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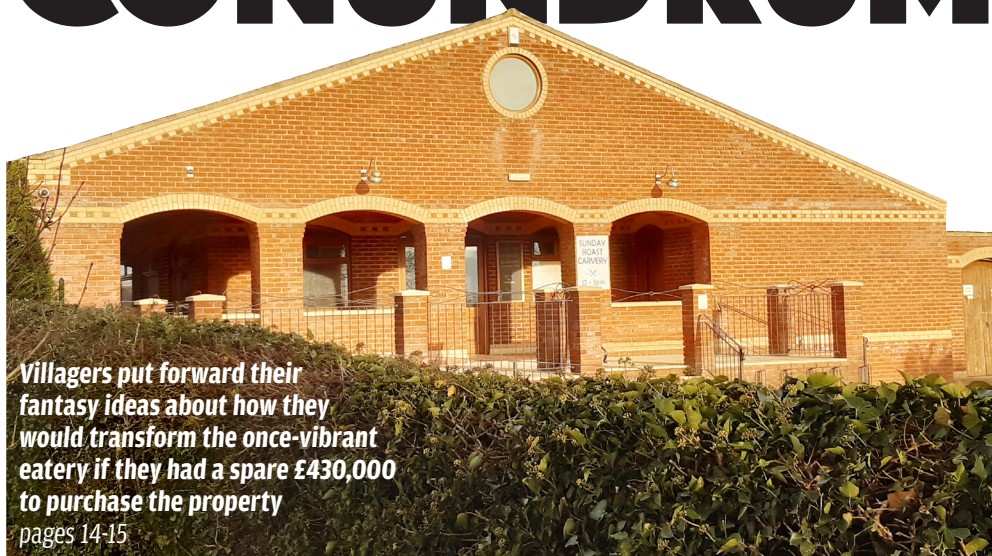
Rock band Elbow, a Kevin Costner
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

MARCH 2021

HERE we are, nearly a year on from the start of the original Covid-19 lockdown... can anyone see a light at the end of the tunnel yet?

If not, then hopefully you'll find something to cheer yourself up in these pages, be it a look back at the excellent Living Advent Calendar idea that brightened up the festive season in the village, the Cherry Tree Cafe debate or indeed the Parish Council notes, as I know these are eagerly-awaited by some. Or how a man from Uganda is now on our local council, plus the latest update from Sudbrooke Preschool.

I have been told by the Parish Council that there seems to be rather a lot of litter around the village nowadays (and don't get me started on dog dirt) which is of concern, but hopefully it won't get out of hand. Please email us at the address below if you want to see something in the mag or something has got your goat - I am all ears. Break Away. **Dom**

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NEW WEBSITE FOR SADBROOKE

The new parish website is now live on <https://sudbrooke.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>. It not only has the usual minutes and agendas for parish council meetings on it, but many historical photos and snippets collected over the years by a local resident.

It also has copies of the **Sudbrooke News** dating back to 2006 when the magazine was first available electronically.

If anyone in the village would like to share any old photographs of the village that they may have which can be put on the website please contact the Clerk to the Council on Sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Please take a look....

Gardening Club

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The Gardening Club is well established and enquiries about membership or attending events should be made to the club secretaries, **John and Iris Whitaker** on 01522 751198.

Club members meet together ten times a year on a monthly basis, excluding November and January.

Speaker Evenings normally take place in March and October at the Village Hall and non-members are very welcome to attend. In April and September members organise and run the Village Spring and Autumn Shows and entries from residents are very much appreciated - every entry is a chance to win our coveted Best in Show Trophy. We have a Flower of the Month competition and at least twice a year we run various horticultural challenges for Club members.

Club members on outing to RHS Harrogate

Gardening Club



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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 2021

Minutes of the remote meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 January.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller (Vice Chairman), Mrs Tracey Bowman, Andy Cottam, Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull, Clerk Mrs Christine Myers, Treasurer Mrs Bridget Solly, 3 residents, Revd Canon Penny Green.

■ 53 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

▶ The Chairman opened the meeting by acknowledging and thanking local resident, Reshma, who had taken up running during the last few months and challenged herself to run 125k during November. She had been sponsored by her family and friends and raised £255 which she had donated to the Parish Council towards the cost of resurfacing the vandalised tennis court surface.

▶ Sign stating 'No Cycling or Horse riding' laid on ground near to bridge on Maple Drive - Clerk had already reported this to LCC Highways.

▶ Fencing broken and laying on ground around beck at Holme Drive/Scothern Lane junction - Clerk to report to LCC Highways.

▶ Enquiry from resident re works to surface of Church Lane/Nettleham Lane - County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins would pursue this with LCC.

■ 54 APOLOGIES

▶ Resident Mr B Mistry, County Councillor Sue Rawlins.

■ 55 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

▶ None Agenda Item 11a - Planning application 142018: Councillor Andy Cottam declared an interest as friend and neighbour of the applicant.

Agenda Item 11b - Planning application 142148: Councillor Bob Waller declared an interest as a member of the WLDC Planning Committee and

stated that he would leave the meeting when the item was discussed.

■ 56 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2020 TO BE APPROVED FOR CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AS MINUTES.

▶ That the notes were a true record and could be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

■ 57 POLICE MATTERS

▶ Letter received from Safety Together Co-ordinator for Police and Crime Commissioner. It was felt that the content was not relevant to Sudbrooke.

■ 58 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

▶ CC Mrs Sue Rawlins had passed on via the Clerk that there were many internet and phone scams currently circulating.

▶ District Councillor Bob Waller reported as follows:-

* That the West Lindsey Community Awards had been cancelled for 2021.

* That the Green Bins /Garden Waste bins would remain at £35.00 for the next financial year.

* That 80% of WLDC staff were now working from home. Some had been deployed to other areas.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 2021

■ 59 BURIAL SPACE AT ST EDWARDS CHURCHYARD – TO DISCUSS CONDITION OF CURRENT GRAVEYARD AND POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ADDITIONAL BURIAL SPACES

► The Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow Revd Cannon Penny Green to join in this discussion.

Revd Green brought to the Council's attention that the space in St Edward's churchyard was limited and would be allocated within 5-6 years, possibly sooner dependent upon the condition of the ground.

It was noted that the Parish Council has a duty to residents in the parish to provide a burial area.

Locations in near proximity to the church were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk contact local landowners to ascertain if they were willing to sell an area for such use.

That a Burial Ground Working Party be formed comprising, Councillors Peter Heath, Bob Waller and Revd Canon Penny Green unanimously Resolved.

■ 60 TO DISCUSS AND MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO CONTINUE WITH THE ORDER FOR THE REPLACEMENT SEAT AT FOX COVERT

► Concern about replacing the seat at Fox Covert, removed due to its condition, had been raised by local residents due to the location being a gathering place for youths and the seat rarely being used by residents.

That it not be replaced immediately, but consideration given to siting a seat at that location in the future, if requested, unanimously Resolved.

As the seat was on order, it was considered that a suitable alternative site may be on the verge where the new extension to Holme Drive

meets the existing Main Drive, just beyond the bridge over the beck. The Clerk would contact the developers for permission to site a seat in this location.

■ 61 TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE CENSUS 2021 WEBINAR TRAINING SESSION, ATTENDED BY THE CLERK

► The Clerk stated that the Census date is 21 March 2021. Packs will be delivered to households from 23 February.

All households will receive postal notification encouraging on-line completion of forms. A Census telephone line will be available for help and paper questionnaires can be supplied for those not able to complete on-line.

Assistance had been sought from Parish Councils in advertising the Census in the form of posters, and suggested wording for websites and parish magazines. That advertising in these forms go ahead unanimously Resolved..

■ 62 FINANCE

► a. To consider donation to a nominated charity via LALC in appreciation for IT work carried out on the new legally required website: The Chairman outlined the work and time taken on setting up the website, training and ongoing support to the Clerk, which some Councils had paid up to £1,000 for, Sudbrooke's having been set up at no cost to the Council.

That a donation of £100 be made to the nominated charity proposed by Councillor Peter Heath, seconded by Councillor Stuart Hewson and unanimously Resolved.

► b. To discuss and consider on-line banking for the Parish Council: It was considered that this was now the way forward for the Parish Council. That the Treasurer arrange with the Bank to operate on line banking unanimously Resolved.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 2021

■ 62 FINANCE cont.

► c. Accounts for payment:-

Mrs C Myers - Clerks expenses (December) £26.82

EKM Ltd - Repairs to play areas at Village Hall and Northfield Park - Net = £1,730.00
VAT = £346.00, Gross = £2,076.00

Scothern Parish Council - Groundworks on verges and hedge flailing £394.65

EKM Ltd - Play area inspections December Net = £40.00, VAT = £8.00, Gross = £48.00

LALC - 2 copies of the Good Councillor Guide (incl. postage)

Net = £9.41, VAT = £0.29, Gross = £9.70

Parish Magazine Printing - Printing **Sudbrooke**

News December £244.40

Salaries £846.66

That the above payments be made unanimously Resolved.

■ 63 PLANNING

► a) To ratify comments made re planning application 142018 - Plot 2, Church Court - to erect 1 dwelling being to vary condition 2 of planning permission 140764 granted 17 June 2020 - amendment to reduce the footprint of the dwelling: No objections. Unanimously Resolved.

► b) Application 142148 - Rosemary Villa, 30 Wragby Road, Sudbrooke - Planning application for demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of a large house of multiple occupation (sui generis use class) with associated access alterations, vehicle parking and landscaping - resubmission of planning application 140180 Following discussion that the following comments be conveyed to the West Lindsey District Council Planning Department unanimously Resolved.

'In addition to reiterating those objections made to application 140180, the Council add the following and request that they are taken

into consideration by the West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee.

The development will cause material harm to the occupants of 28 Wragby Road for the following reasons:

* It will cause overshadowing of the property due to the overbearing nature of the size of the structure and proximity.

* It will generate significant traffic with attendant risk for access onto the A159.

* The occupancy of up to 16 persons and their vehicles will cause noise and disturbance from their arrival, departure and their enjoyment of the outside space afforded in the design.

* The relevant planning history of this site shows that the application has been rejected on the previous two occasions. It has been re-presented in almost identical form and should be rejected.

It is also brought to the Planning Committee's attention that the current application is an inaccurate representation of the state of the building in that it has been made habitable and no longer appears derelict as in the photographs included with the application. This should be inspected by the Planning Officer to confirm.

NB. Prior to this item being discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2021, Councillor Bob Waller declared his interest as a member of the WLDC Planning Committee and left the meeting.'

That the Chairman make representation on behalf of the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting regarding this application unanimously Resolved.

■ 64 CLERK'S COMMENTS

► The Clerk reported as follows:

* That three applications for co-option to the Parish Council had been received to date. This will be an agenda item for February's meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 2021

■ 64 CLERK'S REPORT cont.

- * Invitations to quote for painting the Park gates had been sent to three local painters.
- * The 50mph sign on the A158 had now been resited.
- * The condition of the footpaths on Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive had been reported to Fix my Street and update is 'investigating'.
- * LALC are producing a survey for Councillors and Clerks which will be sent out shortly for all to complete.

■ 65 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The Chairman said he was looking forward to holding face to face meetings when all had received a vaccine but until then the Parish Council would continue with Zoom meetings which were working satisfactorily.

■ 66 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

- *These items circulated to the Clerk's residents email list.
- Dec 8: Request by West Lindsey Citizens Advice for grant funding - directed to completion of Grant application re Grant awarding Policy
- Dec 15: LALC notification of change of email address for Clerks and Councillors groups

- Dec 15: 2022-2023 Lincolnshire Schools Admissions Policy Consultation
- Dec 18: Lincolnshire Resilience Forum - Newsletter December 2020
- Dec 22: LALC News
- Dec 23: Report on outcome of Consultation re 14 Scothern Lane
- Dec 23: Application from Citizens Advice Lindsey for grant funding under the Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy - to be discussed at November 2021 PC meeting.
- Jan 1: Notification that Village Support Group will starting up again.
- Jan 6: Update from Fix My Street on condition of Scothern Lane and St Edward's Drive footpaths - 'investigating'.
- Jan 7: Notification from Village Hall Bookings Secretary re cleaning schedule at Village Hall.
- Jan 7: Play equipment inspection reports for December 2020.
- Jan 8: LALC Weekly News.
- *Jan 8: Lincs Alert scam re fake Covid vaccines.

■ 67 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR

- Thursday 4 February 2021, 7.30pm to be held by Zoom.

READER'S LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ USE THE BUS... MORE!

Dear Fellow Residents

This village has been lucky to have a daily bus service at 10.15am from the village to the centre of Lincoln via the County Hospital and the Carlton Centre, plus a return bus at 1pm.

This is free to elderly folks on travel passes and very much appreciated and, in normal times, fairly well used by them. However, with most old folks forced to remain

at home for most of the time, the service is running at an obvious loss with rarely more than one or two passengers on board every trip, either there or back.

Please, I appeal to more residents able to move freely to use this service as fare-paying passengers to enable us to keep this wonderful asset to our village. It took many years to establish it, but we are in grave danger of losing it.

But don't forget to wear your facemask!

Jim Wharton

Sudbrooke Living Advent Calendar

Living Advent Calendars historically originated in Sweden.

The tradition of advent calendars that many use to mark the days in the run up to Christmas Day bring joy and personal pleasure. Living advent calendars bring more of a community joy and enjoyment, but still mark the run up to the day itself.

Having seen an advert in another village for this, I felt that this would be a great way for our village to 'come together' in a season where we 'can't'.

Belonging to Threshold Church, I spoke to our church leader Adam

Daubney and also to Rev Penny Green to see if we could work together to fund this project.

With both on board, the task was to find families and homes who would be willing to join in. Happily that was easy and I am so grateful to all the homes who embarked on this project.

I think the huge creative variety of windows that were 'opened' each night brought a huge amount of pleasure and gave us something joyful to focus on each day.

Some of us walked out each night to look, some of us saved it until the weekend and some of us even waited until Christmas Eve to enjoy the magic. The map we produced was deliberately vague so as to give a sense

that you had to go and find the window! We hope that worked for everyone.

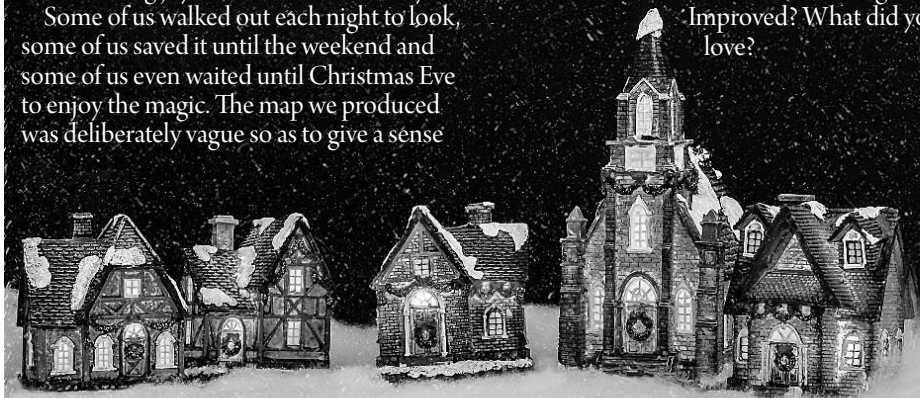
We were only able to light the church for one night as we hired a company to do this for the village and also we couldn't leave the risk to an old church of the electrical supplies being used on premises without someone there to monitor it.

The church did look beautiful, however!; a big thanks to Peachy Productions for battling in the wind and rain to set it all up a few days before!

I wonder, in a non-Covid season, whether gathering outside a lit church for community singing and mulled wine on Christmas Eve

might be a perfect chance for our village to come together? So is this a new tradition for Sudbrooke? What were people's thoughts about it?

What could be changed? Improved? What did you love?



Sudbrooke Living Advent Calendar

I just want to take a moment to say thanks to all who decorated their homes: Nativity scenes, the Nutcracker; a mouse Christmas Eve party; the Grinch, Stars; Rainbows; messages of hope; Santa; Rudolph; Angels;

Penguins and more! So many different windows! I'd also like to thank the two churches who worked together to help fund the project; much appreciated! Here are a few pictures of windows that I took. Enjoy!



READER'S LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ WINDOWS OF JOY

Dear Editor

A great big thank you to Reverend Green and all the house holders who participated in the advent window over the Christmas period.

What a fantastic event and most enjoyable walking around the village to see them all and a chance to see

and speak to other villagers. It was also nice to see all the house lights on the journey and I am sure there were more this year than in previous years (us being one).

We look forward to it happening again next Christmas (that's if we are allowed out!!).

Martin Dickie

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

WITH JOHN & IRIS WHITAKER - 751198 AND CORAL EVANS - 750031

■ IN BLOOM

► At the present time we should be enjoying some colour in our gardens from early flowers such as Hellebores, Aconites, Crocus and Snowdrops in full bloom and heralding the welcome arrival of springtime.

Members are currently participating in two home-based horticultural challenges. Firstly, growing five

'Avalanche' daffodils in a pot which will be judged photographically during April

Secondly, we have all recently been given one Charlotte first early potato to chit, then plant and grow in a large pot to see who gets the best yield - hopefully we shall be able to get together outdoors in July to have the weigh-in.

In the Whitaker household, pea shoots and cress are being grown to provide extra flavour and vitamins in our sandwiches.

Pots of rocket and basil have been moved into the kitchen to use as



micro leaves. John has got quite an assortment of young plants growing in a heated window-ledge size propagator in the conservatory - parsley, basil, rocket, peppers, aubergine, leeks, onions and tomatoes are coming along nicely.

■ TALLEST SUNFLOWER IN SUDBROOKE COMPETITION

► Can your family grow the tallest sunflower in the village? Last year one of our members won the competition with a specimen measuring 291cm.

Can this height be beaten this year - if so, by whom? Our members are once again up for the challenge - how about you?

You can choose to buy your own seed or get one from the trolley (whilst stocks last) at 50 St Edward's Drive.

Sunflower seeds need to be planted from March to May,

either outdoor in a prepared seed bed in the flowering position, or indoors in individual pots of seed

compost ready for planting out towards the end of May in order to avoid any frosts.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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■ BEST HANGING BASKET

► All hanging baskets visible from public footpaths will form the basis of this year's village competition.

Baskets can either be purchased ready planted and then lovingly tended, or created and set up yourselves.

So now is the time to start thinking about which plants to use, what colour scheme to adopt and how you can achieve the best possible impact for when judging takes place in July - look out for information in forthcoming editions.



■ GARDENING TASKS FOR MARCH

► Spring usually arrives by mid-March and the frequent sunny days provide the opportunity for an increasing range of gardening tasks.

It's time to get busy preparing outdoor seed beds, sowing seed, cutting back winter shrubs and generally tidying up around the garden.

If possible, try and avoid turning over the contents of your compost heap until mid-spring, as hibernating frogs, small mammals and insects could be sheltering in there.

Snowdrop bulbs multiply every year and overcrowding can reduce the flower display. Give plants a boost and create more displays for free, by lifting and dividing the clumps whilst they are "in the green".

Wait until they have finished flowering, then dig up the plant and carefully split into smaller clumps.

Replant at the same soil level as before, at the point where the leaves turn white - a depth of around 10cm. They won't even know they have been moved!

Further advice on this month's gardening jobs can be found online at rhs.org.uk/ March - happy gardening.



These are just a few of my..

FAVOURITE THINGS

In the latest chronicle of our new series for Sudbrooke News, we ask another villager to reveal his/her favourite things in life.

Next up is Parish Councillor Stuart Hewson, aged 58...

ALBUM

Seldom Seen Kid

by **Elbow**

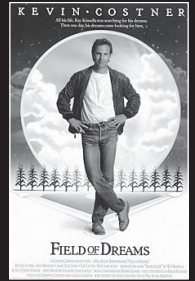
From the haunting 'Loneliness of a Tower Crane Driver' to the uplifting 'One Day Like This', it's an album that covers the full range of emotions.



FILM

Field of Dreams

It's the only film that can make me well-up with tears every time I watch it. Just nudged the *Shawshank Redemption* into second place.

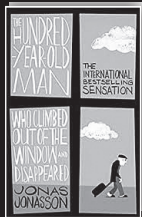


BOOK

The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared

by **Jonas Jonasson**

A silly and preposterous tale that would make anyone smile.



HOLIDAY DESTINATION

Santo Tomas, Menorca

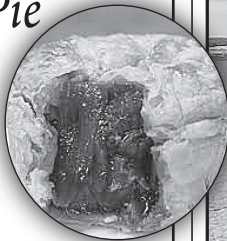
Holidays are for relaxing, and this quiet unassuming resort is the place we've visited numerous times in recent years for an easy chill-out break.



FOOD

Steak & Ale Pie

Beef, beer and pastry in one recipe, what isn't there to like, this is my ultimate comfort food especially during the cold winter months.



SUDBROOKE PRESCHOOL

WITH VICKI TIMINGS-THOMPSON - 01522 754047

■ SNOW BUSINESS

► We have had a few children staying at home during the current Covid restrictions, however some children have recently returned to preschool and it is really lovely to see them again!

Early Years Education involves a lot of learning from what is known as 'In the moment planning'.

This involves making good use of learning opportunities as they occur and according to the individual interest of the child.

As this month saw a week of snowfall (and past experiences prove that snow is always an exciting time at preschool), we took the opportunity to go out onto the Village Hall field, where we have a perfect place to play in the snow!

We had great fun making and throwing snowballs, leaving footprints around the field and building a snowman. The children particularly enjoyed riding on the sledges, sliding down the little slope and pulling each other back up again.



Returning back inside, we warmed up with delicious hot chocolate!

We also brought snow indoors to fill tuff trays, to see it melt and to create a 'small world' snowy environment for our polar bears, penguins, seals and whales.

This links to the learning goals such as, living environments, the natural world and changes over time, which are all areas of learning within 'Understanding of the World'.

These activities were lovely opportunities for the children to learn together through their play.

Sudbrooke Preschool offers government funded places and is very much a local community preschool. We are the main feeder pre-school for Ellison Boulter's School - which is lovely for our children, as friendships develop during their time with us, before they move on to school together!

Please call 01522 754047 or 07368 215007 for further information.



WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THE CHERRY TREE CAFE?

IF YOU HAD £430,000 AVAILABLE AND THE DESIRE TO BUY THE UNUSED EATING ESTABLISHMENT OFF WRAGBY ROAD, HOW WOULD YOU TRANSFORM THE PLACE?

■ BISTRO VISIONS

► The Cherry Tree Cafe has been closed for business for over a year now, with the attractive, Mediterranean-style building now laying dormant as it awaits its next buyer.

Obviously it had been an eating establishment for a few years, but what else could it be?

The large building comes complete with a sizeable car park and a tennis court, plus easy access off the A158 (all bus parties welcome), so the venue ticks a lot of boxes.

Owner Charlie mentioned that it would be the ideal place for a creche, so **Sudbrooke News** put some feelers out and asked residents what ideas they had and we had some great responses...

JIM WHARTON

“How about a small outdoor crazy golf, with children’s outdoor play area and an indoor infant play area?”

“There’s great catering facilities already on site and plenty of parking, but at present the passing traffic do not even notice what is there.”

NICK CORNWELL-SMITH

“Having walked past it a few times since it closed, though I have to admit I have never been inside, I have thought that it would make a wonderful Scout headquarters.”

JULIE HALL

“It would be great if it became a children’s soft play centre, something like Fun Farm. There is very little this side of the city for little ones aside from Rand Farm. It would definitely get my vote.”

PETER HEATH

“I’d like to see it back as a thriving cafe.”

GILL RIGNALL

“A children’s nursery.”

CHRIS HERRICK

“The junction does not lend itself to peak-time traffic, so we don’t need any more vehicles queuing, and it is dodgy at the best of times with restricted views (ie. when a bus is in the pull in and fast-moving vehicles hidden by traffic from Lincoln turning into Scothern Lane).

“Extra vehicles coming across from the Cherry Tree side at peak times would only add to the chaos. The pedestrian refuge can be a nightmare for those of us trying to get across the A158 with dogs, let alone pushchairs and toddlers, and the lane down to the Cherry Tree entrance can be hazardous to pedestrians (especially with children) when the tankers and oil well traffic are going backwards and forwards.

“I liked Charlie’s dream of a few years ago, a roundabout and a garden centre (perhaps with a petting zoo). Welton is getting a roundabout, yet the A46 seems to have a lot less traffic and, pro rata, accidents. I cannot imagine that Scothern Nursery or Roodies Roots could object, although they probably would.”

MIKE HALLIDAY

“I would spend my money elsewhere rather than convert the property to a private dwelling.

“As a commercial venture it has very difficult access. The County Council have denied requests for traffic lights to be installed on Wragby Road and until this is done I wouldn’t want children crossing the road. It is a lovely building and would succeed if sited elsewhere.”

BARBARA PRECIOUS

“If circumstances were A1, I would consider turning it into an open-air lido (that could be covered for winter use), with facilities for an indoor gym and cafe. It could also serve as an arts centre for local groups.”

KEITH LOVEN

“It could probably be subdivided in some way to provide workspaces/meeting areas.

“It has plenty of parking and is quite accessible, while being within walking distance for local people working remotely (post-Covid, of course).

“Even after Covid is brought under control, more people will be working remotely – it’s a greener option – and village development really needs to take that into account. Rather than working from home, it might suit some people to rent a desk in a local business centre, and it would be more sociable than working on your own, especially if refreshments are available.”

ANNA FANE “I would love to see a community cafe and the space to run a community singing group or community dance classes, etc. I run The Patchwork Community and I have run (pre-Covid) community singing/dancing groups to connect people for friendship and well being. That space would be amazing for helping people connect.”

JOHN & IRIS WHITAKER

“Childcare for children of working parents would suit many families.

“If it was still a working cafe then providing home cooked meals for delivery to village residents would have been very advantageous during lockdown.

“Opening up as a cafe/restaurant again would have to be combined with a specialism of some kind to attract custom.”



Got any suggestions? Please email: sudbrookenews@gmail.com

MEET THE NEW COUNCILLOR

BHIKHU MISTRY

There have been a few comings and goings on Sudbrooke Parish Council in recent months and the two latest villagers to sign up are Tracey Bowman and Bhikhu Mistry. Sudbrooke News caught up with the latter of those two newbies to find out exactly why he chose to do his bit for the village...

Bhikhu started out in life on a different continent to most of us – namely Africa – born in Uganda a few moons ago, moving to the UK when he was just 12.

After spending the next few years in the English educational system, Bhikhu gained a university degree and from then carved out a successful career in his new homeland.

“I am a graduate mechanical engineer and pursued my career in the quality engineering field in manufacturing,” he explains.

“I started in automotive manufacturing followed by processing plastics, printed packaging for pharmaceutical industries and then finally in the aerospace industry.

“I then moved to Sudbrooke from Leicester, where I grew up since coming to UK.

“I took early retirement in 2015 due to ill health after serving as quality manager for 15 years. Thereafter, I did do some consulting role for further two more years, when I decided to stop all together. At this point I suddenly found plenty of spare time which lead to my application for this role.”

And so the idea came to him to join the Parish Council through as he wanted to do his bit to help the village in which he has now

“The growth in community presents a greater challenge”



lived for around 20 years. But does he think he can offer to the Parish Council?

“I am hoping to help meet fresh challenges with the growing community,” he reveals. “I don’t have any specific desire to achieve, but I am hoping to draw on a working career dealing with various people from different backgrounds and challenges.

“I feel I can bring fresh and smarter method of delivering services to meet these challenges in future.

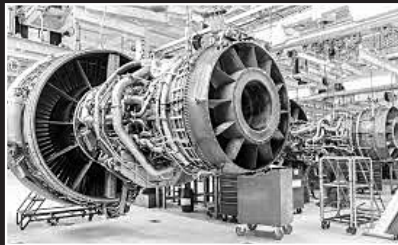
“I am a team player and therefore happy and comfortable with the community, and hoping I will be of benefit to the Parish Council.”

Was it always his wish to become part of the group that oversees matters in our fair village?

“No, I didn’t have any desire to become a councillor,” he admits, honestly.

“However, now that I have retired and therefore have extra time on my hand, this opportunity came up just in time and I thought the growth in community presents a greater challenge to maintain existing standards.”

We wish Bhikhu a successful stint as a valued member of the Parish Council.



THE CHURCH DIARY

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■ THIN PLACES

► If you have ever been in church and heard me speak (or even if you have heard me spouting forth on facebook), you may have heard me talk of 'thin places', places where we encounter something that we can't explain - something that isn't tangible, but we know its there and sometimes it renders us speechless and opens up something new in us; a kind of inner world of mystery, transformation, and encounter.

Thin places describe a veil being parted between this world and the other world, between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human. They feel like holy places and they invite us to be astounded by the greatness of God, to enter the tremendous mystery of God's presence and love. In the thin places we know ourselves to be overshadowed by something or someone beyond ourselves - the holy.

Well, this week I was listening to The Archers, and a conversation between Emma and her sister-in-law, Alice. The two of them had fallen out badly and this excerpt was the two of them being reconciled. Alice is pregnant and is nervous about giving birth, Emma already has children. Alice questions her about childbirth - she wants honest answers - is labour horrific? Well, Emma says it like it is, but then says to Alice: "I loved giving birth - it is amazing, it is an extraordinary experience, and extraordinary is the only word I can think of. You wait all this time and then it's just..." and then words fail her... this was a thin place - indescribable moments where there is something of 'the other' present

Thin places transform our lives. They don't just appear in the wonder of a new child, they can appear in moments of sadness, in moments of celebration - in fact at any time - the veil parts, the scales fall from our eyes and we know ourselves to be different. We and our whole world now stand in a different light. There are many of those moments described in the Bible. One such event is the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus takes his three closest friends to the top of a mountain where they experience a thin place, Jesus seems to change in form and they hear a voice affirming

that Jesus is God's beloved. They are enveloped in the cloud of God's presence.

I believe that experience is the great longing of humanity. We long to stand in the thin place, We want to come face to face with that which is beyond ourselves and step through the veil when it parts. That longing is what has encouraged pilgrims to journey to holy places. It called our spiritual ancestors to the desert. It is why we persevere in prayer.

I wonder if you have recognised the thin places in your life? Encounters that have left you silent, because they are too real for words. Those moments of transfiguration live eternally within us. When was a time the veil parted for you and you knew you stood in the presence of the holy and your life was changed? Maybe it was the first time you held a child or grandchild, or a sunset that revealed more than the movement of a burning star. Perhaps it was forgiveness that opened the possibility for a new life or a time when you knew beyond a doubt that you were loved not because of what you did, but simply because you are. Maybe you sat in the deep silence of God's presence and knew that all was well. These are the thin places of our life, moments of transfiguration that leave us astounded at the greatness of God.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have started the season of Lent and that season presents us with an opportunity to focus, to encounter God as we follow Jesus into the desert. Lent is often seen as a place of austerity, and yet I think it the place for great spiritual richness because it invites us away from distraction, to clear out some of the clutter and place to focus on our walk with God. It's not about giving up chocolate - it is about getting rid of the clutter that we stuff into our lives so that we can make ourselves more present to God and allow God to lead us into those thin places.

So join me to commit to that walk and to ask God to lead us into thin places - and let's see what comes to us during this coming season...

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LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW...

For the Sudbrooke children stuck at home for weeks and months on end, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the sight of snowfall was certainly a joy to behold last month.



We don't get much of the white stuff in these parts, so when it comes down, it feels very much like a novelty and something to cherish, and there were plenty of youngsters eager to pack away their school books

and pens, and go outside and frolic in the snow.

Even their teachers were encouraging them to take a break from their studies and just 'enjoy themselves' and it was great to see so many snowmen frequenting gardens in the village.

A VILLAGER'S PLEA

Due to being contacted several times asking about the land where the caravan is (re. **Sudbrooke News**, February 2021 edition), the family of the late Stuart Curtis who was Sudbrooke's District Councillor and Parish Councillor, who passed away in 2017, would like to advise that the caravan and the land to which it is on, is nothing to do with Stuart or his family.

Emma Chapman
(Stuart's daughter)

PUBLIC MATTERS



District Councillor Bob Waller will be back next month with an update

✓ Any waste
✓ Any day

From 8 March, Household Waste Recycling Centres will be accepting general waste, garden waste and recycling on the opening days.

Please remember to separate different types of waste.

You must continue to book a timeslot online or via phone.

Vans and larger trailers will still need a permit.

lincolnshire.gov.uk/clickandtip.



THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

Welcome to the March 2021 edition of the Sudbrooke News quiz. As the vaccination programme starts to bring us closer to a return to some kind of normality, please feel free to keep those grey cells ticking over by answering these 20 questions.

- 1) What town in Lincolnshire was described by John Betjeman as “the finest stone town in England”?
- 2) With one word, complete the following quote from Charles De Gaulle: “How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of”?
- 3) One of the most expensive paintings in the world is titled ‘No. 5, 1948’. Who painted it?
- 4) What is the scientific name for the constellation known as the ‘Great Bear’?
- 5) How many hurdles does a 400m hurdler jump in a race?
- 6) Lady de Winter is a villainess in which famous novel?
- 7) What is the name of the Middle Eastern dip or spread usually made with chickpeas, sesame paste, garlic, lemon juice and salt?
- 8) Chennai, formerly Madras, is the capital of which Indian state?
- 9) What colour jersey does the leader of the Giro d’Italia cycle race wear?
- 10) Which famous Carry-On film actor appeared in the TV show ‘Bless this House’?
- 11) Eland, Impala, Kudu and Nyala are all types of which African animal?
- 12) Peter Gabriel was the original lead singer of which progressive rock band?
- 13) Rastafarians use the term ‘Babylon’ when referring to which organisation?
- 14) Ellis Bell was a pseudonym used by which famous writer?
- 15) What is the name of the exploration vehicle that Nasa have recently landed on Mars?
- 16) How many vertebrae does the average human possess?
- 17) ‘In the Hall of the Mountain King’ is an orchestral work by which composer?
- 18) What was the first dynasty in Chinese history?
- 19) If I was walking on the Long Mynd, in which county would I be?
- 20) What is the study of mushrooms called?



Answers on page 23



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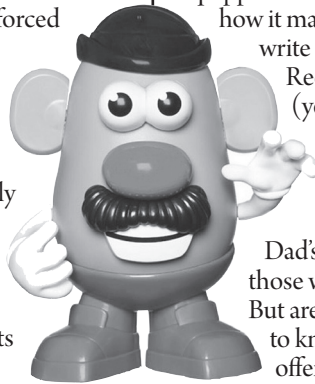
A shorter piece than usual for Alan this month, but it's probably just as well as he's getting rather steamed up about a toy. But he can't let it go and why not, it all adds to the spice in the mix today...

The world has officially gone stark-raving, bonkers-inducing mad, it really has.

As if our lives couldn't get any more bizarre during this endless lockdown, news has emerged that Mr Potato Head (and his wife Mrs Potato Head), the world-famous and very popular toy that has been loved by children across the globe, has become the latest victim of the cancel culture, woke brigade, whatever you may call them, as he has been forced to undergo a gender-neutral makeover and will no longer be called Mr Potato Head (nor Mrs Potato Head).

Yes, that is right, our mustachioed friend will now simply become Potato Head.

How have we reached this stage of life in 2021 when a child's beloved toy becomes a target for these neutral-loving idiots who want to rip the heart and soul



out of everything they don't like or appreciate, just so as not to offend a very small number of people? When did the minority voice become an overriding power in the world? Who at Hasbro thought this was a good idea? Seriously? They need to take a long, hard look at themselves in the mirror.

But it's not just the spud man, is it? You can't watch a show on the BBC without it coming equipped with basically some apology about how it may offend someone (I hate to write 'snowflake', but you get the drift).

Recent episodes of Dad's Army (yes, really), Blackadder and the Fresh Prince of Bel Air have all warned of 'discriminatory language', whatever that means. If you actually take offence at Dad's Army then I despair, as I do at those who object at Mr Potato Head. But are there any who do? I would love to know how and why you are offended. Please write in!

READER'S LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

ALTERNATIVE TIP IDEA

Dear Editor

Many years ago, before the green wheelie bin scheme, Stuart Curtis and Co. arranged for a refuse lorry to collect our garden waste from the Village Hall. This was well supported, especially as it was, if I remember correctly, free to users.

Whilst I am happy to pay the council to take away the larger items, furniture and such, the Lincoln waste site is not a place for the unwary, it is practically impossible to pull up near to the correct skip and usually I would have several categories of waste to carry. Owing to this, I have

on the last occasions travelled to Market Rasen where the site is user-friendly, and the staff go to great lengths to help, unlike the grumpy, and even surly, workers in Lincoln.

What I would like to suggest is a Village Hall collection of electrical goods, or other categories, which don't justify hours spent going to the tip.

There are some people out there who don't have cars, who would doubly benefit. If the precept can't be used, a nominal charge, perhaps a fiver, would offset costs. What do other readers think?

Chris Herrick

SUDBROOKE LOCKDOWN SERVICES

Help is available in the village once more during the latest lockdown..

Prescription deliveries from Nettleham this is the number to call 07814 040260

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SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

The Annual General Meeting of Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee will be held by Zoom on Monday 15 March 2021, at 7pm.

All residents of Sudbrooke Parish aged 18 or over are welcome to attend the AGM to elect a new Management Committee. All village organisations are invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee. Please let me know as soon as possible, via village hall letter box or

sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail.com if you wish to make a nomination to the Management Committee. If you wish to attend the meeting please let me know at sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail.com so that I may send you a Zoom invitation.

Gill Rignall
Minutes Secretary
Sudbrooke Village Hall
Management Committee



ALSO

The Management Committee continues to monitor the Covid regulations. At the moment only Preschool can use the hall and its safety will be a priority.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Meetings continue to be held by Zoom and are working well, with two residents joining the meeting for the February meeting

Note - If any resident would like to join a Parish Council meeting please notify the Clerk on sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com by noon on the day of a meeting for the joining link.

NEW MEMBERS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

► The Parish Council has welcomed two new members recently, Mrs Tracey Bowman and Mr Bhikhu Mistry. Both Councillors know the village having lived here for over 20 years. It has been pleasing that more requests to join the Parish Council have been received than there have been places for. That is very encouraging when many Councils struggle to fill vacancies.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

► CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that there were funds in a new scheme to support small local

traders who had not been trading for too long and were unable to access other assistance. For further details have a look on the County Council website or contact Sue Rawlins.

CC Rawlins also stated that there had been funds set aside by the County Council for repairing rural roads and she hoped that some would be allocated for Sudbrooke/Nettleham/Church Lane.

PAINTING OF PARK GATES

► The Council approved a quotation for painting the Park Gates. The work will be carried out when the weather improves.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER AND CYCLE RIDERS

► Concern was expressed that young riders on scooters were having fun on the footpaths but were wearing no protective clothing, this also applied to young cycle riders not wearing helmets.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► 7.30pm - Thursday 4 March - by Zoom.

WELTON PATIENTS' AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

LATEST UPDATE

We have safely delivered over 60 patients to the Showground, for their Covid injections, with a further 63 booked in for the coming weeks. The number of drivers available is greatly depleted due to some drivers' own medical conditions which means the few who are still driving at the moment have at times been stretched to the limit! If you are struggling to get to the Showground please give me a call and I will find a driver for you.

I have 'jumped on the bandwagon' of those selling jigsaw puzzles as a lockdown pastime and have been selling on Facebook on behalf of the PDA. All collections are done 'Covid safe' with masks worn by both parties and money dropped in a pot.

We have taken a chance and, looking ahead, have made a provisional booking of Welton Village Hall for our Autumn Fayre and Christmas Lunch. Whether they will go ahead is anyone's guess, but we have to remain optimistic! More details in due course.

QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) Stamford; (2) Cheeses; (3) Jackson Pollack; (4) Ursa Major; (5) 10; (6) The Three Musketeers; (7) Hummus; (8) Tamil Nadu; (9) Pink; (10) Sid James; (11) Antelope; (12) Genesis; (13) Police; (14) Emily Bronte; (15) Perseverance; (16) 33; (17) Edward Grieg; (18) The Xia dynasty; (19) Shropshire; (20) Mycology.

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You can continue to contact us on Nettleham@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Thank you

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority for the next quarter is:

Covid-19 Pandemic – We will continue to apply the following principles to Covid-19 related incidents: Engage, Explain, Encourage and, as a last resort, Enforce.

Speeding – The Neighbourhood Policing Team have received reports of speeding in various locations in the Gainsborough Rural South

policing area and we are working hard to action this.

OP Rabon- Theft of Motor Vehicles. The NPT will be engaging with communities to promote vehicle security. There has been an increase in thefts from and of Transit Vans, Range Rovers and Land rovers.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

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Covid-19: Any reports of breaches of Covid regulations we have investigated and will continue to engage, encourage and last resort enforce.



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SOME OF THE BEST DISPLAYS FROM DECEMBER 2020

