

# SUDBROOKE NEWS

DECEMBER 2024



## MAGIC SHOW

One young villager captured the amazing Northern Lights  
in the skies above Sudbrooke back in October

December 2024

# EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, the village Christmas Tree is up again and it's nearly that special time of year once more.

How does the time fly by so quickly, as it doesn't seem that long when we were enjoying a pleasant summer?

The Advent Windows have all been allocated and we have included a map in this issue to tell you where and when they'll all be switched on.

We also have a report from the Sudbrooke Shunters this month, along with all the usual Parish Council notes, with some interesting topics covered.

At the time of writing, an official petition, calling for another General Election, was attracting signatures by the hundreds of thousands.

When I started writing this short piece, the total of signatees stood at 1,446,118 and a few minutes later it was at 1,456,657. Truly incredible. Have the general public ever had such a negative view of a new government before?

I wonder what the figure will be once this edition hits your doormat? But will the petition actually trigger a new election? I doubt it. It's over now. Dom

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# 25<sup>TH</sup> LINCOLN SCOUT GROUP

With Nick Cornwell-Smith



Sunday 10 November 2024 saw Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their leaders attend two Services of Remembrance.

The first one was held in the morning at Scothern where, with flags on display, the group attended the wreath laying at St. Germain's Church war memorial followed by a service in the church.

In the afternoon group members attended a second service at the Millennium Stone in Sudbrooke. Flags were lowered during the two minutes silence after the wreath laying.

Nick Cornwell-Smith  
Group Lead Volunteer  
25th Lincoln (Scothern)  
Scout Group





Sep 2024

# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Mrs Tracey Bowman (till 8.30pm), Mrs Sandra Clayton, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Mrs Pauline Loven, Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, Bhikhu Mistry, 9 residents, Dominika Muriénova, Resilient Rivers Officer (West), East Mercia Rivers Trust, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

### 1 ■ PARISHIONERS ITEMS

► Request from a resident for additional play equipment on Northfield Park through the acquisition of a grant – This was discussed and noted that there was unlikely to be space for additional play equipment on this site due to the necessity for a specific space around items.

► Resident had brought attention to cattle in the field of FP159, which had been referred to the Footpaths Officer at LCC. He had suggested that care should be taken when entering fields of cattle with dogs and that ultimately it is up to the farmer how proactive they want to be in minimising the risks through segregation of the path from the animals.

► Attention brought to signs on verge of West Drive of 'Private Property' – resident advised to take this matter up with the Parklands site office.

► Request for tennis net to be provided in the Multi-purpose sports area – It was noted that the previous net had had to be removed due to severe vandalism. An article to be put in **Sudbrooke News** asking residents views on whether expenditure should be made on another net.

► Report made of a meeting of 42 residents and representatives of the management company of The Parklands regarding maintenance issues of the footpaths and wooded

areas. It was noted that the Parish Council had no authority to intervene in this matter.

► Correspondence from The Parklands developers was noted in that they remained committed to developing phases 3 and 4, but were evaluating the existing planning consent. The roads were currently being finished.

### 2 ■ TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

► None received.

### 3 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA

► None declared.

### 4 ■ NOTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 11 JULY 2024 TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINUTES

► That the notes be signed as minutes proposed by Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman, seconded by Councillor Simon Crampton and Resolved.

# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## 5 ■ COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

► CC Sue Rawlins had confirmed she was pursuing items A, B, C, E in minutes.

## 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

► A) Section 106 Agreement, Church Lane – CC Sue Rawlins pursuing. It was considered that LCC should have a record of funds received from the solicitors for the development.

► B) Resurfacing of footway on Wragby Road – CC Sue Rawlins pursuing.

► C) Resurfacing of footway on Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive – CC Sue Rawlins pursuing

► D) Millennium Stone lighting upgrading – to receive report from Councillor Simon Crampton on drainage of the area around the Stone – Noted that the problem of standing water around the Stone had occurred since the repairs to the footpath on Scothern Lane and the addition of extra soil to the area where machinery had impacted the grass.

The ground was now higher than the gravel around the stone and the lights. The electrician had suggested that drainage required attending to rather than the lights raising.

That this be taken up with CC Sue Rawlins to pursue with Highways for them to offer an opinion for resolving unanimously agreed.

► E) Church Lane near to Two Corners – provision of passing place – Nothing further to report.

► F) Area of land Northfield Avenue/Broad Dale Close...

i) Update on work carried out to date – The Chairman suspended Standing Orders from 8.05 until 8.10 to allow the

Group to report on progress made. They stated that overgrown shrubbery, weeds, nettles, dead wood and litter had been cleared from the site with an estimated 223 hours of work put in by the Group.

There was still some rubbish to be disposed of. The Chairman re-iterated that unfortunately at this time there were no funds available from the Parish Council for paying for this disposal as monies had not been precepted for such a project.

ii) To consider adopting Terms of Reference for the Northfield Park Gardening Group/Appointment of Councillors to Group – These had been circulated to all Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

That the Terms of Reference be adopted proposed by Councillor Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Paul Fido and Resolved.

iii) Report of receipt of £500.00 grant from District Councillors Community Fund - £500.00 had been granted of the £1000.00 applied for from District Councillor Velan's Community Fund. The Gardening Group requested that these funds be set to one side for a future planting scheme.

iv) To consider quotation received for removal of tree roots – Councillor Paul Fido would meet with Arborez to discuss further the stump and root removal and report back to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

v) Canadian Red Oak tree – suggestion of TPO – reply from Trees Officer WLDC – The Trees Officer had stated that it would be bad practice to put a TPO on trees which are under good management, meaning that there must be a reason to suspect the tree is under poor management or is at risk of harm or removal by inappropriate works. As the

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## 6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

tree was under no threat there would be no reason to place a TPO on it.

► G) Community engagement – East Mercia Rivers Trust – Dominika Muriénova, Resilient Rivers Officer (West), East Mercia Rivers Trust attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the trusts aims of 'bringing life back into Lincolnshire's becks'.

She reported that the beck running through Sudbrooke was in good condition with clear water and with flowers around it. She was seeking to recruit volunteers from the community to have days working in the beck to remove extra growth of plants in order to keep a steady flow.

Dominika was questioned as to whether she could have any input into arranging maintenance of the balancing ponds in The Parklands. She agreed to look into this.

## 7 ■ POLICE MATTERS

► A) Report on Police Parish Engagement Session 16.7.2024 attended by Councillor Paul Fido – Councillor Fido stated that it had been an interesting session with policing activities/crimes in the area outlined.

► B) Update from Community Inspector on reporting of any matters – It was stressed that all incidents must be reported via 101, online or in emergency 999. This created statistics of which police time in the area was based upon. A neighbouring parish was now allocated a PCSO patrol for a period of three months due to the high rate of crime reports made.

## 8 ■ TO CONSIDER THE FORMING OF A VOLUNTEER GROUP TO UNDERTAKE SMALL JOBS WITHIN THE VILLAGE – REQUEST BY PARISHIONER

► Members felt that this could be useful for the village and therefore an article be written in **Sudbrooke News** seeking interest from residents who wanted to be included.

## 9 ■ PLAY EQUIPMENT AT VILLAGE HALL AND NORTHFIELD PARK SITES – TO CONSIDER FURTHER QUOTATIONS FOR WORKS REQUIRED

► Annual RoSPA Inspection Reports – These had been received with minimal requirement for works. That both reports be forwarded to the Play Equipment Inspector to assess works/risk unanimously Resolved.

## 10 ■ VILLAGE FURNITURE REPORT – TO CONSIDER TAKING ANY ACTION NEEDED FROM THIS REPORT

► It was noted that all the wood carvings and the sign had been treated by three residents. Councillor Mrs Sandra Clayton had undertaken a check of remaining furniture within the village and noted that two seats on the Jubilee Garden required algae cleaning off.

She offered to wash them. The Park Gates noticeboard had had repairs undertaken.

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11 ■ TO CONSIDER THE  
ADOPTION OF POLICY  
FOR USE OF BOUNCEY  
CASTLES ON VILLAGE  
HALL PLAYING FIELD

► This had been circulated to all Councillors. That it should be adopted unanimously Resolved.

12 ■ TO CONSIDER THE  
ADOPTION OF HEALTH  
AND SAFETY POLICY

► This had been circulated to all Councillors. That it should be adopted unanimously Resolved.

13 ■ CHRISTMAS TREE  
EVENT - 24 NOVEMBER  
2024 - TO DISCUSS  
ARRANGEMENTS

► The Clerk reported that a choir and lighting was booked. That the Clerk go ahead with arrangements/organisation unanimously Resolved.

14 ■ FINANCE

► Ratification of accounts paid/for payment/income/bank balances  
Monies received:  
West Lindsey District Council - District Councillors Fund – Garden project ..... £500.00  
Greetwell Parish Council – Share of Clerk's Conference fee ..... £20.00  
► Accounts paid during August 2024:  
Arborez Ltd – Crown lift of trees at Village Hall ..... Net £195.00, VAT £39.00 ..... Gross £234.00  
Arborez Ltd – Work on trees and hedges in the village as per contract –

.....Net £1,560, VAT £312.00  
.....Gross £1,872.00  
Mr Dominic Picksley – Management Fee  
**Sudbrooke News** ..... £300.00  
Cllr P Fido – plants ..... £12.88  
E.On – electricity at the millennium stone ..... £25.00  
ICO – annual renewal of data protection registration fee ..... £35.00  
Tesco Mobile ..... £8.09  
LALC – Clerk's attendance at conference and AGM – shared cost with Greetwell PC ..... Net £40.00, VAT £8.00 ..... Gross £48.00  
Mrs C Myers – Garden bags for gardening project ..... Net - £5.82, VAT - £1.16 ..... Gross - £6.98  
Todds Office Solutions – stationery ..... £23.94  
Lincoln Pelican Trust – piece of pin-board for noticeboard  
.... Net £28.00, VAT £5.60, Gross £33.60  
G Cullen – Repairs to noticeboard, Park Gates ..... £60.00  
Arborez – cutting back of two cherry trees on Manor Drive –  
Net £60.00, VAT £12.00, Gross - £72.00  
Arborez – removal of growth around street light ..... £84.00  
Mr O Rhule – treatment of 2 wasps nests at Village hall – shared cost with Village Hall committee ..... £170.00  
PKF Littlejohn – External Audit fee –  
..... Net £210.00, VAT £42.00, ..... Gross - £252.00  
Visual Print and Design – printing  
**Sudbrooke News** ..... £445.00  
That the above accounts be ratified either paid or to be paid unanimously Resolved.  
Glendale Countryside Ltd – Grounds Maintenance July ..... Net £1,236.50 ..... VAT £247.30, Gross £1,483.00  
► Bank Balances Thursday 5 Sep, 2024  
Current Account ..... £45,131.35

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## 14 ■ FINANCE cont...

Instant Deposit Account (earmarked reserved)..... £12,361.05  
 Fox Covert Account..... £2,205.21  
 Northfield Park Account..... £18,688.87  
 Sportsfield Account ..... £4,007.08  
 Total in bank accounts.....£82,393.56

► Audit 2023/24 – The Treasurer confirmed that the Audit report for the 2023/24 financial year had been received with no comments and had been signed off.

► D) WL/2024/00652 - Oak Cottage, Church Lane - application for loft conversion within roof space over existing gymnasium including external stair, balcony access and alterations to replace two pitched roof first floor dormers with one larger catslide dormer and new pergola link to rear garden – to agree comments for submission to WLDC Planning Department – This was discussed and that the comments of 'No objections be made unanimously Resolved.

## 15 ■ PLANNING

► A) i Neighbourhood Plan Review – To consider the revised document and consider any amendments – Some additional photos had been added to the document, but no other amendments were suggested. That the Reviewed document be made available for consultation with residents between the period 7 October 2024 and 17 November 2024 proposed by Cllr Peter Heath, seconded by Cllr Simon Crampton and Resolved.

ii To confirm Consultation with Residents to be held 16 October 2024, 7pm Bramham Lounge, Village Hall – The Village Hall was booked for this event.

► B) WL/2024/00614 - Brooke House, 5 Sudbrooke Place - Planning application for proposed single-storey rear side extension and creation of balcony – To ratify comments made under delegated authority. No objections. Comments be ratified unanimously Resolved.

► C) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 257 - Proposed width extinguishment of Public Footpath Sudb/160/1 - Main Drive, Sudbrooke – To ratify comments made under delegated authority of 'No objections'. Comments be ratified unanimously Resolved.

## 16 ■ CLERK'S REPORT

► Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman and the Clerk had attended the Teams training on the Code of Conduct arranged by WLDC Monitoring Officer. The main emphasis was to remind Councillors they are responsible for ensuring that the information on their Register of Interest Forms are up to date (these are published on the WL website with a link to the parish site)

► That she had attended the LALC Summer conference at Grantham which had some interesting workshops to attend, including AI and Health and Safety/Risk Assessments.

► Re possible encroachment onto verge on A158 - None found by LCC.

► The Village Hall has had a new boiler installed.

## 17 ■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► The Chairman stated that it should be noted that the Parish Council had to work with the local authority with regard to funding and accountability.

He also asked that due the winter months being upon us that it would be useful to keep an eye on elderly neighbours.



# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SADBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors Peter Heath (Chair), Mrs Tracey Bowman (Vice Chair), Mrs Sandra Clayton, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Mrs Pauline Loven, Bhikhu Mistry, Mrs Cathryn Nicoll, 1 Resident,

County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

### 1 ■ PARISHIONERS ITEMS

► A resident had asked that signage be provided to the church car park on Church Lane. This had been referred to CC Sue Rawlins who had passed it to the LCC Highways Team.

Report of a dead tree on Oak Close  
– Councillor Paul Fido to take a look and instruct a contractor to remove.

### 2 ■ TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS GIVEN

► None received.

### 3 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA

► None declared.

### 4 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- A) Section 106 Agreement, Church Lane – nothing further to report.
- B) Resurfacing of footway on Wragby Road – Nothing further to report.
- C) Resurfacing of footway on Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive – Nothing further to report.
- D) Millennium Stone lighting/drainage of the area around the Stone – Referred

to LCC Highways through CC Sue Rawlins and awaiting a response.

► E) Church Lane near to Two Corners – provision of passing place – Nothing further to report.

► F) Area of land Northfield Avenue/ Broad Dale Close –

i Report from meeting of the Group and to consider the opening of a bank account to enable the Group to apply for a Grant from the National Garden Scheme Community Garden Grants – The Clerk provided a brief report of the first meeting of the Group - named the Northfield Park Gardening Group. Copies of the notes of the meeting had been circulated to Councillors. It had been established that it would not be possible to open a bank account for the small amount of funds to be held so there would not be an application for this grant. Other grant funding suggestions were being investigated.

The Group requested that a green wheelie bin be provided by the Parish Council for the next season. Members considered that this would be useful for the Group. A tree would be required as a centre piece for the area, possibly a Christmas tree. A request was made by the Group for £1000 to be precepted for the next financial year.

The Parish Council would further consider this request at its Precept meeting in December. Next meeting of the Group would be November 6.

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## 4 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING cont...

ii To consider the quotation for the removal of the tree stumps and roots – quotation received in the sum of £270.00 plus VAT – That this be accepted unanimously Resolved.

► G) Community engagement – East Mercia Rivers Trust - Councillor Mrs Pauline Loven reported that the Trust were arranging a Community Event on Saturday 25th October 2024 10am – 1pm to outline their plans for the beck and how the community could become involved.

A request had been made by the Trust to the Parish Council for a letter of support to be used by them in future grant applications. That this be sent, unanimously Resolved.

► H) Christmas Tree event - The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree had been ordered; lighting booked; Hot Dog cart booked; Choir booked; Scouts had kindly agreed the loan of a gazebo and burner; Nettleham Co-op had offered 25 boxes of mince pies; Lincoln Veterinary Hospital had offered some raffle prizes; Arvind at the Village shop and Post Office had offered a donation for further mince pies; arrangements had been made for Santa to visit the event.

The Chair agreed to apply for a TENS licence. That the Parklands developers be asked if they would like to contribute to the event unanimously Resolved.

## 7 ■ FINANCE

► That the payments (right) be made proposed by Cllr Simon Crampton, seconded by Cllr Peter Heath. NB Cllr Mrs Cathryn Nicoll declared interest in payment to LALC as a Committee member and Internal Auditor.

## 5 ■ VILLAGE FURNITURE REPORT - TO RECEIVE REPORT CONDUCTED BY COUNCILLOR MRS SANDRA CLAYTON

► Seats Scothern Lane near to notice-board and millennium stone – may require replacement/funding in a future budget Memorial Seat, Northfield Park – seat wobbly - Councillor Simon Crampton to look into stabilising.

## 6 ■ TO RECEIVE REQUEST TO ATTEND NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO PRESENT THE WITHAM VALLEY ACCESS PROJECT

► Request received and agreed. Date to be confirmed.

## 7 ■ FINANCE

► Accounts for payment:  
Mrs C Myers Expenses Sep 2024.£24.70  
Mrs B Solly Expenses to Oct 4 2024  
..... £28.80  
Tesco Mobile – Parish Council Phone bill  
.....£8.09  
E.on – electricity at the Millennium Stone ..... £25.00  
Cllr P Fido – bulbs – Tulip Sparkle Mix  
..... Net £29.16, VAT £5.83, Gross £34.99  
LALC – WMS – Additional hours x 5 –  
Net £90.00, VAT £18.00, Gross £108.00  
EKM Ltd – Northfield Park play area  
moss removal, spring paint. Village Hall  
replace rotting timbers.... Net £1,120.00  
..... VAT £224.00, Gross £1,344.00  
(£700 of this will be transferred from the Northfield Park Account)  
Salaries to be paid Oct 31, 2024 –  
Total £1,146.87

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8 ■ PLANNING

- A) Neighbourhood Plan Review – Consultation with Residents to be held 16 October 2024 Village Hall – to confirm Councillors attending event – Councillors Peter Heath, Simon Crampton and Mrs Pauline Loven would attend. Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman tendered apologies.
- B) WL/2024/00735 – Grange Farm, Station Road, Langworth – Planning application for extension of agricultural building to allow installation of biomass boiler heating system – No objections – unanimously Resolved.

9 ■ CLERK’S REPORT

- The Clerk reported as follows:
- Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman would attend the Licensing Service of Reverend Jess Bellshaw as Vicar of Barlings and South Lawres.
  - That there would be a Service of Remembrance at the Millennium Stone at 3.00pm on Sunday 10 November 2024. Members agreed that Councillor Paul Fido lay the wreath.
  - That the budget would be considered at the Dec meeting of the Parish Council, therefore thoughts should be given to any additional items/expenditure.

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| Tuesday .....   | 7am-7pm    |
| Wednesday ..... | 7am-7pm    |
| Thursday .....  | 7am-7pm    |
| Friday .....    | 7am-7pm    |
| Saturday .....  | 7.30am-7pm |
| Sunday .....    | 8am-5pm    |

17 ■ CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Nothing further to report.

READER’S  
LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ FIREWORKS FURORE

Dear Editor,

Whilst sat with my family to watch the televised Remembrance Service on November 10, sharing the sombre programme with many others, remembering bereavements, remembering lost friends, family and colleagues; many veterans with PTSD quietly watching as people talked of the troubles they had endured, an ignoramus decided it would be a suitable time to detonate fireworks for the rest of Sudbrooke to enjoy.

I hope their consciences kick in one day...

Name and address supplied

Sudbrooke News

distributor Andy Cottam had a helping hand when delivering October’s edition. He said: “I think we might have a future delivery agent for Derek Grantham’s round.

“This is Elvira, our eldest granddaughter from Sweden, who’s been out helping me with my round.

“Think you might have to check to see if the PC could afford the bi-monthly air fare from Sweden!”





# THE SUDBROOKE SHUNTERS - ALL WELCOME

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

It is a few years now since I put an article in **Sudbrooke News** asking for like-minded individuals in the village to get together and form a small casual model railway club.

Several folk contacted me and as a result formed 'The Sudbrooke Shunters' and now also have a WhatsApp group chat line.

We actually ended up with eight enthusiastic members!

Unfortunately we have lost a few members including one original member with the untimely death of our great friend and enthusiast – Bob Lee, who is sadly missed.

The remaining members still get together at intervals to help each other with their layouts and equipment, also enjoying other railway-related situations such as

visiting local toy and train fairs and travelling to watch steam special trains around the Lincoln area.

There has been new housing developments around Sudbrooke and I was wondering if any of our newer residents have similar interests and would be interested in joining our little band.

There are no membership fees or constitutional issues just people who enjoy the hobby and are willing to help others.

It does offer a wide range of inter-related interests including electrical work with wiring layouts, model making scenery, woodworking with baseboards, painting models and scenery etc.

You do not have to already own a layout, but would be interested in joining in our

hobby whenever you wish. If anyone is interested and does not own a layout I have made one which is for sale.

It does not go round and round like some train sets, but end-to-end like a real railway.

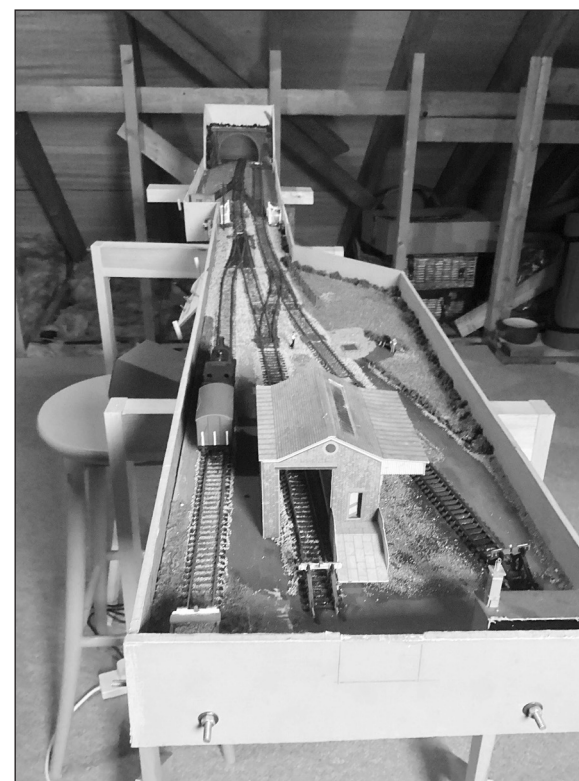
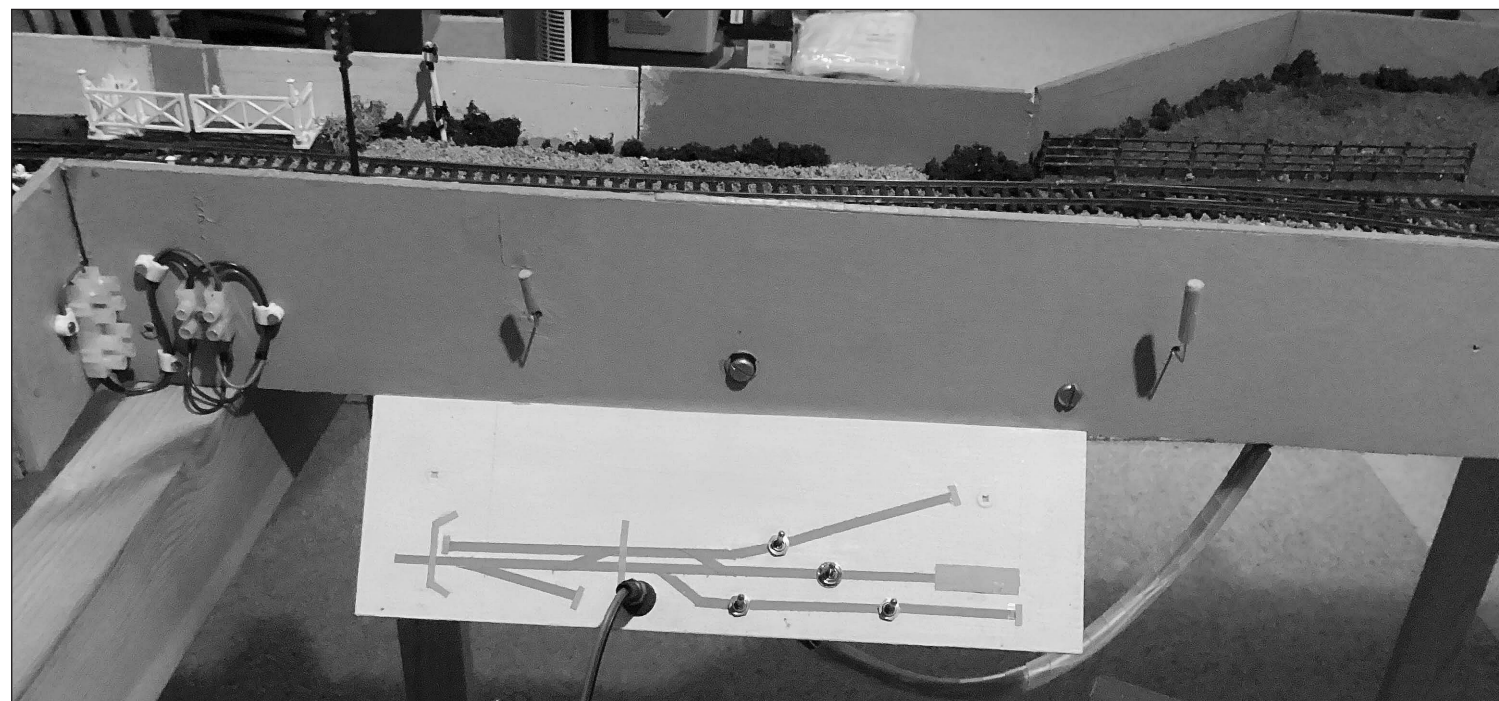
If anyone is interested, give me a call on 07967 756137. Come and have a look and view my own loft layout and have a cuppa, beer or just a chat.

The layout is fully wired and detailed, comes complete with a controller, a tank loco and a couple of wagons.

It measures about 12" wide and seven feet long.

Included on here are a couple of pictures of the layout for sale, so come round even if you are not interested, have a look and play trains. WARNING - you will be hooked!

*Bernard Bartram*





# SUDBROOKE COFFEE CLUB



Come and join us at Sudbrooke Coffee Club, held on the second Friday of the month at Sudbrooke Village Hall, starts at 10.30. Admission is £1.50, refreshments included. Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones. Thank you.

**Remaining date for 2024**  
**December 13**

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# SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP

With Mike Halliday

## DON'T NOC THIS LOVELY WALK

► Our October walk of about six miles was in the countryside around Nocton village.

The approach road to our car park near Nocton Cricket Club was through an impressive avenue of trees that in earlier times was the grand approach to Nocton Hall.

An excellent turnout of 20 walkers were rewarded with a sunny day and dry conditions underfoot.

Our walk took us through Nocton Wood along the Carr Dyke to Wasps Nest with extensive views across the Fens.

Most of the land around Nocton is owned by James Dyson (the vacuum man) and is kept in excellent condition as is the village which is charming.

► Our November walk was a new one for the group of about seven miles around Woodhall Spa starting from Jubilee Park.

Fifteen walkers turned out on a dry day following much of the Viking Way in the area.

A curiosity during the walk was a large monument to the Duke of Wellington somewhat isolated in a field near Waterloo Wood.

Apparently the monument was erected in 1844 in recognition of Wellington's defeat of Napoleon in the battle of Waterloo in 1815.

The latter part of the walk crosses the golf course into the town where most walkers took advantage of the cafes and restaurants Woodhall Spa.

Our next walk is Saturday 7 December.

We plan to do the postponed coastal walk of about six miles from Cleethorpes Pier.

The walk passes through the famous Fitties, then a nature reserve as far as the yacht club.

At the end of the walk we hope to have a Christmas lunch of fish and chips at Papas restaurant on the pier.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9.30am and are advised to wear a waterproof coat, suitable footwear and bring a drink and a snack.



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With Revd Jess Bellshaw

## ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT... BUT IS IT?

► Each year the Church of England release a theme for the season of Advent and Christmas.

The past few years have been based around the Follow the Star theme with an extra tag line. We've had at the heart of Christmas, the great invitation and last year join the song.

This year "Follow the Star – calm and bright". I don't know about you, but my first thought was, well that's rather at odds with reality. As we look around the world things seem anything but calm and bright, instead chaos, disruption and darkness seem more prevalent.

That is, I guess where faith, hope and goodness come in. It is true that the world is at times a difficult place, and our lives as individuals, families and communities can be messy. But it is also true that Christmas offers us hope.

I LOVE Christmas – sorry, I am one of those people! What I love isn't so much the glitz and glitter (although I do love a bit of glitter!), but for me it's the reminder of what Christmas is.

It's not just about the presents, the food, the holiday season, but it is a celebration of a baby called Jesus who came to earth.

You often hear the world Emmanuel at

Christmas – it literally means 'God with us'. God in our messy lives, in our broken dreams, in our suffering. Not God looking on at a distance, but with us in the middle of it all. For me, that brings me such hope and joy.

The tag line 'Calm and bright' is of course from that famous carol 'Silent Night'. Again, perhaps not totally accurate – I'm sure anyone who has given birth would contest the idea of it being silent! But what I think Joseph Mohr who wrote it was probably trying to convey is that Christmas is about a Holy night, about a time when into our chaos and darkness stepped God himself, and he came to bring calm to our troubled hearts and light into our darkness.

Amidst the fun and frivolity of this season, in those moments when it all seems too much, too overwhelming, too much pressure, too isolating, too disappointing my prayer for each of you is that you would find a moment to stop and to be still.

And in that moment may you know you are loved by God, may you breath in his peace, and see his light shining even in the darkness.

Christmas blessings to you all

Revd Jess Bellshaw

# CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

### DECEMBER

|        |                       |         |                             |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Sun 1  | Stainton by Langworth | 9.15am  | Holy Communion              |
|        | Greetwell             | 10.45am | Holy Communion              |
|        | Reephram              | 2.30pm  | Christmas cards             |
| Wed 4  | Cherry Willingham     | 9.30am  | Holy Communion              |
| Sat 7  | Langworth             | 4pm     | Christingle and tree lights |
| Sun 8  | Barlings              | 9.15am  | Holy Communion              |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 10.45am | Holy Communion              |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 4pm     | Carols and Christingle      |
|        | Sudbrooke             | 6.30pm  | Carols by Candlelight       |
| Tue 10 | Willow Court          | 10.30am | Carols and Communion        |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 2pm     | MU meditation               |
| Wed 11 | Cherry Willingham     | 9.30am  | Holy Communion              |
| Sun 15 | Fiskerton             | 9.15am  | Holy Communion              |

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|--------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
|        | Sudbrooke             | 10.45am | Holy Communion       |
|        | Reephram              | 4pm     | Christingle          |
| Tue 17 | Fiskerton             | 9.30am  | School Christingle   |
|        | Reephram              | 2pm     | Nativity             |
| Wed 18 | Fiskerton             | 9.30am  | School Nativity      |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer       |
| Thu 19 | Cherry Willingham     | 7pm     | Carols on the parade |
| Sun 22 | Langworth             | 9.15am  | Holy Communion       |
|        | Reephram              | 10.45am | Holy Communion       |
|        | Reephram              | 6.30pm  | Carol Service        |
| Tue 24 | Reephram              | 3pm     | Crib Service         |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 3pm     | Crib Service         |
|        | Fiskerton             | 6pm     | Carol Service        |
|        | Reephram              | 11.15pm | Midnight Mass        |
| Wed 25 | Stainton by Langworth | 9.15am  | Holy Communion       |
|        | Cherry Willingham     | 10.30am | Holy Communion       |
| Sun 29 | Reephram              | 10am    | Holy Communion       |

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## LINDSEY u3a (Welton)

Whatever your thoughts about Christmas, Lindsey u3a will continue to offer opportunities for you to get together with other people to share an interest or listen to an entertaining speaker.

Lindsey u3a meets at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.45am for tea/coffee followed by a speaker at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

In the run up to Christmas, on December 5, Lincolnshire archaeologist and folk musician, Tom Lane, will give us a seasonal talk about 'Christmas customs', an interactive talk with music celebrating Lincolnshire customs and traditions.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please contact Mandy Murphy on 01673 565295, email: [mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com)

Best Wishes  
Sheila Nash



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# WELTON PDA

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► The Christmas lunch will be held on December 6 and all 98 tickets are now sold. We will aim to open the doors at 11am and ask that anyone attending is seated by 11.30 at the latest as the choir from St Mary's school are going to sing for us again.

This is something we know the diners enjoy and I'm told that the children enjoy themselves as well! The meal will be the usual Christmas fare followed by a choice of Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or trifle. There will be a raffle, cake stall and books/cards for sale.

Prizes for the Christmas raffle are being donated and, at the time of writing this on November 12, we have 28 prizes promised and around eight others to collect. Tickets are selling well, but if anyone would like some and can't get out, let me know and we will deliver. They are £1 a ticket or £5 a book. They are available from all PDA drivers and from the Welton paper shop, and pet food shop.

► The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 7 November starting at 7pm in the Health Centre waiting room. Brief reports were given, covering the last 12 months, by the Chairman, Treasurer, Transport Co-ordinator, Fund Raising co-ordinator and the Practice Manager. The only change to the committee was that Jan Sims stood down as

Treasurer. Jan has been on the Committee for the past 20 years starting out as a driver, which she still is, and then as treasurer and more recently as a member of the catering and fund raising sub-committees. She was also a member of the transport sub-committee. She will be missed for all her hard work but I personally am delighted to say, she is continuing as a driver! Mike Lynch has taken on the role of treasurer from the start of the financial year.

► For anyone lucky enough to have their magazine delivered before December 1, the PDA will have a table at the Welton Christmas Market and switching on of the Christmas lights. This is on Sunday 1st December 3pm-6pm. We will be bringing games suitable for children.

I have been asked to mention that I am collecting blister packs, from medication, for the Lindsey u3a at Welton. If anyone has any which they would like me to pass on, please put them through my letterbox at 17, Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern.

Wishing all the readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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|-----------------------------|--------------|
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| Police.....                 | 101          |
| Fire & Rescue .....         | 01522 582222 |
| Ambulance Service .....     | 08450 450422 |
| PSCO Melanie Goodwill ..... | 07973 847851 |
| PSCO Glenn Patchett.....    | 07973 846719 |
| Crimestoppers.....          | 0800 555 111 |

### WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Main number.....  | 01427 676676 |
| Out-of-hours..... | 01427 613960 |

### ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Flood line .....      | 0845 9881188 |
| Incident hotline..... | 0800 807060  |

### LINCS COUNTY COUNCIL

|                         |              |
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| Main number.....        | 01522 552222 |
| Emergency planning..... | 01522 582220 |

### HEALTH SURGERIES

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Nettleham Health Centre..... | 01522 751717 |
| Welton Health Centre.....    | 01673 862232 |

### SCHOOLS

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Sudbrooke Pre-School .....       | 753938       |
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| William Farr .....               | 01673 866900 |
| Cherry Willingham.....           | 01522 751040 |
| Nettleham Junior School .....    | 01522 750376 |
| Scothern After-School Club ..... | 07944 709024 |

### UTILITY COMPANIES

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Electricity Central Networks..... | 0800 6783105 |
| Gas - National Grid .....         | 0800 111999  |
| Anglian Water .....               | 08457 145145 |
| Severn Trent Water .....          | 0800 7834444 |
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### WHAT'S ON IN SUDBROOKE AND SCOTHERN

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| 25th Lincoln Scouts..... | 753689 |
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### HOME SECURITY ADVICE

### SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
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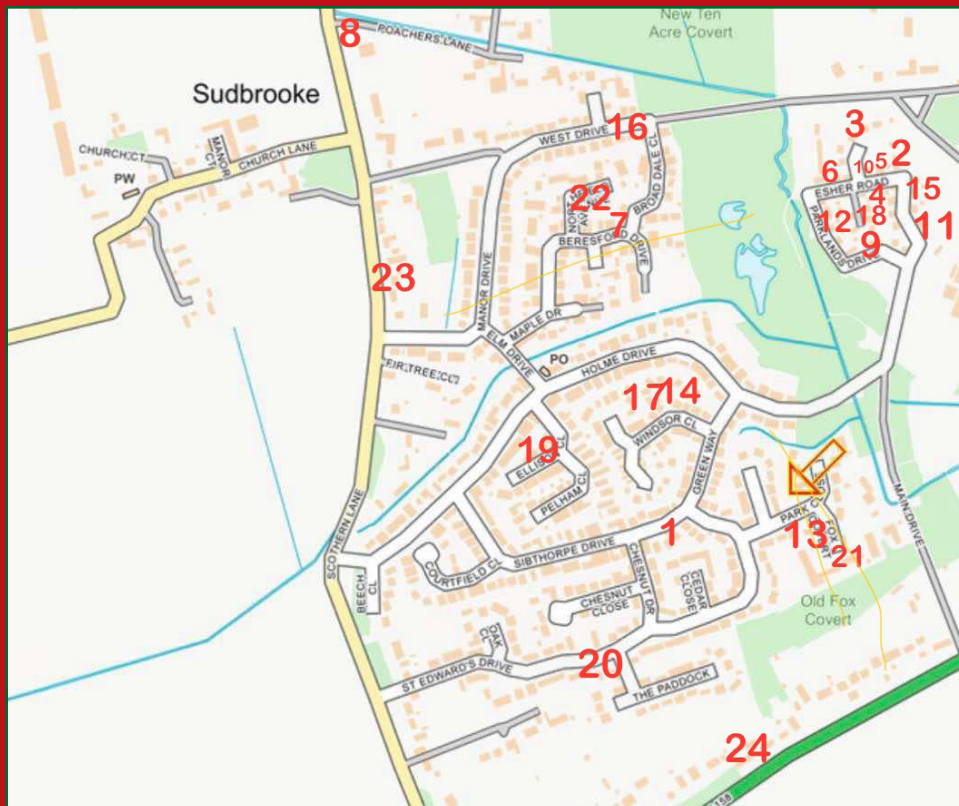
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| Dave Cook..... | 422706 |
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# LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 2024



**Numbers correspond to these houses**

1st ..... 17 GREENWAY  
2nd ..... 8 MAIN DRIVE  
3rd ..... 8 SANDOWN ROAD  
4th ..... 4 ESHER ROAD  
5th ..... 15 ESHER ROAD  
6th ..... 5 ESHER ROAD  
7th ..... 25 BERESFORD DRIVE  
8th ..... SUDBROOKE PRESCHOOL  
9th ..... 23 PARKLANDS DRIVE  
10th ..... 9 ESHER ROAD  
11th ..... 11 MAIN DRIVE  
12th ..... 11 PARKLANDS DRIVE

13th ..... 18 FOX COVERT  
14th ..... 14 WINDSOR CLOSE  
15th ..... 1 MEADOW PLACE  
16th ..... 26 WEST DRIVE  
17th ..... 12 WINDSOR CLOSE  
18th ..... 9 THE WILLOWS  
19th ..... 4 ELLISON CLOSE  
20th ..... 32 ST EDWARD'S DRIVE  
21st ..... 8 FOX COVERT  
22nd ..... 8 NORTHFIELD AVENUE  
23rd ..... 60 SCOTTHORN LANE  
24th ..... 51 WRAGBY ROAD