

SUDBROOKE NEWS

JUNE 2023

BAPTISTE'S VISION

"I have a special connection to Sudbrooke and I love Scothern"

New District Councillor Baptiste Velan speaks to Sudbrooke News following his surprise victory at last month's election

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW: PAGES 8-9



TORIES OUSTED AS LIB DEMS PULL OFF SHOCK WIN

For the first time in the 21st century,
the area shall be represented
by a Liberal Democrat
councillor following their
WLDC election triumph - page 3



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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well, there was something of a turn-up for the books, when Lib Dem candidate Baptiste Velan claimed victory in the West Lindsey District Council elections for the Sudbrooke Ward last month and we have an exclusive interview with him in this latest edition (p12-13).

There are some fascinating comments from Mr Baptiste and please feel free to send in your responses to the article about him.

What did you make to what he had to say? What difference will it make to Sudbrooke and Scothern now having a

councillor donning an orange badge as opposed to the regular blue one? And of course, he's not a local like the previous two District Councillors, living in Gainsborough as he does.

We also investigate Bishop's Palace, at Nettleham, for the latest 'History On Your Doorstep' feature (p16-17), while we have updates from both the Gardening Club and Walking Club.

Next month's is a double edition so if you have something to get off your chest, best get in by next month or miss the boat for a month. Talk To Me. Dom

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WE NEED YOU TO JOIN US ON THE COUNCIL

Residents of Sudbrooke, your new Parish Council met for the first time on May 11 and are legally established to look after the interests of Sudbrooke.

We have eight members and are responsible for spending the "Precept".

This is the element of council tax that we as residents pay to maintain our village. At the present time we have seven members, all of whom are unpaid volunteers, and so we need another volunteer to join us.

We meet once a month at the Village Hall on the first Thursday with the exception of August when there is no meeting.

The councillors volunteer to take responsibility for elements of the village. such as, a representative to sit on the village hall committee, keeping an eye on the village play equipment, or checking the defibrillator is working and has not been used.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL			
WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL			
Election of a District Councillor for Sudbrooke Ward			
on Thursday 4 May 2023			
I, Ian Knowles, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:			
Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*	
VELAN, Baptiste	Liberal Democrats	370 Elected	
WELBURN, Anne	The Conservative Party Candidate	347	
* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.			
The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers	
A	want of an official mark	0	
B	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0	
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	7	
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3	
E	rejected in part	0	
Total		10	
Vacant Seats: 1 Electorate: 2166 Ballot Papers Issued: 727 Turnout: 33.6%			
And I do hereby declare that,			
Baptiste Velan			
is duly elected Councillor for the said Ward.			
Dated Friday 5 May 2023		Ian Knowles Returning Officer	
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We comment on planning applications that have been submitted to West Lindsey District Council though have no veto.

We send reports through our District and County councillors on the state of village roads, footpaths, lighting, provision of dog bins, etc.

We respond as best we can to the concerns of

village residents though we don't always have the power to put right perceived problems.

So if you have spare time, enthusiasm, and are "looking to do your bit" why not come along to the next meeting and see what we do and perhaps even join the team!

*Peter Heath
Chairman Sudbrooke
Parish Council*

Apr 2023

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SADBROOKE PC HELD ON THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Councillors - Peter Heath (Chairman), Mrs Tracey Bowman (Vice Chair), Sandra Clayton, Andy Cottam, Simon Crampton, Paul Fido, Bhikhu Mistry, DC Bob Waller, Clerk Christine Myers, Treasurer Bridget Solly, one resident

1 ■ PARISHIONERS' ITEMS

► A resident of Holme Drive expressed concern about the slow broadband speeds in the village.

He was informed that Virgin Media was available on the Parklands estate, but not elsewhere in the village and when enquiries had been made, the Council were informed that there were no plans to extend the service.

BT fibre broadband is also available in Sudbrooke. The Parish Council agreed to look into what speeds are available in the village.

► A resident had expressed concern that although signage had indicated footpath works on his road, no dates had been stated leaving him unable to get from his drive for several hours whilst the work took place.

It was agreed that County Councillor Sue Rawlins be asked to take this up with LCC Highways in that they be more specific for notifying residents of planned works.

► A resident had mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting that the pathway to the rear of the shop/Elm Drive was still uneven. Members further discussed this and felt that compared to last autumn the condition of the path had improved and agreed that no further works regarding flattening of the path was required.

► A tree on Parish Council-owned land on Northfield Avenue was reported as needing either felling or cutting back. Clerk and Councillor Paul Fido to liaise

with arranging for quotation for work required.

► Nettleham Football Club had approached the Parish Council for use of the Stuart Curtis Field. Councillor Peter Heath agreed to meet the Chair of the club to discuss requirements.

2 ■ APOLOGIES

► Apologies received from County Councillor Sue Rawlins, Councillor Dave Scott. That reasons given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

3 ■ TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

► None declared.

4 ■ NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH TO BE APPROVED AS MINUTES

► Amendment – Minute 168 - Amend 7 June to 7 May.

Save for the above amendment the notes were approved for signature as minutes.

SADBROOKE WALKING GROUP LATEST

A circular walk from Martin
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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

5 ■ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

DC Bob Waller reported as follows:

► WLDC has continued to deliver services and still maintain a balanced budget. This is due in part to the income received from the commercial portfolio.

Although some residents have expressed surprise that not all the investments are in West Lindsey, I think that our policy of getting the best returns must outweigh the choice of location, especially in the current economic climate.

► The council have continued to get back to full delivery of services across the board. The council is still encouraging some workers to operate from home. It is proving to be very practical and cost effective in a lot of cases.

This means that the Guildhall is not being fully used by the council (only about 70%). However, many other organisations such as CAB and certain elements of Social Services are using office space.

Where offices are not being used energy saving measures are in place. The opposition are saying that the Guildhall should be sold – then what?

► As a member of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Joint Strategic Committee, I am attending a meeting on April 13, where we will be voting to adopt the plan. It has passed the full examination phase and with a few minor recommendations will be adopted in full.

It is encouraging that so many people and organisations submitted reports and comments that were included.

► The situation concerning RAF Scampton is well documented both locally and nationally. The Council were very disappointed by the Government's

decision despite a huge amount of opposition. We are still hopeful that the £300m investment programme will go ahead, but of course it all depends on how long the site is used by the Government.

The council has launched an injunction against the decision and this will cost money. It is felt that money spent in trying to protect the inward investment is worth it. The council are not saying asylum seekers are not welcome in the district, but that the site is not suitable and does not have the sufficient supporting infrastructure.

► The Parklands development is still ongoing, but has had many variations and changes over the six years that I have been involved with it as Parish Councillor and then as a DC.

Changes have included widening of the West Drive being cancelled, the pub/bistro being cancelled, more trees than stated being lost, use of 10 acre covert being changed. The latest situation is that the developer is now taking legal action against the erection of bollards on Main Drive, stating that it is illegal.

This condition was imposed when the developers won an appeal against the council. The Government inspector imposed the condition as part of allowing the appeal. It seems strange that having agreed to the condition and thus started to build, the developer is now saying it doesn't agree and it is illegal. WLDC is taking legal advice. The application is pencilled in for the Planning meeting on April 29.

► I am not standing for re-election in May and would like to thank all residents and members of the PC for support over the last six years.

Thanks were unanimously extended to DC Waller for his support to the Parish Council.

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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

6 ■ REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ A) Burial Space/New Cemetery – It was noted that preference would be given to an extension of the existing churchyard/burial ground if it was possible to obtain the land.
- ▶ B) Overgrown hedge/grass encroachment, Wragby Road – A report had been received that the hedge had been cut back.
- ▶ C) Scothern Lane – To receive report re. speeding survey by Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership – Nothing further to report.
- ▶ D) Coronation Celebrations in the village - report from Working Group – Arrangements were coming together for the event, but more volunteers were needed to assist on the day.

Additional attractions were 'Name the Corgis' (soft toys), coconut shy, run by the Beavers.

Bates Sound had quoted £250 for a sound system and provision of music for the afternoon. That this be approved unanimously Resolved.

- ▶ E) Bus Service for Scothern – Councillor Simon Crampton had attended Scothern's Annual Parish Meeting when the bus service through Scothern was discussed. The concern was not getting into Lincoln, but that the buses do not now pass through Scothern or Welton, hence there being no transport to shops and doctors surgery. It was understood that there were currently no additional funds available for the bus services.

7 ■ TO CONSIDER SUITABLE AREAS FOR THE LOCAL BEAVERS TO SITE BUTTERFLY GARDEN(S)

- ▶ Members considered that the wildflower area in the Jubilee Garden could either be extended or additional plants set. It was understood that the Parklands had been approached to establish if there was a small area to use. A reply was awaited.

8 ■ TO CONSIDER THE DEVISED POLICY FOR THE MEMORIAL WREATHS PLACED AT MILLENNIUM STONE

- ▶ Members considered the policy circulated and agreed that it be adopted subject to the date of the wreaths being changed to 'end of February'.

9 ■ FINANCE

- ▶ A) Accounts for payment:

Imprint – Printing Sudbrooke News	
March edition	£314.00
Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee – Hire of Hall for Neighbourhood Plan Review Meeting.....	£13.00
Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee – Hire of Hall for Parish Meeting.	£18.00
Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee – Hire of Hall for PC Meeting.....	£18.00
LALC – LALC Membership	£412.96
LALC – Training Scheme Membership	£168.00
LALC – Cllr P Fido – Allotment Training – ...Net	£69.00, VAT £13.80, Gross
£82.80	
Mr O Rhule – Eradication of moles – Northfield Park	£170.00
Glendale Countryside Ltd – March cut – Net	£467.00, VAT £93.40, Gross
£560.40	

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

9 ■ FINANCE cont...

Mrs C Myers – Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting £19.45
 Mrs C Myers – Purchase of Corgi toy for Coronation event £15.91
 Mrs C Myers – Purchases for Coronation event £33.95
 Imprint – Printing **Sudbrooke News** April edition £314.00
 Salaries..... £998.66
 (will be paid via BACS on 28 April 2023)
 That the above payments be made unanimously Resolved.

► Bank Account position:

Current Account £33,427.83
 Instant Access Account..... £30,029.45
 14 Day Account £4,459.51
 Fox Covert Account..... £2,171.93
 Northfield Park Account..... £19,286.95
 Sportsfield Account £3,946.61
 Total in Accounts as of April 6, 2023 -
 £93,322.28

► Monies Received

Lincolnshire County Council – Precept £32,480.00
 SAS Body Repairs – Advertising **Sudbrooke News**..... £100.00
 Bank Interest £272.42
 WLDC – Grant for Coronation
 Community Picnic..... £200.00

► B) Ratification of mole treatment at Northfield Park – This was ratified unanimously.

► C) Internal/External Audit 2022/23 – to appoint an Internal Auditor – That DE Accounting be appointed Internal Auditor for the 2022/23 financial year unanimously Resolved.

10 ■ PLANNING

► A) Neighbourhood Plan Review – Report from Working Group - Deferred

until May meeting of Parish Council

► B) To ratify comments re Preliminary Inquiry – Barfield Lane Farm, adj Barfield Lane Farm, Barfield Lane re EE and Hutchinson upgrade of site to make 5G. - 'No objections'. That comments be ratified unanimously Resolved.

► C) Application 146317 - erect entrance porch - Orchard House 51 Wragby Road - The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.

► D) Notification of Appeal - Egmont 23 Wragby Road - Planning inspectorate appeal ref: app/n2535/w/22/3313280 - 145619 - Planning application for demolition of existing house and construction of a new self-build replacement two and a half storey dwelling and detached garage with accommodation at first floor level - being variation of condition 3 of planning permission 139843 granted 24 October 2019, amended drawings to alter the carport off the east elevation of the dwelling - This was noted by the Parish Council

► E) Application Number: 146353 - TPO - T1 Oak tree - Fell and replace, due to concerns about recent root damage by fence installation, 14 Sibthorpe Drive – Resolved that the following comments to be forwarded to WLDC:-

“Sudbrooke Parish Council discussed this application at its meeting on April 6 and object to the felling of this mature oak tree for the following reasons: The age of the tree would indicate a huge root system and as such the erection of a fence should not impact on the health of the tree.

If the tree has been damaged during the fitting of the fence, which should not have happened by a professional company, it is considered that stabilisation support could be constructed to prevent the collapse of the tree.’

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11 ■ CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

*Sent to residents email list

Feb 22: WYPF – Link to Employer meeting

Feb 22: YMCA Lincolnshire News & Updates Bulletin – January/February 2023

Feb 27: Notice of LALC Extra General Meeting 16.3.2023

Feb 27: LALC Weekly News

*Feb 28: What's on in West Lindsey

*Mar 3: WLDC News

Mar 3: Civility and Respect Newsletter

Mar 13: Play Equipment Inspection Reports from EKM

Mar 16: Press release - Healthwatch Lincolnshire latest report - Improving Dental Services across Lincolnshire

*Mar 16: Call Connect / ConnectBus Saturday operating hours – April 1

*Mar 17: West Lindsey Business Brief

Mar 20: LALC Weekly E News

Mar 20: Fix My Street notification that no action will be taken over tyre marks on Jubilee Garden

Mar 22: Notice of reconvened LALC Extra General Meeting.

amount of litter down Barfield Lane along with receipts with addresses on – this had been referred to WLDC Street Team.

► A completion of a survey request had been received from Lincolnshire Police asking 'how good a job is Lincolnshire Police doing?'. The Clerk was instructed to complete the survey stating that this parish council was not satisfied with the job that the police were doing in Lincolnshire, with the cutting back of PCSOs and no officers to investigate reports.

13 ■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Andy Cottam who was not seeking re-election. Andy had been a member since 2015 and had led Litter Picks and acted as Distribution Manager for **Sudbrooke News**.

► The Chairman also stated that he would like residents to be aware of whether they had a TPO on a tree(s) in their gardens.

West Lindsey District Council Trees Officer would always be willing to confirm whether trees were covered by TPOs.

12 ■ CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

► I Gas Grant approved of £1,374, this amount along with the Cils monies will now fund the painting of the play equipment on both the Village Hall and Northfield Park site. Local painter Dave Lenton will be carrying out the work.

► Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Inspectors Report received – noted that there were no items relating to Sudbrooke in the Report.

► A resident had reported an increasing

14 ■ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► 7.30pm – Thursday 11 May – Bramham Lounge, Sudbrooke Village Hall.

HISTORY ON OUR DOORSTEP

We take a look at Bishop's Palace in Nettleham

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THE CHURCH DIARY

With Revd Penny Green

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A TIME TO ENJOY THE LOCAL CHURCHES

► I am writing this in the middle of May. We have just been involved with the Coronation celebrations and are about to take part in West Lindsey Open Churches.

The latter is an event right across West Lindsey that gives everyone an opportunity to see the inside of church buildings, to reflect on local history and to eat a lot of cake! I am, as ever, grateful for all those who offer their time and energy to our churches.

The theme of the Coronation was one of service and we were encouraged to volunteer.

Our churches have people in them that do just that in so many ways... we have Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors, Foodbank Supporters, musicians that contribute to local groups.

We have folk who provide hospitality, clean church buildings, do flowers and pay for the maintenance and upkeep of their buildings.

And it is the buildings I want to write about.

Our church buildings, whether or not you ever enter them, are part of the heritage and history of our villages.

They are almost all listed and they all tell a story, a story of what was and what continues.

St Edward's Sudbrooke, named after St Edward the Confessor, surrounded by tall

pinetrees, was built in 1860 by John Dobson and modelled on a church built by Dobson in Steely in Derbyshire.

It has beautiful stained glass windows and a wonderful blue starred painted ceiling in the apse.

The church was built in the older part of Sudbrooke in the original village with rather sets it away from most of the Sudbrooke residents.

Worship continues once a month as part of the cycle of worship in the South Lawres and Barlings Group of Churches (eight churches in total).

The Churchyard at Sudbrooke is still open but space for burial is now very limited, hence the Parish Council are trying to pursue cemetery space in the environs of the village.

All our churches are part of the legacy handed to us.

If you live in Sudbrooke then take a look. This church is part of your heritage.

If you want to contribute to its upkeep then each of the churches has a Building Fund and we would welcome your contribution.

There is often a view that church buildings are funded by the national church.

This is not the case.

The upkeep of St Edward's is purely dependent on individuals that give to it.

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

JUNE

Sun 4	Stainton by Langworth	9.15am	Communion
	Greetwell	10.45am	Communion
Wed 7	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Communion
Sun 11	Barlings	9.15am	Communion
	Cherry Willingham	10.45am	Communion
	Welton	5.30pm	Deanery confirmation service

Wed 14	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Communion
Sun 18	Fiskerton	9.15am	Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Communion
	Reepham	6pm	Word and Worship
Wed 21	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Communion
Sun 25	Langworth	9.15am	Communion
	Lincoln Cathedral	10.45am	Ordination of Deacons
Wed 28	Cherry Willingham	9.30am	Communion



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

With Peter Gimson

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DUNHOLME DELIGHT DOWN AT THE LOVELY LODGE

► On Sunday 30 April, members of the gardening club met up at the NGS open garden at Dunholme Lodge.

The garden was five acres in total including a beautiful spring bulb area with tulips and bluebells in full bloom.

A lovely box garden with vegetables and greenhouses lead on to an orchard, shrub borders and a wild flower area looking out over the yellow fields.

The house was adorned with two very old and very large Wisteria that were just coming into bloom with mauve flower.

There is a large two-acre arboretum being developed and it will be interesting to see its progress in years to come.

It was a delight to wander around the many craft stalls and plant stalls followed by delicious tea and cake, where we were serenaded by a Ukulele band.

The refreshments were in aid of St Chad's Church and the choice of different cakes was vast! After a good



chat, we walked past the natural lake where there were two rows of old tractors on display for the day.

This led you to the RAF Dunholme Lodge Museum and War Memorial.

The displays were very interesting and I especially liked the history of bike racing at Dunholme airfield.

The weather was warm and dry which only made a lovely afternoon out even lovelier!

Dunholme Lodge is open again on Sunday 2 July, 11am-5pm and there is plenty of parking space available. Admission is £5 and 80% goes to charity... note it in your diary.

THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL Sudbrooke Village Hall QUIZ NIGHT

**Every second Friday in the month
Doors Open 7.30pm Quiz Starts 8pm
Bar and Prizes**

**Entry £1 per person, maximum of 6 people in a team.
Come and enjoy testing your general knowledge in a
pleasant and convivial atmosphere!**

2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**June 9
July 14**

***No Quiz
in August***

**September 8
October 13**

**November 10
December 8**

SUDBROOKE COFFEE CLUB

Come and join us at Sudbrooke Coffee Club, held on the second Friday of the month at Sudbrooke Village Hall, starts at 10.30. Admission is £1.50, refreshments included.

Dates for 2023: June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8. Come and catch up with old friends and make new ones.



SUDBROOKE NEWS TALKS TO DC BAPTISTE VELAN

BAPTISTE Velan produced a stunning win at the West Lindsey District Council elections last month, ending the Conservative dominance in the Sudbrooke Ward, edging the count by a mere 23 votes.

Ever since the turn of the Millennium and even before that, the blue rosette has been firmly entrenched in the area, many years by popular village resident Stuart Curtis, before Bob Waller took over in 2017.

With the latter standing down this year after moving away from the village, Anne Welburn – the former deputy leader of WLDC and ex-Cherry Willingham district councillor – was put up for nomination and was duly expected to carry on the long tradition of Tory rule in Sudbrooke and Scothern.

But along came Mr Velan, whose team had been hard at work delivering promotional material and getting feet on the ground in the area in the run-up to the election, and in what proved a momentous day, he emerged victorious to claim the seat and begin a whole new era for the ward.

The last Liberal Democrat to stand in the Sudbrooke Ward – Mavis Sharp in 2015 – polled only 181 crosses on the ballot paper, which amounted to just 11% of the vote, so it was a monumental shift for the latest Lib Dem candidate to bag double that amount (and 52%), while Mrs Welburn pocketed the lowest amount of votes for the Conservatives in this ward in the 21st century – her total of 347 was in stark contrast to the 1,121 that voted for Mr Curtis just eight years ago.

And so it is that Gainsborough-based Mr Velan, a former town councillor, takes up the baton after his success, although things could have turned out very differently if he hadn't had a change of heart, as he told **Sudbrooke News**: "To be honest, I felt disillusioned with politics and I decided not to stand. But eventually, I changed my mind after getting a call from political experts.

"As we're lucky to live in a democracy, I think we need to take every opportunity to



represent our views and fight for it. I think it's everyone's duty to take part in the democratic process. I was given the chance and I took it to do good."

But why did a Gainsborough resident decide to stand in a village 22 miles away from where he lives?

He explained: "I stood because I know a family who reside in Sudbrooke and who have been extremely supportive. I wanted to support them as much as I could.

"Whilst I cannot change the world, I thought I would be able to bring hope and change, at ward and district level, and perhaps send a message to the ruling elite."

A message he most certainly has brought in what proved to be an incredible night for the Liberal Democrats in West Lindsey, and an awful one for the Tories, with the former gaining six seats

and the latter losing five.

The Lib Dems are now the ruling party in West Lindsey with 18 seats, with the Tories on 14. But did Mr Velan genuinely think he could topple the ruling establishment in Sudbrooke/Scothern?

"There was some genuine optimism ahead," he insisted. "I went to the count in Gainsborough, and I was watching the ballot papers and I was concerned we would not win. I had to start work at eight the next day,



so I decided to leave the count at 11ish. I wished my fellow candidates 'good luck' and went to bed.

"When I woke up, I had numerous missed calls (starting from five in the morning)... I only realised later in the day I had won while I checked my phone during my break at 10am."

France-born Mr Velan has been a civil servant since 2020, but previously worked in aviation at the former Doncaster/Sheffield Airport, in adult learning and in telecommunications at Orange UK in London. He's also the chair of school governors for St George's Primary school in Gainsborough.

He said: "I have lived in Gainsborough for 13 years, attended University in Pontypridd and I also lived in London. When I moved from London to Lincolnshire, I really felt blessed to come back to a rural area.

"Don't get me wrong, I love what a city or a capital has to offer, but as a kid I've been brought up in the countryside, where my snacks were apples, cherries, strawberries and even tomatoes."

What does he hope to achieve in his tenure as the new DC and what are his immediate concerns?

"From what parish councils, groups and residents have communicated to me, my

main concerns so far are around planning applications, supporting LDPs (local development plans), Wragby Road issues and ensuring I represent all the ward residents," he explained.

"I would like them to send me any questions, issues or suggestions to my councillor email and I would like to keep them informed personally with a monthly newsletter.

"I'm here to represent all the people of the ward. When we vote, our voices are heard and when we elect the right candidate, our voices are amplified, but we still need you to keep in touch and not give up, so we're kept in the loop. So, a massive thank you to the people of the Sudbrooke ward."

Mr Velan also took time to reassure residents concerned by the fact the local district councillor is now not a local resident, but one who lives in a different part of the county.

"Whilst this can be perceived as detrimental, I thought that not living in the ward I represent will make me less vulnerable to vested interests and thus be more impartial to influences," he admitted.

"I have already been contacted by local groups, parish councils and residents who told me they have never seen their last two district councillors. I can tell you that local

ELECTION RESULTS SINCE 2000...

2023

Baptiste Velan (LD)	370	52%
Anne Welburn (CON)	347	48%

2019

Bob Waller (CON)	Uncontested	
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2017

Bob Waller (CON)	391	70%
Gareth Hart	171	30%

2015

Stuart Curtis (CON)	1,121	69%
Melanie Tointon (LAB)	324	20%
Mavis Sharp (LD)	181	11%

2011

Stuart Curtis (CON)	860	75%
Melanie Tointon (LAB)	289	25%

2008

Stuart Curtis (CON)	790	79%
Clare East (LD)	204	21%

2004

Stuart Curtis (CON)	656	57%
Roy Harris (LD)	484	43%

2000

Stuart Curtis	Uncontested	
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groups and residents... that they will see me and I will dedicate time for them."

And on the villages of Sudbrooke and Scothern, he added: "I love Scothern because it has that genuine village feel to it. I think its history is linked with Scotland, too, and that makes Scothern special. Any Scothern historians, please contact me!

"Sudbrooke feels different to me. I mostly know Wragby Road, which I find too busy near the houses, but I need to find out more about it and its gems.

"I have a special connection to Sudbrooke thanks to Pauline Loven and her family. She has invited me for lunch and then to a visit to some archaeological sites around Sudbrooke. I cannot wait!"



Gainsborough
TOWN COUNCIL

SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP

With Mike Halliday

MARTIN PROVIDES A FASCINATING REPLACEMENT

► We postponed the planned Wolds walk from Bag Enderby as some of the ground conditions were unsafe due to the rain and opted for a six-mile circular walk from Martin.

The weather was ideal for the 10 walkers in our group- dry, cloudy with a slight breeze.

Our first target was the RAF monument on Metheringham airfield.

On arrival we met a young family who were unloading a lawnmower and gardening equipment.

The mother of the young children offered to take our group photo and it transpired that her father had built the monument when they lived in a large house adjacent to the runway. The family have undertaken to maintain the monument in perpetuity.

We then walked up the runway towards some woodland before

descending to the Roman Carr dike – the longest Roman construction in the UK.

We then walked south alongside the waterway towards Martin with superb long views across the fens to Bardney. Our day ended in a crowded Woodall Spa with lunch at a local café.

► Next walk is Saturday 3 June.

If ground conditions permit, we shall do the postponed Wolds walk from Bag Enderby otherwise a circular walk of approximately six miles from Wragby through the Limewoods to Goltho.

The terrain is flat, but can be muddy in wet weather.

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.

Everyone is welcome to join in the walks.





Are you no longer working full time? Are you looking for new things to do to keep your mind and body active, make new friends and have some fun?

If so, why don't you come and see what goes on at Lindsey u3a? We have a great selection of interest groups you can join and activities you can take part in.

We meet at Welton Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month. Doors open at 9.45am for a cuppa followed by a speaker at 10.30am.

Our next general meeting will be on June 1 when one of our members, Alan Barnes will be sharing his experiences at sea in "Confessions of a retired Coxswain"

Our speaker on July 6 will be Lesley Clarke, a Heritage Studies graduate, telling us about "Swanpool Garden Suburb: Lincoln's Failed Dream".

We aim to give a warm welcome to everyone so, if you are attending one of our meetings for the first time, please inform someone on Reception and one of our friendly 'Greeters' will show you round and answer any questions.



If you can't make one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month.

The next get together will take place on June 22 so whether you're a newcomer

wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat do come along. Everyone is welcome.



Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. You will find a comprehensive list of our interest

groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits and holidays arranged by members.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please contact Mandy Murphy Tel: 01673 565295 Email: mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com.

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HISTORY ON

► Now just a large field with several lumps and bumps dotted around it, the site of the Bishop's Palace in Nettleham, off the high street, is a remarkable one despite there not really being much to look at due to the long grass covering the area.

On first inspection, one could begin to wander what all the potential fuss was about as within the field itself there are no real visible signs (at the moment) of the precious archaeological site that lays beneath the vegetation.

But thanks to two impressive wooden entrances, with artistic boards contained within that give detailed illustrations of what the site would have looked like hundreds of years ago, visitors are presented with a stunning visual interpretation of the grandeur that once thrived for hundreds of years, but has since been lost to the ravages of time and



are now just a series of earthworks. It would have been a sprawling site and home to a complex between the 12th and 17th centuries, which included the Bishop's Palace itself, manor houses, lodgings, barns, stables and manicured gardens, although illustrations aside, one needs a modicum of imagination to picture what the thriving community would have looked like.

The Bishop's Palace itself was



OUR DOORSTEP

established at the beginning of the 12th century, built on top of a Manor House, which had been given to Bishop Bloet by Henry I in 1101, but which had originally been owned by Queen Edith, wife of King Edward 'the Confessor'.

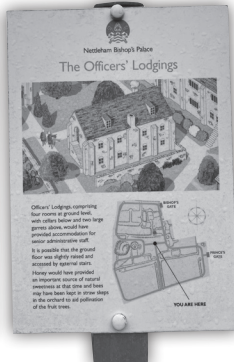
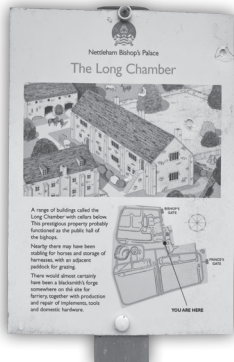
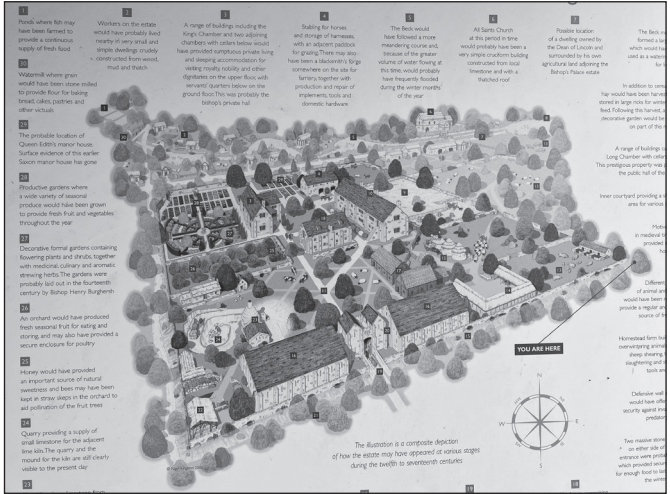
The palace provided accommodation for royal visits, with Edward I one such guest in 1301. And it was on his sojourn to Nettleham that his son was made Prince of Wales.

Bishop Burghersh built a stone wall with battlements around the palace in 1336 and after it was damaged by a fire exactly 200 years, later during the Pilgrimage of Grace, that was the beginning of the end for the once impressive building.

In the early 1600s, the buildings began to be dismantled to provide materials for a new Bishop's Palace in Lincoln and by the end of the 18th century, none of the buildings were still standing.

And so with much of these places of historical interest, nature takes over.

In 2007, the Nettleham Parish Plan identified the



site as being one which should be converted into a heritage amenity for all to enjoy.

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SUNDAY JUNE 4TH

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SUNDAY JUN 11TH

COMMUNITY CAFE

SUNDAY JUN 18TH

CHURCH

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Report of Parish Council meeting held on May 11, 2023 - Christine Myers, Clerk

■ POST ELECTION

► Seven Councillors were returned unopposed and there remains one vacancy of which a new member can be co-opted.

Councillor Peter Heath was re-elected as Chairman and Councillor Mrs Tracey Bowman as Vice Chair.

Members agreed upon responsibilities as follows:

- Representative on Village Hall Committee Tracey Bowman
- Trees and Environment Paul Fido
- Grass Cutting Bhikhu Mistry
- Village Furniture Bhikhu Mistry
- Village Play areas/equipment/Weekly visual inspections Sandra Clayton
- Sudbrooke News** distribution Sandra Clayton
- Highways/Footpaths..... Paul Fido
- CCTV Bhikhu Mistry/Clerk
- Defibrillator Peter Heath
- HR/Staffing – with delegated authority to deal with Staffing Matters Tracey Bowman and Dave Scott
- New Cemetery Working Group Peter Heath, Dave Scott,
- Simon Crampton, Paul Fido
- Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group Dave Scott, Simon Crampton,
- Bhikhu Mistry, Paul Fido

■ VERGE ON SOUTH SIDE OF WRAGBY ROAD

► This is now included in the Grounds maintenance contract for cutting.

■ STUART CURTIS FIELD

► Nettleham Football Club are again using the Stuart Curtis Field for training. Members are pleased that the field is being used.

■ CORONATION EVENT

► This had been a huge success – the sun had shone along with a sell-out of ice creams! The Chairman thanked all those volunteers in the organising of the event, especially to Dave Barrett who gave much time and effort to ensure the event ran smoothly. An anonymous donation of £90 had been given.

■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chair had met with the Project Manager of the Parklands along with two residents and the designer.

The developers would like to build a smaller pub and use the car park space for four more houses. Additional land could be made available for a sports field or burial site – it had been pointed out the land was not suitable due to the close proximity of the water course.

The suggestion of additional houses would require to go through the planning process. The provision of the Neighbourhood Plan was highlighted.

The residents raised concerns about the location of the pub with regard to open space/parking and the likely problems with children playing.

Apparently the pub is now being offered to smaller businesses, but with no further info as to whether it would provide daytime snacks/coffee, lunches or an evening service with full meals.

The building of Sudbrooke Holme apartments remains on course.

WELTON PDA

With Janet Goddard

01673 862570

▶ Thank you to everyone who donated plants for PDA plant sale on Sunday 7 May – Scothern Garden Centre, Rudies Roots at Nettleham and Tower Nurseries at Hemswell Cliff.

Also, to all patients and friends of the PDA who donated plants to us. The final total for sales on the day was £339.79 and there will be more to add when the left-over plants are sold.

The Spring lunch held on Friday 28 April was a great success.

Thanks to everyone who attended (80 tickets were sold).

Also, thanks to those who donated raffle prizes or made cakes/bread and to Welton Chippy for the potatoes and of course, thanks to everyone who helped on the day.

Many favourable comments were received and the general consensus of diners and waiting staff was that the new table layout gave much more space for everyone to move about.

The final proceeds for PDA funds were £672.84 after deduction of food cost and village hall hire charge. I am already being asked about the Christmas lunch!

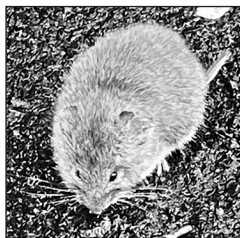
We hope to be at future Farmers Markets, possibly in August, so please call by and say hello.

We will be holding a BIG Christmas raffle again this year, which will be drawn in late December. If anyone has a business or has contacts with a business who would be willing to offer a prize for this raffle, please let me know. The tickets will be printed in mid-June and the donors of the top three prizes will be named on the tickets to acknowledge their kind donation (free publicity!) The raffle last year raised £2,529 which was a fantastic amount which I would like to exceed this year!

Facebook Market Place and eBay continue to provide a steady flow of cash to the PDA bank account.

Thanks to everyone who has donated items to sell.

Dates for our events in 2023:
Autumn Fayre..... October 28
Christmas lunch..... December 8
Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call on 01673 862570.



NIGHT-TIME PALS

These two little animals were snapped by a reader on a walk around Sudbrooke, both spotted after the sun had gone down. The things that come out at night.



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