAGPAS (Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service) collected £123 this year, the display was led by Terry and Wendy Bishop at No. 15. In Balsham Road several houses excelled and one was entered for the Haverhill Echo Christmas lights competition. We do not know yet if it won but, along with all the others in the village it gave pleasure to many. LNT

IN BRIEF

ACE event

ACE's Soup and Rolls lunch, with a speaker at 12.30pm on 24th February in the village hall.

For more information please contact:

Enid Bald 891069

Hildersham WI

FOLLOWING a very enjoyable Christmas party in December and an equally enjoyable social evening around a log fire in January, Hildersham WI is looking forward to the "Wonderful World of Willow" with Sandra Barker. She will speak at the February meeting which will take place in Hildersham village hall at 7.30pm on Monday 20th February. All are welcome. For further information please call:

Pamela Parris 892026

Storytime

for the under fives

THE under fives can enjoy stories at Linton Library between 2.15 and 2.45pm every Tuesday during term time only.

Bring your youngster along for half an hour of stories, rhymes and colouring. There's no need to book and it's free!! Parents and carers must stay with their children.

For more information please contact the library.

Lib Dem party report

THE Lib Dem branch Twelfth Night party was well attended. We had a very convivial evening though perhaps the entertaining puzzles might have been more successfully solved if presented earlier in the evening when minds were sharper! The raffle raised significant funds for our local activities. Altogether a very relaxed and friendly evening was enjoyed by all.

Joan Smith 892904

Quiz in aid of Colitis and Crohn's

THE sixth annual Hildersham quiz night in aid of the National association of Colitis and Crohn's disease will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 24th February at Hildersham village hall. There will be a licensed bar.

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'Cows for Africa' is no help

Dear Editor
While we appreciate the good intentions of those involved in 'Send a cow to Africa', farming animals is a wasteful, unsustainable and expensive way of producing food, and supplying cows, goats and chickens to impoverished people with limited resources just adds to their burden.

Farm animals also consume vast quantities of drinking water – a precious commodity that, in much of Africa, is in critically short supply. An acre of cereal produces five times more protein than an acre devoted to meat production. During the World Water Week in Stockholm recently, it was said that the growth in demand for meat and dairy products is unsustainable.

Thousands of people died during the 1984 Ethiopian famine while their linseed cake, cottonseed cake and rapeseed meal were being exported to the UK to feed our livestock, and even now millions of acres are used to produce feed for European livestock.

Poorer countries do not need aid in the form of live animals. They require sustainable, drought resistant crops, and charities like Vegfam are working to feed the hungry in a sustainable way.

It would be quite impossible for everyone in the world to eat the average Western meat based diet; there simply would not be enough land. Meat production is making the rich ill and the poor hungry.

Further information is available from *The World's Problems on a Plate* by Jeremy Rifkin. Pat Griffin, Animal Aid Sue Hughes, VIVA!

Give us our car park for free

Dear Editor
The issue of South Cambs district council's desire to sell off Linton's only public car park seems likely to rumble on for some time. Clearly SCDC will raise money if it can sell our car park and will achieve further year-on-year savings if it can divest itself of the responsibilities of maintenance and public liability insurance. Equally clearly there are good reasons why Linton needs to retain this space as a car park and I feel sure that

others will detail these in the coming months. On the face of it SCDC's plan to restrict the use of the land to car parking seems sensible; however think a little more. Whoever purchases this land will need to maintain it and provide public liability insurance if it is to continue to be used as a car park. Common sense suggests that these costs will need to be recovered – either by charges for its use or, if the parish council acquires it, by

increases to our taxes. I see no suggestion that SCDC will reduce the monies they collect from us upon disposal of their current liability for the car park, thus I believe that we shall pay twice for this amenity. If this is not cause enough for concern then consider the possibility that a developer will purchase the land, provide a minimum level of car parking facilities and wait until such time as the pressure for new housing is such that a request to develop

it becomes acceptable. I suggest that now is a good time for all with an interest in this matter to ensure that our parish and district councillors are fully acquainted with our concerns and views. For my money the land should be passed to the parish at no cost and retained in perpetuity as a car park, with the costs of maintaining and insuring this facility being borne jointly by the users and the parish.
Jim Foster,
Emsons Close

Plea for the fire station

Dear Editor,
I trust there will be a good response to the appeal for more firefighters. (In the Linton News.) It brought back memories of a fire in our home just before Christmas in the late 1970s. A wall in the upstairs corridor had to be knocked down (making Father Christmas's entry easier!) but nobody was hurt, no book destroyed and only infinitesimal mess was caused. When the firemen's work was done, we celebrated with them over mince pies etc.

I was amused by some of the firemen's congratulations to me for "not going hysterical" (as expected?) and forgave the implied sexism.

We were invited to the fire station – a most interesting visit. I shall never forget the speed, efficiency and kindness of the firemen and hope others, in similar circumstances, will have equal cause for gratitude. It would be a terrible loss for Linton and nearby villages, not to mention victims of road accidents, if our fire station had to close.

Anna Newton
Address supplied

Has South Cambs council gone mad?

Dear Editor
Has South Cambs gone mad? The car parks in Linton and Sawston are very important to these villages. I can't pass comment on the other car parks targeted (Histon and Melbourn) as I do not go to those villages. Where on

earth are the users of the car parks going to park instead? More parking on yellow lines blocking the streets? The car parks are important to the heart of the village for people to get to the shops; not everyone can walk to them and carry everything

home. The car park is also used by people going to the doctors in Linton; where are they going to park? Coles Lane often has cars parked in it now, making it difficult for the buses and large vehicles to get round. This would also have a large impact on the users of the

village hall and those attending the church. I can only hope that the parish council will be able to purchase the Linton car park.
Thank you LNT for covering this important issue.
Julia Bradford,
The Woodlands

OUR THANKS

Dear Editor,
To say I was amazed when I saw John and me on the front page of the Linton News is putting it mildly. It had obviously been a closely guarded secret because I had no idea about it. Even the photograph had been taken at the Granta Grapevine AGM so I remained innocent. However all that said, we were both deeply touched by the article and can only say a huge thank you to all our friends and that we have enjoyed doing what we have done in Linton. We will be taking with us a host of happy memories and we are only going to N W Suffolk – not exactly Australia, so we will come back to visit. Delays and packing have left us somewhat exhausted so if we haven't said goodbye to everyone it wasn't intentional and we won't forget you all.
Clare and John Neville

Dear Editor,
Thank you to all who supported our sale of work in October. We raised £260 for the Special Care Baby Unit at Hinchingbrook and the Polyclinic No 2 Chernigove (Ukraine). A further £155 was added to the Ukraine fund which consisted of £40 from the knitting group and £115 from donations and the penny collection. A camera has been bought and is now operational in the surgery at Chernigove. We are hoping to hold another sale of work, plus garden plants in late May/early June. Once again, thank you all.
Jean Whitby and Rose Newman, 130 High Street

It's bin difficult

Dear Editor
May I, through the Linton News, make a small plea to our parish councillors. Those of your readers who take the Cambridge Evening News or listen to Radio Cambridgeshire will be aware that the household rubbish collection arrangements over the Christmas period have upset many in our region. Linton appears to be no exception to this. I cannot condone the crass stupidity of reducing the number of black bin collections at a time when the need for them was likely to be greatest. However I must have sympathy for South Cambs district council when they point out that the collection plan was devised and published a year ago and that nobody expressed any

concern until shortly before Christmas – by which time it was too late to make changes. Thus my plea to our parish councillors to study this year's plan in good time to make any necessary representations to SCDC.
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Topping out at the new Granta School



Lucie Calow, head teacher of the Granta school, tops out the new building with director of education for South Cambridgeshire, Andrew Barter. A Cambridge Evening News reporter and a construction worker look on.

Picture by Roger Lapwood

THE 'topping out' ceremony of the Granta School is a timely reminder for those involved with any project on two levels: it is a celebration of the success so far, in bringing a building to the point of being weatherproof and a point at which to consider the work still to come, to take stock and to continue with renewed vigour and energy.

As the head teacher of Granta I was very much aware of both as I climbed aboard the cherry picker and helped to attach a length of fascia. The Granta building is not only going to provide a purpose built facility for many children in the area, it is also extremely beautiful with its undulating roofs mirroring the shape of the hills behind. It stands as a testimony to the belief that a society is judged by the way it provides for its most vulnerable members for

which the people of Cambridge and Linton can feel justly proud. I feel enormously privileged to have the opportunity to be part of this endeavour at its outset.

There is, of course, much work still to come; the rooms to complete, the resources to gather, the staff to appoint, the pupils to arrive before Granta is a working school. To be situated on the Linton Village College site is an opportunity to grow at the very heart of the local community and I am looking forward to meeting people and to Granta becoming a local hub of activity and service.

Lucie Calow e-mail: head@granta.cambs.sch.uk
or write to: Room B211 Castle Court, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP

South Cambs latest idea for saving money

BELOW is a copy of the letter which was sent to the parish council recently about street lighting. See the parish council pages for more information.

Dear Parish Clerk
COUNCIL TAX CAPPING - FOOTWAY LIGHTING

I am writing further to Cllr Mrs Spink's recent letter about the Council's decision to cease funding the maintenance and power costs of footway lighting with effect from April 2006.

Further discussions have taken place with Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) about the possibility of them adopting all these lights, but I'm afraid this is looking increasingly unlikely CCC has indicated however that they may be able to adopt those lights meeting their usual adoption criteria, which relate to the type of light, location and spacing.

For those lights that do not meet the adoption criteria, CCC has indicated that it is possible for each Parish Council to enter into an individual maintenance and/or power agreement with them from April 2006. Under such an agreement remaining footway lights would be included in their own streetlight maintenance contract, but would be funded by the Parish Council. The annual cost to parishes in 2006/07 per footway light would be in the region of £17.32 for maintenance and £15.35 for power.

In order to identify any footway lights meeting the CCC adoption criteria a physical survey of all lights has been commissioned. This survey has now been completed and all data is being transferred to the Council's CIS mapping system. The data is being analysed and I hope to be able to identify any lights meeting the CCC criteria before Christmas.

I would therefore request that the Parish Council consider whether in principle to enter into an agreement with CCC for the maintenance and/or power of those footway lights that cannot be adopted by CCC once funding by this Council ceases from April 2006. Whilst I realise that the Parish Council will need to know the precise numbers involved before any final decision is taken, I think at this time, for the purpose of your consideration, it may be prudent to assume that no lights will be adopted by CCC and that if an agreement is entered into all footway lights will have to be funded by the Parish Council.

I will be in contact with you again as soon as any lights meeting the CCC criteria have been identified. In the meantime I can confirm that there is no immediate likelihood that the lights will simply be switched off this winter but if we are unable to reach agreement we will be faced with having to mothball the lights from April 2006.

Yours sincerely
Paul Quigley, Environment Services Manager

Mozart starts a musical year



Rafal Zambrzycki-Payne who will play at the next music society concert
Picture courtesy of Margaret Murphy Management



OUR first concert of the new year takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday 11th February, at Linton village college, when we welcome Rafal Zambrzycki-Payne violin, and Richard Hyung-ki Joo, piano.

Former BBC Young Musician of the year, Rafal Zambrzycki-Payne has performed with many of the major UK orchestras and made many international festival appearances and broadcasts. He performs here with grand prize winner of the Stravinsky International piano competition, Richard Hyung-Ki Joo, in a programme which includes Mozart's *Violin Sonata K378*, Beethoven's *Sonata No 4 in A minor Op 23* and Ravel's *Violin Sonata in G major*.

There is a brochure available for the whole season. For a brochure or concert tickets please contact: 894460 or 897983.

Hayley Donnan

Be on your guard! Watch out for this scam letter.

THIS very plausible letter, complete with a Barclays logo, was sent to the editor of the Linton News, who sent it on to the treasurer. He checked with Barclays who confirmed that it was a scam! We can all be caught out. If you receive a letter like this please delete it, and remember that banks never ask for your details on-line.

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A photo opportunity at Anglesey Abbey



There are more varieties of snowdrops in the Abbey grounds than you could ever imagine

Picture by Roger Lapwood

NEW members are most welcome to join the Linton Camera Club.

The club now meets on the second Sunday of each month. The next outing will be to Anglesey Abbey on Sunday 12th February, meeting at 10am in the Health Centre car park, Coles Lane.

Anglesey Abbey stands in 98 acres of

landscaped and wildlife gardens with snow-drop woods, a winter walk and a working 18th century water mill.

For more information about Linton Camera Club visit the club's website at www.lintoncameraclub.org.uk or contact:

Roger Lapwood 891104 or

Tracey Wilson 891988

Rainbows flying high

AS from September 2005, the Linton Rainbow Unit is being run by Tasha Angetter and Ellie Meeks.

The group meets weekly, during term time, between 5.45 and 6.45pm on Tuesday evenings at the infant's school, and provides a range of activities including arts, crafts and games.

The time when Rainbows reach the age where they move on up to Brownies can sometimes seem like a big step. It's a move that can be a little daunting - but it needn't be! At Rainbows your daughter has had fun, made new friends, played games and taken part in all sorts of exciting activities - and joining Brownies is just a continuation of the fun and adventure!

If you have a daughter between five and seven years who you think would like to join Rainbows, please call us.

If you have a younger daughter please also contact us so we can put her onto our waiting list.

Tasha Angetter 892305

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An Interesting Number

WHICH number, when one is subtracted from it, becomes its own reciprocal?

This number should appeal to artists and designers.

Solution to No.13- A Feasible Party.

The solution relies on the (m+f) and (3m+f) simultaneous equations. There are 65 people who attend the social gathering. (S= 4x5 + 3x15).

Urania

A little known fact from Urania

THE 1405 Stock Act which has not been repealed, states that any place that is considered by repute to be a village, shall be known as a hamlet if it does not possess any stocks.

So it is official, Linton is a hamlet.



Identity crisis

THE photo this month was taken in May 1949 and is of 4th year pupils on an outing to the Palace of Westminster with M^r A Stubbs. To M^r Stubbs' right is M^r R Jones, a teacher. Can you identify the pupils? If you have any names please contact:

Garth Collard 892395

Everything will become crystal clear

THE Cambridge Glass Fair prepares for its seventh outing on 19th February, again to be held at Chilford Hall Vineyard, Linton, and we are looking forward to another successful and interesting event. There will be a rich and varied selection of knowledgeable specialist exhibitors showing a wide range of both antique and collectable glass of all styles and periods, and a stunning array of studio pieces brought and exhibited in the dedicated contemporary hall by glass artists from across the U.K.

Paul Brown of the Studio Bookshop will be attending with his outstanding range of specialist glass books. Among the other exhibitors there will be Joscelyn Vereker selling antique and decorative glass from 1750 onwards, Mary Allinson with a selection of decanters and rummers, Leda Drucaroff with pre-war continental glass and The Country Seat showing post-war Whitefriars glass. Chris Ainslie from Bristol will be exhibiting his unique designs and engravers Patricia Hilton-Robinson and Amanda Lawrence will also be showing their latest work.

In addition, there will be a foyer exhibition of Stuart enamelled ware from the 1930s, on loan from a private collection. The Cambridge Glass Fair's foyer exhibitions are an important feature of the event and are becoming well-known for the

extra dimension they add to a visit to the fair. Chilford Hall, set amid the Cambridgeshire countryside, is worth visiting in its own right, with artworks and sculpture to be found in both halls and grounds, plus the award-winning vineyard.

If you have a passion for glass, you will be in your element here, with pieces to suit all tastes to start, extend or complete collections, satisfy a whim or make an interior design statement. From a few to a few thousand pounds, there is bound to be something that you just can't live without, because although inexpensive glassware can today be found in many high street outlets, nothing compares to that special find at a top quality fair like this.

The live music will this time be provided by harpist Jolanta Cole, who will be found in the restaurant/bar area at lunchtime from 12.30-2.30pm. There is also a prize draw to win a £50 voucher to be spent at the next fair.

With free parking, disabled access and AA signposting, the fair is open from 11am to 4pm. Visit www.cambridgeglassfair.com where you will find details of the venue, the exhibitor list and much more.

For further information, please call: 07887 762 872

Quiz night for Save the Children

THERE will be a quiz night at 7.30pm on Friday 10th March at the Balsham Institute, Church Lane, Balsham. Please come along and enjoy testing your knowledge in aid of the charity Save the Children. Teams will be a maximum of eight. Entry tickets will include refreshments and are available from:

Jenny Richards 894076

K-club January winners

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

- 1st prize (£50) M^{rs} Beate McCall (No.320)
 - 2nd prize (£25) Diana Swan (No.179)
 - 3rd prize (£10) Dr B Conochie (No. 359)
- Peter Dixon

Linton Car Park - Next Chapter

AT their meeting on 19th January Linton councillors learned that information requested by the parish council has been sent to the village Health Centre, indicating that the site was not initially being offered exclusively to the parish council, as claimed by the district council.

In her letter to the district council, Sheila Griffiths, Health Centre practice manager, states that the district council's valuation of £52,000,

with a covenant restricting development of the area, seems to assume the car park would become a fee-paying site.

In the first instance the partners at the Health Centre will support Linton parish council if they are interested in purchasing the site but M^r Griffiths states the main concern of the partners is that the car park should remain as a free car park for the benefit of the village.

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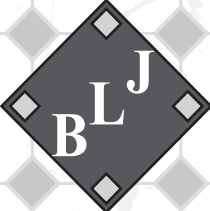
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