

SUDBROOKE NEWS

Sudbrooke Parish Council

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September 2026

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Parish Council Meeting Dates – 2026

Meetings are held on the **first Thursday of the month at 7:30pm**

📍 Bramham Lounge, Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke

Scheduled Months:

September | October | November | December

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Sudbrooke Parish Council

PC Meeting July 2026 Summary

COUNCILLOR VACANCY
Sudbrooke Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Apply: Contact the Clerk

Clerk@[sudbrookeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@sudbrookeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Deadline: See website for details.

Council Business

- Apologies were received from Cllr T Bowman and Cllr C Nicoll.
- Minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- No police, district or county reports were received.

Reports

- Chairman: Hedge concerns on Holme Drive to be raised with Highways; Sudbrooke News update expected in September.
- Clerk: Noticeboard matters and play-park inspection training.
- Gardening Group: Contractor has not completed work at North Field; quotes to be obtained.

Ongoing Matters

- Dog bins: Parklands bins are not under PC control. A new dog bin will be purchased for Stuart Curtis Field.
- Grit bin: County Councillor to be contacted due to lack of progress.
- Stuart Curtis Field: Sign to be relocated; new dog-area sign approved.
- Container: Site cleared; transport being arranged.
- Village Hall fencing: £30 repair approved.
- Dangerous tree: Work still outstanding.
- Defibrillator: Awaiting electrician; equipment ready.
- Sudbrooke News: Delivery difficulties due to volunteers stepping down.

Finance

- Receipts and payments since June were approved.
- First-quarter bank reconciliation (Apr–Jun) approved.

Amenities

- Family Fun Day: Clerk available remotely on the day.
- Benches: 1976 Sudbrooke Nursing Group bench relocated to North Field; thanks to Mr Dowell.
- Shrubbery, Manor Rise: Quote to be obtained.
- MUGA: Clerk to mark out pickleball/tennis lines with volunteer support.

Planning

- No update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- EV charging point, 61 Wragby Road: No objection.
- Manor Farm log business: Council raised concerns about fire risk, narrow access, and unsuitable emergency access.

Items for Future Agenda
Radar, dog-field sign, A158,
Tuscan crossing, hedges.

If you have concerns or queries that fall outside the remit of Sudbrooke PC, please feel free to contact your County or District Councillors directly.

Their details are as follows:

District Councillor Cllr Baptiste Velan.
cldr.b.velan@west-lindsey.gov.uk

County Councillor Cllr Mrs Jane Smith.
cldrJ.Smith@lincolnshire.gov.uk



**Brings Sunshine, Smiles,
and Support for Lincs &
Notts Air Ambulance**

On Saturday 4th July 2026, Sudbrooke truly came alive. As the sun rose over the village hall and field, a team of enthusiastic Parish Councillors and volunteers rolled up their sleeves to transform the space into a hive of colour, laughter, and community spirit for the long-awaited Village Fun Day.

After weeks of planning, borrowing, and crafting, everything came together perfectly. The marquee stood proudly, tables filled every corner of the hall, and bunting fluttered in the breeze thanks to a dedicated team of decorators who even managed to inflate 30 balloons with a stubborn hand pump! Outside, stalls, games, and vendors lined the field, ready to welcome visitors. The afternoon was packed with entertainment. Welly Wanging proved a hilarious highlight, with wellies of every size flying in all directions as children and parents competed with gusto. The Beat the Goalie challenge kept young footballers coming back for more, while the water game drew queues of cheering spectators. Over on the tennis courts, players showed off their skills, and the basketball challenge saw parents reliving their sporting glory days to the delight of their children. Every corner of the event buzzed with laughter and friendly competition – a true celebration of village life. Volunteers, crafters, vendors, and residents all played their part, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness that will be remembered for years to come.

Beyond the fun, the day had a serious purpose: raising funds for the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance Charity. Thanks to the generosity of the individuals and businesses that so kindly donated some amazing raffle prizes, 1000 raffle tickets completely sold out. Raffle winners were able to choose their prize and enjoy a fabulous day out, meal or special treat. With the addition of donations from residents, crafters and vendors, the event raised an incredible £1,337.64. Sudbrooke Parish Council extends heartfelt thanks to the organisers, volunteers, stallholders, and every resident who came along to bounce, wang, score, and spend in support of this vital cause.

Sudbrooke showed once again what community spirit can achieve – sunshine, smiles, and a lifesaving difference.

WHAT'S ON!

Sudbrooke Village Hall Quiz Night 2026

Come and enjoy a convivial evening, and the friendly communal atmosphere, at the Sudbrooke Village Hall

The Second Friday in the month, Doors and Bar Open - 7:30 pm, quiz starts at 8pm. Teams of upto 6 people

11th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December
Entry £2 per person

SUDBROOKE COFFEE CLUB

We meet on the second friday of the month at Sudbrooke Village Hall,

10:30 - 11:45

Admission £2, refreshments provided
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Dates for 2026

14th August 11th September
9th October 13th November
11th December

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Lincoln	Harpers Road	13.45	14.15
Nettleham Fields	Marigold Close	14.30	15.15

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If you are lucky enough to be approaching retirement you may be asking yourself, “What am I going to do?”. That’s when you could investigate what u3a is all about at u3a.org.uk

Membership in the u3a is open to anyone in their “Third Age”- generally defined as people who are retired, semi-retired and no longer in full time employment. There is no official lower age limit and NO qualifications are required. “Retirement is when you stop living at work and start working at living”, (quote from a greetings card!). There is definitely life after retirement with time for a laugh, for learning and connection. Members of Lindsey u3a have organised the following events in

Welton PDA

I'll try to keep it brief this month!

I've had no response to my request for help with fundraising, which is disappointing. Without support, I may need to cancel one of our 2027 events – most likely the Autumn Fayre.

While I was on holiday, a lady left a message about becoming a volunteer driver. If you're reading this, please call again, as I've been unable to reach you. I still need at least three more drivers who can offer a little time each month. Demand is increasing as more houses are built in the health centre catchment area, and I'm happy to explain how the scheme works with no commitment. If you have a car or can get to your medical appointment without PDA transport, please use your own vehicle. Convenience alone isn't a reason to request PDA transport, and our drivers face the same parking challenges at hospitals as everyone else. Most users genuinely need the service, but a small minority could easily drive themselves.

I'm sorry if this sounds harsh, but in nearly 20 years as Coordinator I've only ever had to refuse one request, and that was due to weather. Without more volunteer drivers, I will have to be more selective about who we can help – something I very much want to avoid.

The Autumn Fayre will be held on 17 October, and I'm still seeking small items for the tombola and trash-or-treasure stalls. I can collect donations, or they can be left at the health centre marked for my attention. Almost anything is suitable. A few tables remain for craft sellers (£10 each) – please call if you'd like one.

We will also be joined by Walking with Alpacas from Legsby, familiar to many from the Welton May Fair.

PDA dates for 2026:

- Autumn Fayre – 17 October, 1.30–4pm
- Christmas lunch tickets (£10) on sale – 19 October
- Christmas lunch – 11 December

For any further information, please call Janet Goddard (862570) – not for transport bookings.

Gardeners Year – September

As we all know, the soil in Sudbrooke is generally clay based.

September is an ideal month to dig it while the soil is relatively dry. This will give the winter weather plenty of time to play its part in breaking down lumps of soil ready for making seed beds or planting out in the spring. Roughly dig, (I'm not a fan of no dig gardens. We've been cultivating this way for 100's of years, so if it isn't broke, don't fix it), and incorporate plenty of organic matter (garden compost, well rotted manure or even old compost from used pots) and leave it rough for the winter.

I've been doing this in my garden on the Parklands yearly for the last 5 years and I'm finally getting a nice loam that doesn't crack in summer or hold standing water in winter, so it does take time.

September is a great time of year for planting new perennial plants (those that come back year after year). The soil should be moist and still warm enough for the plants' roots to become established before the winter sets in. Garden Centres will be full of such plants ready to be planted out. Which ones you choose is of course personal choice but remember they often flower at different times of the year, so it's worth your time reading the labels to see which months they flowers, so that you can have blooms all summer long, rather than a flurry and then nothing. Choose plants carefully, making sure they are right for your garden and for the position they are intended for. It's a waste of money to buy something just because it looks nice when you purchase it, only to find it struggles or dies because it was wrongly located. As a general rule, most plants like 6 – 8 hours of sunshine a day in summer.

For those of you that already have perennials growing, now is a good time to see if they can be lifted for dividing into more plants, or just simply relocated to a better spot if they're looking unhappy where they are. Keep busy, more later in the year.

LIGHT SWITCH ON

Join us for the Sudbrooke Light Switch-On Event!



Save the Date: Sunday, 29th November 2026



Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Location: Millennium Stone & The Village Hall

Get ready to illuminate the season with the Sudbrooke Parish Council at our annual Light Switch-On event! Enjoy an enchanting evening filled with festive cheer, community spirit, and the magic of the holiday season. Don't miss out on this delightful celebration—mark your calendars and bring your family and friends for an unforgettable evening!





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Travel Recommendation

Guernsey & Jersey | By Cllr P Fido

If you've not been, you must - they are an absolute gem. We travelled to both over an 8 day period, just enough time to see all the main sights on both Islands. Located where they are, their climate is warmer than you would expect and we went in June when the weather was mid 20's. It was perfect.

First thing to say is don't hire a car. Not only are they expensive but if you're not used to narrow, winding country roads, you're in for a shock. Use the bus services, they are air conditioned, clean, reliable and cheap. They run from 7 in the morning until midnight in the main towns.

The people there have a much quieter way of life; they are incredibly friendly and hospitable people, who are very keen to tell you about places to visit and things to see on their Island. Jersey is the larger of the two Islands and has the main airport. We flew in via Stanstead with the flight being a little over an hour. We then took the bus into St Helier and the driver asked us where we were going and dropped us very close to where we were staying. We stayed on the outskirts of the town and it took us 15 minutes to walk into the main tourist area around the harbour. Restaurants and bars are plentiful but tend to be in the main town and harbour area. We took the ferry (not your usual P&O type but a fast catamaran type between the Islands) that took a little over an hour. St Peter Port is very similar to St Helier in that everything tends to be located in and around the harbour area. Both have large bus terminals where you simply catch your bus to wherever you want to visit.

There is no getting away from the infrastructure that the Germans left behind after the war and there are many bunkers and museums dedicated to the time of their occupation. Whether this interests you or not, it's worth a visit to some bunkers just to admire the fantastic views that there are from them.

The Islands have a very mild climate that enables them to grow plants that you wouldn't see normally on the mainland, so visiting these is a real must for any garden enthusiast. There is a transport museum with a great variety of vehicles from the 70's and 80's that many of us oldies will remember.

The beaches are really spectacular, with long stretches of sand and dunes over miles. Most have very gentle slopes into the water making them relatively safe for younger children. Most of the popular beaches have cafes and toilets and regular bus services, every 15 minutes in summer.

There were pubs and restaurants scattered around the Islands but most were in the main towns. They're part of the UK so no Euros needed, but you will find that prices are generally about 20% more expensive than you'd pay on the mainland. They have the usual supermarkets like Tesco's and numerous farm shops if you go self catering.

I'd highly recommend the Island bus tours whilst you're there. It was the easiest and quickest way to see the main sights and if you have a particular favourite you can re-visit another day. They stop at all the main attractions and even at viewpoints for a few minutes where you can get off and take pictures.



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Hasn't it felt like a long, hot summer? As I write in early August, we've had no rain for weeks and many gardens are now more brown than green. As Meteorological Summer ends, September brings a new school year and the start of Creationtide – a season when we give thanks for God's creation and reflect on our responsibility to care for it. In Genesis, God declares all He has made "very good," reminding us that the world is a gift to treasure, not just a resource to use.

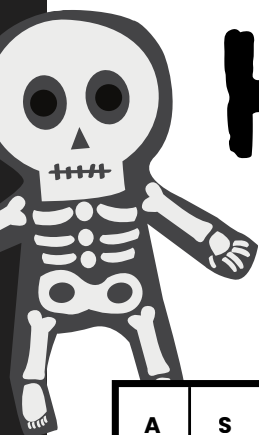
It's easy to miss the beauty around us when life is busy, yet God's fingerprints are everywhere: in a sunrise on an early walk, birdsong through an open window, children's laughter, and the changing colours of the countryside. Ordinary moments become extraordinary when we pause to notice them. Creationtide leads us into Harvest, when we thank God for His provision. Harvest is more than produce displayed in church – it reminds us that every good thing comes from God. We give thanks for food, for those who work the land, for farmers facing challenges, and for the many blessings that sustain daily life.

Harvest also prompts us to remember those who struggle. While many enjoy abundance, others face difficult choices. As we celebrate God's generosity, we are called to reflect that generosity through kindness, hospitality, and practical support.

As our churches prepare for Harvest, you are warmly invited to join us. Whether you come regularly or haven't been for years, you will find a warm welcome. Together we can give thanks for God's goodness, celebrate creation, and remember that in every season, God is faithful.

Wishing you every blessing for the month ahead.

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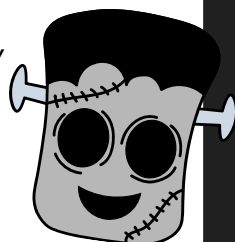
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**WHAT'S
NEW!**



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Sudbrooke Parish Council is pleased to offer grants of up to £300 to support local clubs, groups, organisations, and community initiatives. If your project will benefit residents of Sudbrooke, we encourage you to apply.

These grants help strengthen our community by supporting specific projects, equipment, and activities that make a real difference. In line with Council policy, applications must clearly show a specific purpose and demonstrate a direct benefit to the village.

Applying is simple: complete the Grant Application Form and send it directly to the Clerk via email at clerk@sudbrookeparishcouncil.gov.uk. All applications are reviewed by Full Council, and successful groups will be asked to provide a brief update within 12 months explaining how the funding was used.

If your organisation has a project that could enhance village life, this is your opportunity. Let's continue building a vibrant, supportive Sudbrooke together.

For more information or to request an application form, email clerk@sudbrookeparishcouncil.gov.uk.



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Lindsey u3a (Welton) August 2026 Newsletter



Lindsey u3a encourages members to enjoy the wellbeing benefits of being **outdoors and has a full programme of activities planned for August:**

- 10 Aug: Sustainability Group – guided walk at Ashing Lane Nature Reserve
- 14 Aug: Visits Group – trip to the Bubble Car Museum, Boston
- 20 Aug: Architecture Group – visit to Southside Community Centre (former St Katherine's Methodist Church, 1887)
- 25 Aug: Garden Group – visit to Dawber Garden at The Lawn

The national u3a Matters magazine offers simple wellbeing tips such as smiling at others, walking faster, eating more beans, balancing like a flamingo, and watching clouds drift by.

Lindsey u3a is a friendly, low-cost organisation meeting at Welton Village Hall, usually on the first Thursday of each month. Doors open at 9.30am for refreshments and chats with interest group leaders, followed by a speaker at 10.30am. New visitors are warmly welcomed and shown around.

Upcoming speakers:

- 6 Aug: Helen Gamble on the Lincolnshire Wolds, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- 3 Sept: Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance – challenges of keeping the service running

Members can also join online talks, workshops and courses.

For those unable to attend main meetings, there is an informal social meet-up at Gardeners' Retreat, Scothern Nurseries, at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next is 27 Aug.

Further details—including interest groups, meeting times, visits, theatre trips, lunches and holidays—are available at lindseyu3a.org.uk.

For more information, contact: Luke Pickering Email: lukep@lahestates.co.uk

Mobile: 07774 251197

Best wishes, Sheila Nash



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Wed 2nd	9:30am	Morning Prayer	Cherry Willingham
Sunday 6yh	9:15am	Holy Communion	Stainton by Langworth
	10:45am	Holy Communion	Greetwell
Wed 9th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Cherry Willingham
Sunday 13th	9:15am	Holy Communion	Barlings
	10:45am	Holy Communion	Cherry Willingham
Wed 16th	9:30am	Holy Communion	Cherry Willingham
Sunday 20th	9:15am	Holy Communion	Fiskerton
	10:45am	Holy Communion	Sudbrooke
Wed 23rd	9:30am	Holy Communion	Cherry Willingham
Sunday 27th	9:15am	Holy Communion	Langworth
	10:45am	Holy Communion	Reepham
	5:00pm	Healing Prayer Service	Fiskerton

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**The Management Committee was
pleased to support the village fun
day.**

VETERANS GET TOGETHER

at Sudbrooke Village Hall

The plan is to bring as many Service Veterans as possible together from around the village for one night per month for a few drinks and a chat.

This is an opportunity for us light minded folk to get together.

A date is yet to be decided, this will depend on the response and numbers.

If you wish to express an interest in popping down to the village hall (no commitment) then please email the address below or contact me also on the number below.

This fee for the first meeting has been found by myself and Peter an Ex-Police Officer who also lives in the village.

This get together will only work if it has your support.

Dave Barrett

Email:- denisebarrett@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile number Dave 0777 5737399



HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY.

On the 9th September 2026 we will be 1 year old. Where has the year gone. We now have 40

members on our contact list who we can email or text regarding the Bailgate Café and we are always

happy to welcome any number who can make the second Wednesday of the month which enables

them to chat amongst themselves and exchange their experiences, which they say helps plus they

like the quiet relaxing atmosphere of the Café. SO go on give us a go, you will enjoy it once you make

that first step. If you cannot make the Wednesday we have a sister club in Brant Road who have

speakers on the 2nd Monday of the month same time 10.30-12md and for more information contact

Sarah Dawson (sarahmdawson@aol.com)

We have had an extremely good year of fund raising so we are able to plan now for the next 2 years

at least. Special thanks to Horncastle Power lifting club who were extremely generous with their

donation which we can add to Sudbrooke July 4th Tombola and the Strawberry and cream tea in the

Garden on the 26th August. Can I thank everyone who has helped get the Café off the ground

(Bailgate Rotary Club) and all the individuals who have donated money to us in their own individual

ways.

Regards

Martin Dickie

Bailgate Parkinson's Drop in Café

(second Wednesday of every month)

Bailgate Methodist Church LN1 3AR

martindickie1@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON!

Nettleham Heritage Association 2026/27 Schedule

- September 23rd: Phyllis Maiden (Booked)
- October 28th: M. Jones
- November 25th: Gray Katherine Willoughby
- January 20th: Ken Redmore - Brick Making
- February 24th: Robert Bell - 200 Years Family Auctioneers (Booked)
- March 24th: Charles Parker - A. V. Roe Bracebridge Heath (Booked)
- April 28th: Dave Start - Church Yard Crosses (Booked)
- May 26th: Stewart Squires - Bricks in Lincoln (Booked)
- June 23rd: Neil Wright - Boston Boom Town 1764-1853 (Booked)

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SUNFLOWER COMPETITION 2026

Councillor Paul Fido

For those of you with a better memory than mine, you will recall that earlier in the year we set a challenge to the residents of Sudbrooke to see who could grow the tallest sunflower from the seeds we provided. There was nothing special about these seeds they were from a sunflower that I had grown the year before from a packet I brought from Suttons Seeds. The type was called 'Kong' which implies by its name that it's going to be fairly large.

Mine grew to over 2 metres with no special treatment or fertilization, so I thought they would set a good standard to achieve a reasonable height on normal soil. We all tend to have that clay soil and this type of sunflower seemed to cope with it very well.

So in March I packed up little packets of 6 seeds and asked John and Iris in St Edwards Drive if they would put them out in their trolley for people to collect and start off themselves.

As you can see from the montage on the front cover, we've had a great response. Admittedly not all the sunflower seeds grown were from those provided but it did transpire that the largest specimen was in fact a 'Kong' type grown in a pot rather than straight into soil. Perhaps that was the secret.

Unfortunately there is no great reward for your efforts other than the prestige of having your photo on the front cover of the highly prestigious Sudbrooke News. Our winner this year (unless someone comes in with a very late entry) is Dave from St Edwards Drive who, much to the dismay of his neighbour, who watered it for him whilst he was away, took the title for 2026 with a total height from ground level to top of flower of 3 metres 12 cm. Never mind John, better luck next year!