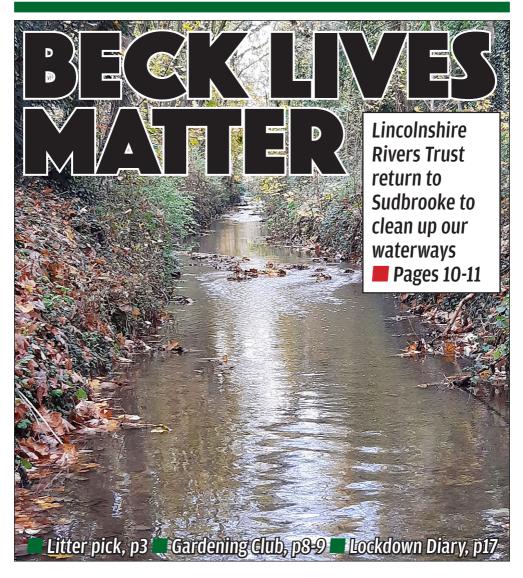


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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

JUNE 2021

WELL, what a washout May was, quite literally and in total contrast to Mays of at least the last two years when I remember us basking in glorious sunshine and high temperatures.

I think it must have rained EVERY day for the past month and if people were not already feeling down due to the pandemic, then the weather will have certainly have added to peoples' misery. At least the gardens have been well watered anyway and there are plenty of very green lawns in the village. But we've had enough now and want some sunshine!

It's good to see the Lincolnshire Rivers Trust helping to clear our becks and helping them breathe, while residents can do their bit this month in helping to tidy up the village in the first litter pick held in a while.

We need more businesses to feature so if anyone out there wants to be talked about then just let me know and I'll get on the case. More the merrier. Pitter patter. **Dom**

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Sudbrooke Parish Council

CAN YOU HELP IN THE SUDBROOKE LITTER PICK?

Saturday 12th JUNE 2021

Meet at 9.30am at the Village Hall, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke.



PLEASE HELP TIDY OUR VILLAGE Bags, Grabbers, Gloves provided (supplied by West Lindsey District Council)

All Covid 19 regulations in place at the time of the litter pick will be strictly adhered to.

The Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to organise future litter picks for the village. If you are interested, please call Andy Cottam on (01522) 750470 or speak to him at the litter pick on 12 June 2021

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 2021

Minutes of the remote meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 1 April. **PRESENT**

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller, Mrs Tracey Bowman, Andy Cottam, Stuart Hewson, Bhikhu Mistry, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, Christine Myers (Clerk), Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

1 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A resident had offered a suggestion for discouraging diverted drivers attempting to use Nettleham Lane as a shorter diversion route with a view to keeping traffic moving and minimising damage and danger, with the offer to provide signs, road cones and sandbags. The resident was thanked and the matter would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

• A resident had commented on the poor repairs made to Church Lane and Nettleham Lane. It was noted that this was still being pursued by CC Mrs Sue Rawlins.

• A resident had asked that the unadopted stretch West Drive into the Parklands remain a single lane with passing places.

2 APOLOGIES

• Councillor Ian Russell was unable to attend the meeting. That the reason given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

■ 4 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2021 TO BE APPROVED

• That the notes be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

5 POLICE MATTERS

The following incidents were reported:
There had been a break-in to a new property

on The Parklands development, with the theft of appliances and tools.

A male had visited a property in North Greetwell carried out work on the drive and when questioned about the quality of the work had become aggressive.

6 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

 CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported she was raising with the Highways Officer and Cllr Richard Davies regarding the poor highway surface on Church Lane and the path on St Edward's Drive.
CC Mrs Rawlins also stated that Lincolnshire was one of 25 counties in the UK to receive funding for flooding.

DC Bob Waller reported that remote meetings beyond 7 April were not permitted for WLDC, similarly to Parish Councils.

▶ DC Waller also stated that those testing positive for Covid-19 in West Lindsey was still higher than the national average, but the rate for Lincolnshire generally was falling.

■ 7 BURIAL SPACE/NEW CEMETERY - UPDATE

▶ The Chairman reported on the meeting of the Working Group held with Mr Paul Truelove and that he had offered the parish an area of one acre on Nettleham Lane at no charge for use as a cemetery. Mr Truelove was arranging for plans to be drawn up to show the land alongside the footpath which would be laid by the hedgerow as part of the S106 Agreement.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 2021

8 HIGHWAY ISSUES

▶ a. St Edward's Drive footway - CC Mrs Sue Rawlins pursuing.

b. Nettleham Lane/Church Lane - CC Mrs Sue Rawlins pursuing.

• c. Scothern Lane footpath towards A158 junction - LCC 'investigating'.

d. Wragby Road footpath - LCC response -'No further action'.

Notification had been received that some of the estate roads, Beresford Drive, Broad Dale Close, Maple Drive, Northfield Avenue were to be surface dressed on 10 April – works that were felt were not necessary.

That the Parish Council write to the Chief Executive, expressing dismay by LCC Highways in their evaluation of works in Sudbrooke unanimously Resolved.

9 TO CONSIDER ARRANGING A LITTER PICK FOR THE VILLAGE

• Councillors Andy Cottam and Mrs Tracey Bowman offered to co-ordinate a Litter Pick for the village on 12 June 2021.

■ 10 MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS AREA – UPDATE RE QUOTATIONS

• The Clerk reported that despite inviting 4 companies to quote for the works none had been received. It was agreed to agenda this item for further consideration at the next meeting.

■ 11 VILLAGE HALL AGM – UPDATE BY COUNCILLOR STUART HEWSON, PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Councillor Stuart Hewson reported as follows:

□ That there was currently a vacancy for a Trustee.

□ The hall had lost bookings revenue due to the closure of the Hall due to Covid-19, but it had been successful in gaining a Business Interruption Grant and a Business Closure Grant which had assisted with cash flow.

□ That the refurbishment of the toilets had been completed during the first Lockdown.

□ That the Committee were looking into replacing the partition doors in the bar area.

That quotes were being sought for a new front door.

□ That the boiler in the hall was being considered for replacement

■ 12 WEBSITE - TO CONFIRM NAMED ADMINISTRATORS AUTHORISED TO ADD/REVISE THE PARISH WEBSITE

• That the Clerk and Mr Peter Langford be authorised Administrators for the parish website unanimously Resolved.

13 THE PARKLANDS

Reply received from contractors re use of West Drive: Following a letter received from a resident regarding the use of West Drive by contractors, the contractors had commented they were monitoring building site traffic and stuck to the Traffic Management Plan, but had no control over the farm traffic.

14 NEW SEATS - NORTHFIELD PARK - TO CONSIDER CHANGING SUPPLIER

▶ It was brought to the attention of the Council that Lynx were currently unable to supply the seats ordered – one for replacement of the memorial seat in Northfield Park and an additional seat for Main Drive near to the new development. Similar style seats were available through Marmax Products at comparable prices. That the Council purchase seats from Marmax unanimously Resolved.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

APRIL 2021

■ 15 TO CONSIDER REQUEST BY GULLY CRICKETERS TO USE SUDBROOKE PLAYING FIELD FOR CRICKET PRACTICE

• A request had been received for use of the playing field for ground fielding and catching practice, to be carried out within the confines of the pandemic and only when the field was not attended by any families with or without children. That the request be granted unanimously Resolved.

■ 16 TO REVIEW AN EXTENSION OF THE SITING OF THE PIZZA VAN (SO KNEADY) ON THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK ON ALTERNATE FRIDAYS UNTIL END MAY 2021

That this request be granted unanimously Resolved.

17 FINANCE

▶ a. To consider quotation received for upgrading CCTV cameras at the Village Hall - a quotation had been received, but it was felt that more information was required. Councillor Stuart Hewson agreed to contact Secure Homes to discuss the equipment.

▶ b. To consider offer(s) received for the tennis net, posts and box - only one offer had been received in the sum of £130.00. That this offer be accepted unanimously Resolved. The Clerk to arrange collection by the purchaser.

▶ c. **Sudbrooke News** - Following printing price increase to consider revising advertising rates in the magazine - It was noted that the printing cost was to rise by 7% there not having been any increase for three years. Following discussion it was Resolved Parish Magazine Printing continue to print the magazine with an increase in printing charges of £9 for a quarter of a page, £17 for half a page and £32 for a full page. Thanks were extended to the editor, Dominic Picksley, for continuing to produce an excellent magazine.

 d. To update the Parish Council's Fixed Asset Register - This was reviewed with amendments.
e. Accounts for payment

18 PLANNING

To ratify comments forwarded to WLDC
Planning Department on Application 142465
10 Maple Drive - single storey front extension

- No objections. Unanimously Resolved.

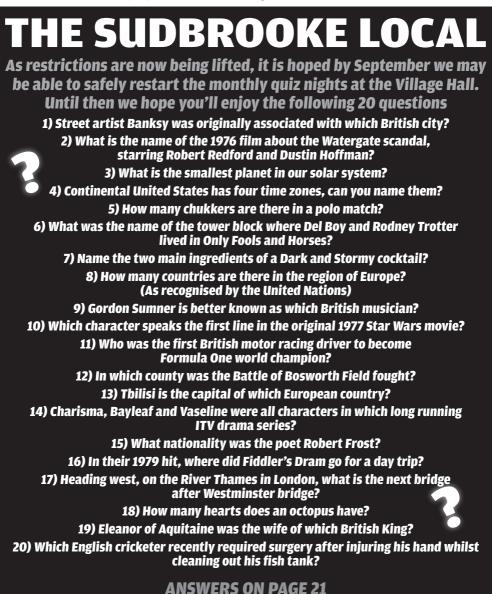
19 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

A report had been received of cutting down of trees at a property on Wragby Road. This was passed to the Trees Officer at WLDC who investigated. It appeared that works being carried out were in line with the work permitted by tree applications last year.

20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

▶ The Chairman stated that the Village Maps sited at the Millennium Stone and by the shop were in need of updating to include the roads on the new development. A price of £560 had been quoted for their replacement. It was agreed that the Chairman speak with the developers to ascertain if they could contribute to the cost.



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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

FLOWER OF THE MONTH COMP

Once again we have gone electronic with our in-house competition and 13 members sent in their favourite snaps of the month. Our judges did another sterling job selecting the winners and did say that their day had been enriched by the colourful display of entries.

Joint third place was awarded to Angela's pristine specimen of the beautiful white/pink

tipped and veined Cherry Cheesecake Tulip, together with Paul's masculine Black Tulip which was purchased from **Baumber Walled** Garden's 2019 bulb sale - seemly it did absolutely nothing the first year, but has certainly reached maturity this time round. Gardening can often be full of disappointments. surprises and hopefulness and can add years to your life and life to your years.

Tulips also reigned in second position,

although this time it was Margaret's stunning pot full of red, yellow and purple blooms (both single and double specimens) – absolutely gorgeous and enriches a stunning display in the courtyard area.

And our winner was submitted by Dave and is one of the most tolerant and long-lived bulbs you can grow – ideal for naturalising in a flower-studded meadow and lovely for picking from the border. The vivid blue, tall, bold flowering spikes of Camassia Quamash (above) is our worthy winner and gives Dave his first win in the current competition.

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who took part.

GARDENING JOBS FOR JUNE -A VERY BUSY MONTH INDEED

Ensure you regularly water newly-planted baskets and containers, as well as more

established planting if there is a prolonged dry spell.

Hopefully by now the tender plants have been put outside and the summer bedding and hanging baskets are in situ.

If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse then you will probably have a selection of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, aubergines and chillis growing away nicely by now - remember to pinch out the side shoots on your tomatoes.

Now is also the time

to thin out apples and pears if there has been a heavy set.

In the vegetable patch you can plant main crop plants such as carrots, courgettes and marrows, as well as transplanting young brassicas and leeks.

Keep sowing salad leaves, radishes and herbs and, whenever possible, relax in the garden, have a cuppa, listen to the birdsong, watch the wildlife and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Visit rhs.org.uk/June for further advice.



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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2021 VILLAGE COMPETITIONS: BEST HANGING BASKET – JULY

The first round of judging all hanging baskets visible from the public footpath will take place about the middle of July and our judges will be looking for:

- Use of colour.
- Plant health.
- Structure of planting.
 Visual impact. Baskets can either be purchased readyplanted and

lovingly

tended, or created and set up by yourselves. Either way, careful watering, feeding and removal of faded blooms should give you a beautiful

display for the whole of the summer months.

TALLEST SUNFLOWER GROWN IN THE VILLAGE OR BY A CLUB MEMBER

Despite the very cold start to the gardening year, hopefully all your plants are growing well, are set out in a sunny position and being watered regularly. They will probably need to be staked and tied in to support the growing stem and, if vou wish, can be occasionally fed with a liquid fertiliser to encourage growth. When you think your sunflower has reached its highest point - which is likely to be sometime in August - then do please get in touch with John or Iris (mobile 07887 688 100) and we will arrange to measure and photograph your entry (adhering to the current social distancing rules of course)

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Following our beck improvement project along the Sudbrooke playing field in 2019, and the tree planting later that year, we were very happy to return to the site in April this year with our volunteers to carry out some much-needed weeding around the saplings.

We were delighted to see how much better the beck looked and we were especially pleased to be out as it was our first Work

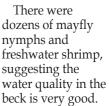
Party Wednesday in almost a vear! Abiding by the latest Covid-19 guidelines, we worked in a small sociallydistanced group to clear away the weeds around each

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sapling, reducing competition for water and nutrients and giving the saplings the best chance to thrive.

After a couple of hours of weeding we carried out a brief kick sample in the beck





Not only are mayfly indicators of a healthy freshwater environment as they cannot tolerate polluted water, they are also a vital part of the freshwater food chain providing a much needed food source for many other river dwellers including brown trout.

As part of our Mayfly in the

classroom school sessions, we regularly

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bring local school children out to their local Lincolnshire beck or river to look for mayflies and have never seen so many in one kick sample before!

Mayflies were around long before dinosaurs and they have a very interesting life cycle.

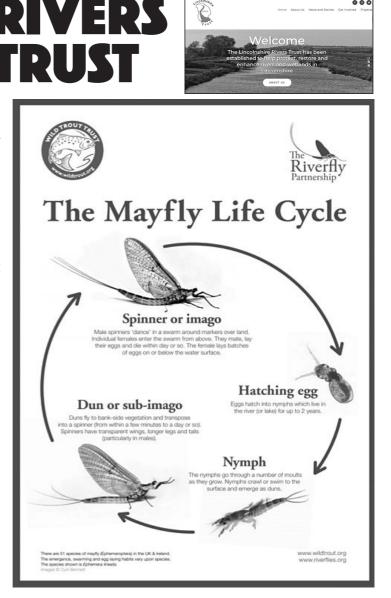
In their adult form, mayflies will only survive for a day or two and used to be known as 'dayflies'. See life cycle diagram from the Wild Trout Trust, right.

As always, we want to say a great big THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers for their time, enthusiasm and energy.

We also want to thank Sudbrooke Parish Council for their ongoing support and cooperation with the project.

To find out more about our projects, how you can volunteer with us, or getting your school or group closer to nature with our FREE, tailor-made

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SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY – 01522 754686

WE'RE BACK!

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▶ I am delighted to be able to say that based on current Government guidance we can resume our group country walks in June.

No doubt some members have kept in good shape throughout the pandemic, but maybe others like myself have let fitness slip a bit so a leisurely first walk is called for.

I think Willingham Woods at Market Rasen is an ideal venue (on June 5) as it provides good parking, interesting scenery with trees newly in leaf and lots of wildflowers with possibly the remnants of the bluebell display in Legsby wood.

The walk is approximately six miles long, but there are shortcuts back to the car park if

needed. Although the trees provide shelter it can be muddy underfoot. There are no hills to climb.

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

We walk on the first Saturday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us for some free and healthy exercise.





PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

REPORT OF ANNUAL PC MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON MAY 5, 2021

Councillor Stuart Hewson had resigned from the Parish Council. This gives two vacancies on the Council, both of which are currently being advertised through the process as advised by West Lindsey District Council. Any resident interested in joining the Council please contact the Clerk to the Council on Sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com who will be pleased to supply further details.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2021/22

▶ Councillor Peter Heath was re-elected Chairman and Councillor Bob Waller the Vice Chairman.

COUNCIL MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

 The members with specific responsibilities were appointed as follows:
* Trees and Environment - Cllr Ian Russell
* Representative on the Village Hall
Committee - Cllr Mrs Tracey Bowman
* Village Play areas/equipment - Cllr Peter Heath

* **Sudbrooke News** distribution – Cllr Andy Cottam

* Defibrillator Inspections – Cllr Peter Heath

* CCTV at Village Hall – Cllr Bhikhu Mistry

* Grass cutting - to be dealt with by the Clerk

* Planning - Cllr Bob Waller

* Highways/Footpaths - Cllr Bob Waller

* Village Furniture – Cllr Bhikhu Mistry

PAVEMENTS AND HIGHWAY ISSUES IN THE PARISH

▶ Following a letter of complaint to Lincs County Council, copied to our local MP, Sir Edward Leigh had offered to meet Parish Council representatives and walk around the village to look at specific problems.

 STUART CURTIS MEMORIAL FIELD
The Parish Council has approved ongoing works to the field to improve the surface at a cost of £650.00.

MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS OF THE PARKLANDS

Members of the Parish Council had met development staff for a site meeting and the following was reported: Concerns about the traffic using West Drive were raised and it was explained that BOSS had located their site office close to this road so that their vehicles could be monitored and any issues addressed. It had been stressed, though, that farm vehicles using the road could not be monitored.

The timing of the opening of the pub was apparently the most asked question by residents. No date for completion currently. It was agreed the developers provide a base and install the new seat, provided by the Parish Council, to be sited on Main Drive.

NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL
The next meeting will be Thursday 1 July 2021, 7.30pm, Sudbrooke Village Hall.

It was unanimously Resolved that until the next meeting is held, the PC give delegated authority to the Clerk (in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman) to suspend any relevant Standing Order or Financial Regulation as necessary to ensure the smooth running and operation of the Parish Council.

ELECTION SPECIAL: THE RESULTS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER / COUNTY COUNCIL (WELTON RURAL) COUNTY COUNCIL (WELTON RURAL) POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER Marc Jones (Conservative) Sue Rawlins (Conservative)



TOTAL FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES 102,813 (ELECTED)



Rosanne Kirk (Labour) TOTAL FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES 34.310



David Williams (Lincolnshire Independents) TOTAL FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES 18,375



Ross Pepper (Liberal Democrats) TOTAL FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES 10,172



Peter Escreet (Reform UK) TOTAL FIRST PREFERENCE VOTES 6,101

BALLOT PAPERS REJECTED AT THE FIRST COUNT AS FOLLOWS

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B Voting for more than one candidate as to the first preference vote	
C Writing or mark by which voter could be identified	134
D Unmarked as to the first preference vote	2,610
E Being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote	1,359



NUMBER OF VOTES 1,724 (ELECTED)



Diana Rodgers (Independent) NUMBER OF VOTES 684



David Bond (Labour) NUMBER OF VOTES 445



Neil Taylor (Liberal Democrats) NUMBER OF VOTES 224

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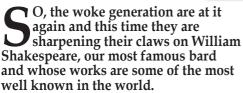
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By popular demand (well, that's what we tell him anyway), Alan Giles gives his irreverent take on the world and grinds his teeth into the issues of the day. Enjoy...



It seems the Globe Theatre want to rid some of his plays of 'racialised dynamics', insisting that he basically portrayed white folk as the 'beautiful people', which presumably gives them carte blance to accuse Shakespeare of being racist.

What utter nonsense. Where are we going

in this country where everything everyone has ever done is now under scrutiny, where idiotic people are trying to find some sort of stick to beat people with?

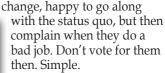
The Metro newspaper has even jumped on the back of the hypocrisy as they ran a story the other day embroiling 'The King' Elvis Presley into this racist balderdash.

And then you've got

London Mayor Sadiq Khan, who earlier this year set up his Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm, where he is basically employing people to decide what statues should be pulled down, what street signs should be changed, because they atre deemed to be racist etc...

And speaking of Khan and numerous politicians up and down the land – who keeps voting for these idiots and sticking them back in power? I know the goings-on of London don't affect us country-bumpkins up here, but some of us like to keep our ears to the ground and the man is said to be one of the worst London Mayors of all time... yet he was given another term of office by the electorate with over a million people voting for him. WHY?

That is a question that baffles me. You often hear people moaning about the government and those in power, or criticising the opposition, but who do they stick their cross next to in the ballot box? That's right, the same names and the same parties as always; it's like people are reluctant to

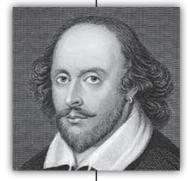


We need those apathetic lot, you know the 60-odd per cent who don't bother to vote, to actually turn up at the polling booths and choose one of the lesser parties and give them a chance, like the Lincolnshire Independents or Reform, or

the independent candidate/s.

That is the big problem, though, those who are turned off politics don't vote, they see their protest being not to turn up – this is helping to keep these people in power. If you want to protest properly, turn up on election day, vote for Baron Von Thunderclap, Sir Dudley the Crazed, former postwoman Joan Smith, etc... get them in power and really give those in office a seriously bloody nose.

But they won't. I have to say, the British voting public deserve who they get.



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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 For Welton surgery: 07725 519544

For Weiton Surgery: 07725 519544 We will get deliveries to folks as soon as we can.

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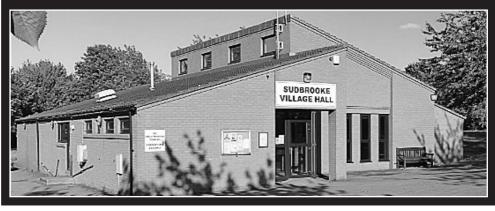
For an help with lifts to shops/ a ppointments etc. call 07932 477118

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SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

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It is hoped that the village hall can be available for hire after 21 June. Enquiries will be taken on the above email and telephone number.





BITUARY DEREK ORDISH

Derek Ordish, a former Parish Councillor for many years, has sadly passed away at the age of 96.

Sympathy is extended to Jackie, Janette and all the family at this sad time.

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER

WLDC MEETING

As another month comes to a close I hope we are all feeling positive as restrictions on our daily life are lifted? May has seen some very unseasonable weather. I got it all wrong in the garden, losing plants to late frosts and then having others 'swimming' in the wet weather. The only event of this month was the scoring in the Eurovision Song Contest, if contest is the right word!

This week saw a milestone at WLDC. Last night I attended the Planning meeting at the Guildhall in Gainsborough. It was the first time I stepped a foot in the Council Chamber for over 16 months. With a certain amount of trepidation I arrived at 5.45pm to be met at the door, answered a Covid survey and then masked up before being escorted to my table.

Members, officers and the public speakers all used different entrances and followed strict social distancing. The chamber was opened up using the two breakout rooms, this provided ample space for each table. Each table had a bottle of sanitiser, wipes and a bottle of water. As speakers came and left the chamber, their seat and table was completely cleaned before the next speaker came into the chamber. At the conclusion of the meeting, councillors left separately at two-minute intervals. Although the new procedures meant the meeting took longer than normal, it was no hardship to follow the rules.

The staff at WLDC did an excellent job and the meeting ran well, meaning further meetings can now be held in the Guildhall with confidence. The meeting dealt with five applications, four of which were approved. Unfortunately the Guildhall is not large enough to accommodate a full Council meeting with Covid precautions being observed, so the next full Council meeting will be held at the Lincolnshire Showground on 28 June).

COVID DATA

▶ I fully appreciate that all data is constantly changing, but below are the latest official figure released by WLDC/NHS

West Lindsey has seen eight new cases, which is a reduction of 33% on the previous week. Our infection rate currently stands at 10.5 per 100,000, which is significantly lower than the national infection rate of 21.2 per 100,000. Across Lincolnshire, there have been increases in infection rates, with Lincoln and South Holland highlighted by Public Health England as specific areas of concern.

With the so called Indian variant dominating much of the news, there is no specific data available on the number of cases currently circulating in the district. For the East Midlands region as a whole, 261 cases of this variant have been detected, accounting for 32.7% of all recent Covid cases. The rise of this new variant is much less steep than in other regions.

I am pleased to report there have been no additional Covid-related deaths in the past week. There have been no new community outbreaks in the past week and the infection rate amongst the older population remains low with infections amongst over-60s decreasing by 67% in the past week.

As of 17 May, 75.5% (or 60,101) of the district's eligible population have received a first dose of the Covid vaccine, while 45.3% (or 36,045) have received a second dose.

And finally... while the rules are being relaxed we must remain alert to the risk of becoming infected. We should take personal responsibility for ensuring others maintain an appropriate distance. It's clear from the experiences seen in Bolton, Blackburn and Darwen that the emergency is not entirely over just yet and we need to stay vigilant.

I hope that you are reading this bathed in sunshine with a cold drink - we deserve it.

THE CHURCH DIARY

WITH REVD PENNY GREEN - 01522 595596 slbchurches@virginmedia.com

WITH OR WITHOUT GOD?

Just before Easter, a newspaper columnist wrote in the opinion column of his paper a piece in which he asked the question: 'How do faithless people like me make sense of this past year of Covid-19?' - he went on to say that when he filled in his census form he ticked the box that said No RELIGION.

He then went on to describe a pang of envy that he didn't have a narrative to make sense of the past year and he didn't have a community of like minds with whom he could reflect on what has happened.

At the end of that column he wrote - 'for many of us, life without God has turned out to be a life without fellowship and shared meaning and in the midst of the most disorientating and debilitating crisis that most of us have ever known, that social tragedy now cries out for action' And if that is not someone crying out to the church to fulfil its vocation - I don't know what is...

My perception was that he needed what the church has to offer, but he doesn't want what he perceives the church is offering. I get that. I get that there is a longing for meaning a yearning for something or someone beyond ourselves in so many people – and in so many ways we have failed to communicate that – I want to say sorry for that - if was ordained for anything, it was to share good news, it was to tell people of the person of Jesus Christ and it was to help people find meaning and a good foundation in the context of a world that feels like its in turmoil.

Forget church for a bit. I wonder if you have ever looked at the person of Jesus Christ, ever read one of the gospels for yourself. (start with Luke or Mark). ever thought - what if he was who he claimed to be - Son of God - what difference would that make to me. If you want a copy of a gospel - ask me - I will give you one... and if you want to know more, sign up for an Alpha Course - we will be starting one in September - online - and you can join in from the comfort of your own home.... Alpha is an opportunity to learn about the Christian faith - more details in the July **Sudbrooke News.** You can come with no knowledge and some. It will be an opportunity to share your views and to discuss, with whoever else joins in - give it a go! Honestly, we are not scary!!

I am happy to say in July we will welcome a new Curate to our Parishes. Revd Jess Bellshaw will be ordained at the beginning of July and will take up post here immediately after. She will be living in Fiskerton with her family.

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

Benefice Church Services in June as follows (all in the Church Building). Services will be published on www. facebook.com/SLBChurches and on Youtube at SLB Churches

JUNE

Sun 6 Stainton by Langworth Sun 13 Fiskerton

9.15am 10am

Sun 20 Sudbrooke	10am
Sun 27 Reepham	10am
9.30am Communion on Wednesdays at Cherry Will	ingham
Please note that in July and August, if circumstances allow, we will revert back to 2 x Communion Services per Sunday morning.	

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VOLUNTEERING?

With Lockdown now easing, we're looking forward to welcoming back our Volunteer Team. We're always looking for new volunteers, are you interested?

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You'll be warmly welcomed, and we'll find a volunteering role that will suit you, your skills and abilities, and the time you can offer.

Contact

Interested in Volunteering, please contact: rafingham@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 07787805978













READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

ROAD REPAIR RAGE

Dear Editor,

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Am I the only one in the village perplexed at the decision-making by those in charge of repairing and resurfacing our roads?

First it was Chestnut Close, then Pelham and Ellison Closes, and now the area around Broad Dale Close, all getting lovely smooth road surfaces when they didn't need doing, while many crumbling footpaths – especially on Scothern Lane – continually get overlooked. Who on earth is making these decisions? The Parish Council need to to look into this. Bob Mitchell

QUIZ ANSWERS

 Bristol, Z. All the Presidents Men, J. Mercury, 4. Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern, 5. 6, 6. Welson Mandela House, X. Dark Rum & Ginger Beer, 8. 44, 9. Sting, IO. C-3PO, II. Mike Hawthorn, IZ. Leicestershire, 13. Georgia, 14. London's Burning, 15. American, 16. Bangor, 17. Lambeth Bridge, 18. 3, 19. Henry II, 20. Jofra Archer.

POETRY BOX I

THE RAINY DAY

The day is cold, and dark, and dreary It rains, and the wind is never weary; The vine still clings to the mouldering wall, But at every gust the dead leaves fall, And the day is dark and dreary.

My life is cold, and dark, and dreary; It rains, and the wind is never weary; My thoughts still cling to the mouldering Past, But the hopes of youth fall thick in the blast, And the days are dark and dreary.

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining; Behind the clouds is the sun still shining; Thy fate is the common fate of all, Into each life some rain must fall, Some days must be dark and dreary. By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

RAIN IN SUMMER

The afternoon grew darkening from the west; A hush fell on the air, and in the trees; The huddled birds pronounced their prophecies; The flowers bent their heads as if to rest Now that the tide of the sun's golden seas In one long wave swept off the earth's wide breast. Up sprung deft shadowy patterns by degrees, And nature's face her soul made manifest.

By Ivor Gurney

http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/



Many national lockdown restrictions eased on Monday 17 May. As a result, over the next few weeks, bus companies will be monitoring passenger numbers and timetables carefully throughout Lincolnshire

in order to update/change their timetables with the demand of services.

Our team won't be updating physical roadside information at stops on the boards until September when services may have settled and we have a better understanding of passenger numbers and how services are affected (the majority of

bus stops have a QR code which links to the real-time bus information for that stop).

Currently bus operators can change bus service times with just 72 hours' notice and many are trying to understand service level



Monday - Friday: 9am - 6pm

needs. Our advice is to keep checking *https://lincsbus.info/* for all updates on services, but also local operators websites as many will keep their service information up to date. Please see link below for a list of

recent service updates in May throughout Lincolnshire, some may not apply to you.

https://lincsbus.info/ bus-services/lincs-busupdates/

We hope you are enjoying getting out and about again and spending quality time with Family and friends. We will keep you updated as

much as possible through these sites of bus service changes.

> Matrix Transport Assistant-**Engagement and Promotion** Lincolnshire County Council

WELTON PATIENTS'AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST UPDATE

▶ Our sales tables have been out on dry days at 57 Ryland Road, Welton, 25 Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern and 37 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke. The total raised since beginning of April and at the time of writing this (May 14) is £1,015.65. Many thanks also to those who came along and bought and donated goods for sale. I'm sure you will all agree this is an amazing amount for table top sales with honesty boxes!

The PDA Open Garden event is being planned for Saturday 26 June from 10.30am to 4.30pm at Sunnyside, East Lane, Brattleby LN1 2SQ. The admission charge will be by ticket priced £5 to include delicious homemade cake and tea, coffee or a soft drink. There will also be the option to purchase a ticket priced £8 for a full afternoon tea. Free refills of drinks will be offered and extra cake will be available to purchase.

There will be a raffle, tombola, cakes and preserves stall, new and nearly new clothes for sale and a bric a brac stall.

The garden is around 7 miles from Welton but we will be providing transport as we have done in the past for PDA lunches. The garden is suitable for most but possibly not for wheelchairs. There is limited parking in the village on Thorpe Lane near the church and on School Lane. For those who purchase a ticket, we will be providing a plan showing where local parking is available and we will also be providing transport from Aisthorpe Village Hall where there is extra car parking available. Disabled parking is available on site.

Please telephone me for further details if you are interested in this event or to purchase tickets.

Offers of raffle or tombola prizes would be appreciated also home-made cakes. Please let me know if you need anything collecting.

As our 1st proper fundraising event since the 1st lockdown, we are hoping to make it a great success.

To purchase tickets please call either myself on 01673 862570 or Chris Scott 01522 730561

Finally, is there anyone reading this who would like to be a volunteer driver for the PDA? Before the first lockdown a couple of people had enquired, but then events overtook us all! There is no fixed commitment just a desire to help out in the community.

If you want to know all about how the car scheme works, please give me a call with no commitment and we can have a chat.

Please all take care of yourselves and each other!

READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

BENCH CRAFT

Dear Editor,

I was walking through the woods the other day and came across a couple of benches made from old telegraph poles and thought what a great idea they are.

And hopefully the paths through there won't be as muddy now they are laying gravel on them and flattening all the humps and bumps. It actually could look nice in there once it's all one. What do other residents think?

Mary Green



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Welton Health Centre	01673 862232

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