

# Sudbrooke News

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March 2009

The next litter pick has been scheduled for **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>** to clear up our village once again.

Anyone interested in taking part should meet at the Village Hall at 9am for a short briefing, tea and coffee will be provided and all necessary equipment and rubbish sacks can be picked up then.

As before, it is anticipated the litter pick should only take around 1 -1 ½ hours but this will depend on how many parishioners turn up to help.

We do intend to try and reach the finals of the Best Kept Village Competition this year so come along and bring the family to do your bit to help.

**"Everyone welcome"**



## **VICAR'S LETTER**

**The Vicarage, Langworth Tel. 01522 754233**

Two months of the year already gone and Ash Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> February) already past. Now we are on the road to Easter (12<sup>th</sup> April). The Season of Lent is a time for reflection and self-examination on that road.

There are two lists of our attitudes that are helpful in this process – to compare them against : “The Seven Deadly Sins” and “The Seven Contrary Virtues” :-

### Seven Deadly Sins

1. Pride (vanity)
2. Envy
3. Gluttony
4. Lust
5. Anger (wrath)
6. Greed (avarice, covetousness)
7. Sloth

### Seven Contrary Virtues

1. Humility
2. Kindness
3. Abstinence
4. Chastity
5. Patience
6. Liberality
7. Diligence

From these, for instance, we see the origin of the phrase “patience is a virtue”. The ‘Virtues’ are derived from the poem “Psychomachia” (“Battle for the Soul”) by Prudentius, around 410 AD. They are the antidotes for the corresponding Seven Deadly Sins. If we reflect honestly upon them, how do we score ? What changes in our attitudes do we need to make ?

Of the three great Christian gifts spoken of by the Apostle Paul, the most neglected is surely “Hope”. We hear much in the Church of Faith and Love, but Hope seems to be the poor relation - seldom getting much of a mention. Hope that is not in the sense of wishful thinking, nor in the sense of hoping against hope. St. Paul was writing of the Hope God gives us in a confidence in the future based upon the present experience of his love. We do not know the precise details of what that future holds for us, but we have the assurance that God is at work in our lives, and that one day his purpose will be fulfilled.

For those worried and concerned about the future in the present economic climate, the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 62:5-6) are worth remembering :-

“My soul waits quietly for God; my confidence comes from him. He, and he alone, is my rock, my deliverance and my stronghold; nothing will shake me.”

Yours in Christ, **Robert Spaight**

## **CHURCH DIARY**

	<b>MARCH</b>	
Sunday 1	<b>Lent 1</b>	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 2	Home Group	2 Chestnut Close
Sunday 8	<b>Lent 2</b>	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 9	7.30 Home Group	2 Chestnut Close
Tuesday 10	10.30 Barlings Prayer Hour	Old Vicarage
	7.30 Sudbrooke PCC	The Vicarage
Wednesday 11	7.45 Family Service Planning	50 Scothern Lane
Sunday 15	<b>Lent 3</b>	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 16	7.30 Home Group	36 Scothern Lane
Tuesday 17	7.30 Mission Area Planning Group	Owmbly Church
Sunday 22	<b>Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday</b>	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 23	7.30 Home Group	2 Chestnut Close
Wednesday 25	7.30 Scothern PCC	Scothern Church
Sunday 29	<b>Lent 5 / *BST Begins*</b>	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service + Baptism	St,Edward Sudbrooke
	3.00 Family Service + Baptism	St.Hugh Langworth

## **CHURCH DIARY Cont'd.....**

Monday 30	7.30 Home Group	2 Chestnut Close
Tuesday 31	Sudbrooke Prayer Hour	2 Chestnut Close
	<b>APRIL</b>	
Sunday 5	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth

## **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF  
SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
SUDBROOKE**

**PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie (Chairman), Miss R Dobbs, P Rignall, S Curtis, I Russell, Mrs L Etheridge, B Bartram, N James PC M Lassmans, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), 3 members of the public**

**APOLOGIES: County Councillor R Hiscox**

### **116 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

It was noted that repairs had still not been carried out to the surface at the entrance to St Edward's Drive from Scothern Lane. This would again be reported to the Highways Department.

A report was made that the lighting in the bus shelter on Wragby Road had still not been repaired. The matter

had been referred to County Councillor Hiscox for him to pursue.

### **117 POLICE MATTERS**

PC Mark Lassmans stated that there had been several burglaries in the Sudbrooke/Cherry Willingham area prior to Christmas, with break in to homes and the Cherry Tree Cafe.

There had been reports of speeding/racing vehicles on the A158 and the public were asked to take note of this and report to the Police immediately if there was any recurrence.

PC Lassmans outlined a suggestion from the Police in they that were considering purchasing some speed indicators for the area and were asking for the support of Parish Councils. The Council agreed to support the suggestion in principle but asked for more information.

### **118 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

## ***PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Cont'd***

CC Hiscox had offered members of the Parish Council and the Clerk the opportunity to be photographed in order to be included on his website via the Lincolnshire County Council. Members decided they would not be taking up this offer.

### **119 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

These were signed as a correct record.

### **120 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

**a) Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue's Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009/10** - This had been circulated to all members and comments made that would it be possible for a Fire audit to be undertaken on the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to enquire of this.

#### **b) Highway works:-**

**i) Gullies** - The Divisional Highways Manager had stated that he would reinstate the grips along Sudbrooke Lane/Nettleham Lane to allow water to drain away.

**ii) Dykes** - Witham Third District Internal Drainage Board had stated that they had inspected Scothern Lane and did not consider that there were any drainage problems in the vicinity due to the infilling of dykes.

**c) Parish Plan** - Next meeting - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

### **121 SPORTSFIELD REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that no payment had been received for the

rental of the football pitch.

The Clerk reported that works were in hand for the repair of the slide.

There was no progress on the forming of the Tennis Club.

### **122 EMERGENCY PLAN**

WLDC had suggested that it may be useful for parishes to compile an emergency plan. Cllr Nick James agreed to investigate the suggestion and make a report to the next Parish Council meeting.

### **123 SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION**

This was noted by Councillors, but a local Governor would be asked if any changes were relevant to the schools in the area. A report would be made at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **124 SADBROOKE NEWS**

Nick Truscott had tendered his resignation as Editor of the magazine. Members acknowledged Mr Truscott's efforts and work on the magazine. The position was currently being advertised.

Should an Editor not be found the future of the magazine was discussed, i.e. quarterly, or just a new sheet without adverts.

### **125 PLANNING**

Permission - 3 Holme Drive - Erect single storey extension - 123196

## ***PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Cont'd....***

TPO – 11 Fox Covert – trim all branches overhanging boundary – 024454 – No objections.

### **126 FINANCE**

**a) Consideration of donation to Beevor Band** - Members felt that a donation to the Band was in order to acknowledge their playing at the Christmas tree event on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008.  
Resolved that a donation of £50 be made.

**b) Income** - Sudbrooke News advertising - £223.00  
Eon – Wayleave - £8.90

**d) Northfield Park Account** – The Treasurer was authorised to re-invest the £25,000 held in the Northfield Park Account.

### **127 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

The Chairman informed the meeting that Helen Link of the Wood Carving Project had confirmed that the wood carvings were continuing to make excellent progress.

Mrs Link had also stated that she hoped that there could be further projects in the future including carving of a large tree trunk which Mr John Wilkinson had offered to store in his barn, and further carving along West Drive where cutting back had taken place. Somerville Properties

had granted permission for this to take place in the future.

The Chairman also pointed out that Parish Councils were required to adopt the Model Scheme of the Freedom of Information Act and produce a publication scheme, this had been prepared by the Clerk and had been copied to all members.

**Resolved:** That both these schemes be adopted.

### **128 CORRESPONDENCE**

Notes from Welton Rural Cluster meeting – 8.11.08 – circulated to all Councillors

### **129 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

### **130 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

District Councillor Stuart Curtis reported that 1500 incidents of fly tipping had occurred during the last year in the district.

Green bins would be free to those residents in the District aged 65 or over with effect from April 2009.

The Tree Preservation Order for Sudbrooke would be revised and a 28 day period for comments given.

***April 2009 print deadline ...  
20 March 2009...thanks***

# **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

## **Report of Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

this year and County Councillor Hiscox will monitor.

### **Parking on verges**

Concern has been expressed by residents that vehicles are being parked on verges on the estates in the village causing the verges to be churned up. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Police.

### **Sudbrooke News**

An Editor is still required – *see article in this issue.*

### **Dropped kerb**

A Request has been made for a dropped kerb near to the Village Hall, to enable ease for users of the Hall with pushchairs and wheelchairs. A request will be made to the Highways Department of the County Council.

### **Parish Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 – 7.00pm – Village Hall – The Street Force Warden for the area will come along and give a short talk on his job. All residents welcome to attend.

### **Lighting to the bus stop/shelter, Wragby Road**

Assurances have been received from the County Council that footway lighting would be installed by May of

### **Grant to Village Hall**

The Parish Council will make a contribution to the Village Hall towards security lights.

**Next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Village Hall – 7.30pm – All residents welcome.**

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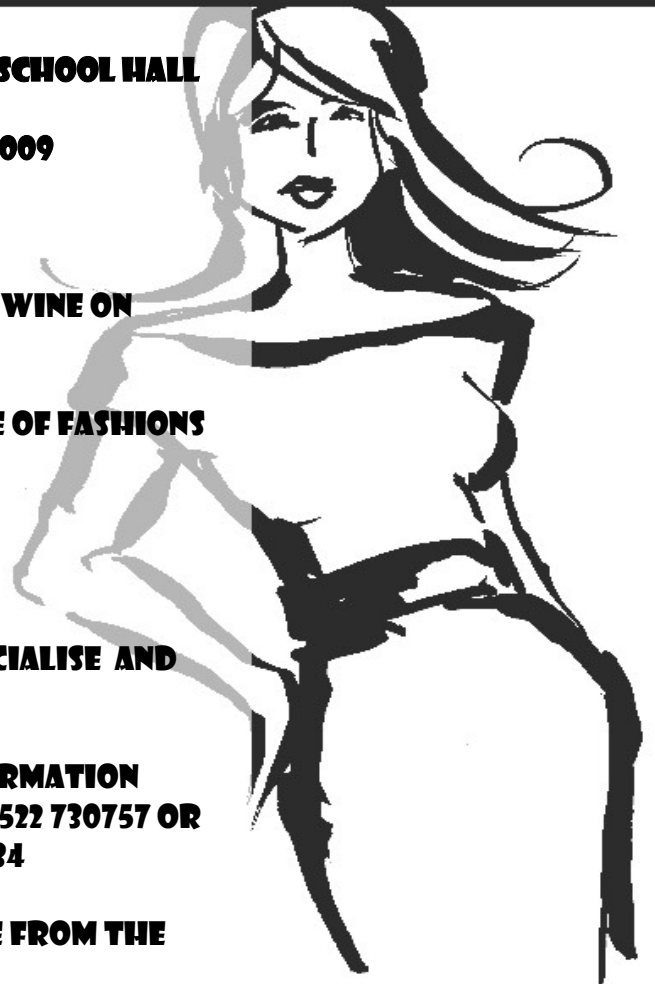
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## LETTER

Dear Headhitter

So you're going !! ...Bowing out!!...Can't stand the pace!! ....Chucking it in !!

Well, people like me will be glad !!...What right have people the likes of you and the people who trudge though the ice ,snow, sleet and rain and howling wind to push that dratted parish magazine through my door to try to bring a smile to my face and keep me advised about what's happening in the village and what those busybodies on the Parish Council get up to so they can have a fun night out once a month slurping tea and biscuits.

I don't want to be informed ....If I did ...I would ask someone ...If I wanted to smile I would sit in front of the TV and watch a soccer team performing freefall demonstrations in the defending teams penalty area. That can bring a smile to anyone's face....I don't want to have to answer to " Good morning". Lovely day isn't it" or even worse .."How are you "....To everyone I pass in the street.

I have waited for 70 years to be a miserable ill informed ignorant old git. I used to be a miserable young git but I have got better at it since I got older Leave me alone ..!! It can't be just me ..there must be hundreds like me who are perfectly happy with our politicians and with the state of the economy and with the way our favourite soccer team chooses to allow the opposition to score a few goals to keep their spirits up....I bet that you won't dare to publish this letter in our magazine. Not that anyone would read it and write to say they agree with me or else to complain about my views....If you do print it ,..Lets just see how many letters support me? There must be at least one ? !!!

Yours affectionately,  
**Duncan Disorderly**  
*(Name and address supplied)*

*Thank you you miserable old git ....the **one and only** written response (surprised?...nope) to my ramble last month....Ed*

Sudbrooke resident Chris Freeman and his Lincoln Co-op colleague Peter Gault are aiming to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer care by competing in several events over the next few months, culminating in a 142 mile coast to coast cycle ride in May.

The ride begins in Whitehaven on the Irish Sea, crosses the Pennines and finishes in Sunderland, and will take 3 days to complete.

Chris is also taking in the 15 mile Belvoir Challenge, a hilly walk around the Vale of Belvoir, while Peter will be completing this year's London Marathon. They are also entering the Lincoln 10k and will be collecting donations on the way round.

Chris and Peter are very grateful to everyone who has supported them so far, and have a website where you can find out more information, and sponsor them if you wish. Their aim is to raise at least £1000, but hopefully a lot more for this very worthy cause.

Please visit [www.justgiving.com/blazinsaddles09](http://www.justgiving.com/blazinsaddles09) for details.

## **SUDBROOKE WOOD CARVING PROJECT**

With a mixed sense of sadness and excitement the actual carving aspect of



this particular project is now more or less complete.

All who have taken part have achieved a great deal, from unsure beginnings, working through ideas, to finding and carving out of the wood some very imaginative and in some cases intricate images for the marker posts.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to see with a little help and guidance the creativity, enjoyment, pleasure and sometimes struggle with a determination that carving the chosen images have brought. I'm sure all carvers will agree it has been well worth the effort, bringing reflections of Sudbrooke village to life in this way. Well done carvers and thank you.

Now with a little excitement and a sense of achievement attention will be focused on the installation of the Marker Posts around the Millennium Stone over the next few months. We do hope all that has been achieved though this creative effort may add to the enjoyment of our village and bring pleasure to all the residence of Sudbrooke.

There will also be more opportunities for wood carving on other projects that will be open to the village at some later stage.

**Helen Link**

## **CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP**

We would like to invite you to come to our informal Christian Prayer group who are praying regularly for our villages and over issues that affect our everyday life. We meet fortnightly for an hour on Tuesday mornings. We will be meeting on the following dates and at the addresses shown for the months of February and March and would welcome all who would like to come:-

10<sup>th</sup> March at The Old Vicarage, Barlings

31<sup>st</sup> March at 2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke

14<sup>th</sup> April at The Old Vicarage, Barlings

28<sup>th</sup> April at 2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke

We meet at 10:30 am and finish at 11.30 am followed by coffee and a friendly chat for those who can stay on a bit longer. Contact Helen or Tony on 01522 595802 for further information or just turn up at a meeting.

If you are unable to come, but would like the group to pray for you or for an issue that concerns you, please contact me at 36 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke or either of the above addresses or if you prefer email your prayer request to [tonyandhelenlink@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tonyandhelenlink@tiscali.co.uk).

## After over 30 years of publication the Future of Sudbrooke News is in doubt!

Following the resignation of the current editor, no volunteer(s) have come forward to take on the role.

The Parish Council must now decide whether or not it can continue with a publication in any form/frequency.



Would you like to see Sudbrooke News continue Yes/No

If yes – with what frequency Monthly/Bi monthly/Quarterly

In what format – similar to current size/smaller i.e simple A4 news sheet/ larger to incorporate activities from surrounding villages etc

Would you be prepared to act as editor Yes/No  
(if yes please give contact details)

Would your answer be different if this was a paid rather than voluntary role Yes/No (if yes please give contact details)

Since this is **your magazine** the Parish Council would welcome your views on whether or not it should continue and if so in what format/frequency.

Please return the above slip by 20th March 2009 to  
Nick James,

13 Greenway, Sudbrooke or email your thoughts to  
[nickjames1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nickjames1@tiscali.co.uk)

# **NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE NEWS**

## **Pharmacy White Paper**

As you may be aware the Government last year produced a White Paper regarding pharmaceutical services in the future. One of the suggestions in the White Paper was that doctor dispensing would disappear and all prescriptions in the future would be dispensed by a pharmacy. The consultation period has now closed and the Government have already made a decision that there will be no change to doctor dispensing. This is fantastic news for the Practice and safe guards our dispensing status for the foreseeable future. The Practice would like to thank patients who wrote to their local MP and to the Department of Health in support of the continuation of doctor dispensing. Without the support of patients throughout the country, the outcome could have been very different.

## **New Surgery Equipment**

At the end of last year, the Practice were successful in a bid to the PCT for the purchase of new medical equipment. Over the next few months the equipment will be installed at both Practice sites. The new equipment includes:

Surgery PODS – these are touch screen health questionnaires and blood pressure machines which enable patients to undertake a blood pressure check at their convenience without an appointment. All results from these self performed tests are then and recorded in your computerised medical notes.

ECG Machine – these machines are integrated with our clinical system and will enable most patients requiring an ECG to have it performed at the Practice avoiding sometimes the need to go to hospital.

Spirometer – Both Practices will now

have a spirometer which will be used for patient with COPD or respiratory problems.

Pulse Oximeters – All GPs will have one they are used to measure a patient's oxygen saturation and their pulse.

Audiometer – these machines are used to perform hearing tests on patients.

This will enable patients to have these tests performed at the Practice rather than being referred to hospital.

Patient Automated Check-In System

We now have a patient automated check in system at the Cherry Willingham branch surgery, similar to the one at Nettleham.

Finally some of the consulting rooms at Nettleham will have hydraulic examination couches which are much easier for patients with mobility problems to use.

## **June Training Date**

The training date in June has been change to Tuesday 9 June and therefore the surgery will be closed from 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm on this day.

## **Missed Appointments**

Patients who do not attend their appointments, or who cancel too late for us to offer the appointment to someone else, cause us significant amounts of time wasted each month, and affect the availability of appointments for everyone else.

For example:-

December 2008 Appointments with Doctors missed: 36 = six hours of appointment time lost

December 2008 Appointments with Nurses missed: 53 = almost 9 hours of appointment time lost.

Please notify the surgery in good time if you are unable to keep your appointment!

### **Telephone Numbers**

It is very important that we have your current contact details so that we can ensure that your records are up to date.

**Mally Daubney**  
**Practice Manager**

### **AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!**

Learn how to be a better photographer - here in our Village Hall.

Peter Foster, who has been teaching photography for 25 years at his Horncastle photographic shop is extending his courses to other areas.

The courses cover many subjects including Digital Photography for Beginners to Photographing the Family, Creative Photography, Garden Photography, Cameras and Computers etc. along with hands-on practical sessions to make sure you understand what you learn.

Each course runs for two hours and is a complete session enabling you to mix and match subjects as you choose which is very important when fitting into our modern busy schedules.

Understanding the topics is made easy with the emphasis on visual examples to learn from and technicalities are kept to a minimum with Peter's learning techniques. Photography should be fun says Peter.

To find out more about these courses come to a free "Taster" session on TUESDAY 10 MARCH at 7.45 in Sudbrooke Village Hall when Peter will explain more about the courses and round off the evening with a fun quiz on famous British Movies with stills from Peter's Pinewood Film Studios Collection.

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**E-mail: [nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:nettleham.npt@lincs.pnn.police.uk)**

Welcome to this month's Edition of Police News. The first thing I need to tell you about is a number of house burglaries that have taken place in nearby villages during February. The offenders are getting into the houses through a downstairs window and carrying out a search of the kitchen area. The occupants are usually in the house at the time, and are asleep upstairs. The offenders tend to steal items, which include bankcards, vehicle details, statements, etc. They leave the house through the side doors, which generally have the keys left in them. They make their escape by stealing the occupants car, and drive off. We have had incidents in Nettleham, Scothern and Langworth. My advice to you would be to make sure all your doors and windows are locked at night, that your bankcards, handbags, wallets, mobile phones, car keys, etc, are put away and not easily found, i.e. not put in kitchen drawers, and house keys are not left in doors. Also, don't put things on view to tempt people into your house. A good way of checking is to stand outside your windows and look in. Whatever you can see, a burglar can see too, and if keys, handbags, etc are in view it may just tempt an offender to break in. Investigations are continuing into all the offences, but in the meantime if you see

or hear anything suspicious then please contact Lincolnshire Police as soon as possible on either 01522 882222, or 999 if you feel its an emergency.

The second problem I have been made aware of is about parking issues on the streets around Juniper Drive, Scothern, when parents are collecting children from school. I am putting this in the Sudbrooke newsletter as many parents from Sudbrooke drive their children to the school, and collect them afterwards. I have received a number of calls about vehicles parking either on the footpath, blocking it, or vehicles parking on the narrow parts of the road, even on bends, which causes problems for vehicles to get through. Clearly, parking is a problem which is mainly caused by parents picking up, or dropping off, their children who go to the local primary school, but it doesn't excuse people from ignoring the laws laid down in the Road Traffic Act, or indeed the Highway Code. Everyone who has a licence should know by now that obstructing the pavement to a degree where pedestrians can't pass is an offence, as is blocking the road to the degree where vehicles cannot get through safely. All the offences I've just mentioned carry a £30 fine, which

## ***POLICE NEWS Cont'd***

we will issue if the situation doesn't improve. I appreciate that parking is an issue for the school and parents, but please give a thought to those who live in the area. Whilst sometimes you may not technically be parking illegally, you may be parking in such a manner as to cause great inconvenience and difficulty to the local residents, especially those who are elderly or disabled. Consider how you would feel if it was your house everyone was

parking outside every day, making it difficult for you to get out of your own driveway? Finally, please don't contact me and ask me to find you an alternative parking place, as you should be aware of the rules relating to parking and be in a position to find one that is legal.

**PCSO 2108 Parker**  
**PC 1170 Lassmans**

## ***SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN***

There is no new information to report this month except to mention the very important Spring litter pick that is planned for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Volunteers should meet at the village from 9-00am for a hot drink or juice and biscuits, a short briefing and to pick up equipment in readiness for a 9-30am start.

In last month's Parish Plan update, I invited residents to join the Parish Plan Group or consider contributing in some other way.

If you need more information about the group or meetings please contact one of the following group members:

Mike Halliday tel.754686  
Gill Preston tel.754989  
Martin Dickie tel.754342  
Derek Ordish tel.750010  
SS Murali tel.753850  
Lyn Etheridge tel.750905  
Colin Benson. tel.750517

Rose Dobbs tel.753060  
Vicki Wells tel.753925  
Stuart Curtis tel.751874  
Gopi Reddy tel.754079  
Nick James tel.595035  
Ian Russell tel.754984

### **Social gatherings.**

One of the items in the Parish Plan was for more social gatherings to be held in the village hall. We would like to move forward with this but need to know what kind of activities people would support. If you have any suggestions or are willing to support any activities please contact Vicki Wells on tel.753925 or by e mail: [vicki.wells@homecall.co.uk](mailto:vicki.wells@homecall.co.uk)

The next Group meeting is Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7-30pm in the village hall.

**Mike Halliday**  
**Chairman, Parish Plan Group.**  
**Tel 754686.**





### **February walk**

Unfortunately the planned walk to Watts Wood was cancelled due to the icy conditions underfoot.

Better to undertake this walk in dry conditions as there are many fields to cross- one for the summer months.

**Next walk**, Saturday 7th March. Meet at the village hall at 9-30am.

Nick and Jane Seago will lead the next walk from Willerby Woods in Market Rasen to Walesby Old Church that is perched on top of the Lincolnshire Wolds with magnificent views across the valley towards Lincolnshire Cathed-

ral. The return journey will be thro' Tealsby village.

The walk uses village paths, field paths and woodland rides and may be muddy and uneven in places. The distance is approx. 7 miles. Walkers are advised to wear suitable footwear, take a water-proof coat, a small snack and a drink. Meet at the village hall at 9-30am to share cars for the journey to Market Rasen.

Everyone is welcome to join in this free and healthy activity.

**Mike Halliday**  
**Chairman, Parish Plan Group.**  
**Tel 754686**

## ***SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB***

**Next meeting is Monday 9th March in the village hall at 7-30pm. All residents are welcome.**

Mr. Stephen Lovell is a professional horticulturalist who will talk about 'perennials for every season'. A very helpful topic at this time of year when people are thinking of changing their gardens or just adding a new plant.

Stephen's session should last about one hour. Free tea, coffee and biscuits will then be served followed by an opportunity to ask Stephen questions on any aspects of perennials.

To help defray costs, there will be an admission charge of £1 per adult. The meeting should end no later than 9-15pm.

**Spring Show is Easter Monday 13th April.**

Entry to the show is open to all residents of Sudbrooke.

Do please keep a look out for suitable plants from your gardens.

It should be interesting to see how quickly the flowers emerge this year following the harsh winter- hopefully in time for the show.

Full details of entry classes will be given in next month's issue.

**Mike Halliday ( Secretary) 754686.**

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## **SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB**



Anthony Wintin, a member of the local Adoption Panel, gave a very interesting talk about adoption at our February meeting. He described his personal experiences and also

talked about current practice. Members enjoyed an informal discussion afterwards.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at**

**7.30pm:** The Reverend M Whalley – ‘A Child of the Raj’.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009:** visit to Lincoln Theatre Royal to see ‘The Producers’.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009:** Mr Barrows - ‘Grandma’s Kitchen’.

Ann Yeend has very kindly hosted a fund raising lunch for committee members. We have a bring and buy table at meetings in addition to the book stall and our used stamp and small coin collections. Stamps have been donated to St Barnabas Hospice and the Air Ambulance will benefit from the fund raising.

If you have belonged to the Ladies’ Club in the past and not yet joined for 2009 we would be pleased to see you again.

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings which are of particular interest and guests are asked to contribute £2.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in Sudbrooke Village Hall.

Further information: 01522-595736

**Gill Rignall.**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group are collecting Tesco’s and Sainsbury’s Vouchers**

It is that time of year when both Tesco and Sainsbury’s help many organisations and schools by giving out vouchers to be exchanged for sporting goods, equipment and computers.

We have been collecting for a couple of years and have benefitted from both groups with the provision of basketballs, indoor hockey, orienteering set, tennis net, and basic camping equipment. This has been due to the marvellous collection of vouchers by our members, parents, family and others in the local villages.

Once again could I ask that if you don’t know who to give your vouchers too, please consider sending them to us, the 25<sup>th</sup> Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group. Please collect them at the till and drop them in to me at 52 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, Lincoln, LN2 2QJ.

In the meantime you can see some of the things we get up to by visiting our new website at [www.tinyurl.com/25thlincoln](http://www.tinyurl.com/25thlincoln)

Regards, and thank you in advance,

**Nick Cornwell-Smith**

**Group Scout Leader**

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**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009**

It doesn't seem that a year has passed since last years Parish meeting but there we are it has! This years meeting is open to all residents to attend as usual, **7.00pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 in the Village Hall.**

A major item for public discussion is **'THE FUTURE OF SUDBROOKE NEWS'**. We do not have an Editor for the magazine after Mays edition. So do the residents of Sudbrooke want a monthly mag? Are you bothered? Perhaps not. Come along to the meeting and let your views be known, you might not necessarily end up being the Editor! Whether the mag continues will be decided following the comments of this meeting – **no comments, no mag.**

One of the **West Lindsey STREET WARDENS** will be coming along to give a brief talk about his job – he can help with Anti- Social Behaviour, Picking up fly tipped litter - and the subject which always rears its ugly head – Dog Foul-ing. We all moan to each other about it, it's a problem in the village, the area around the Millennium stone and the seat on Scothern Lane is disgusting. Come along and here how this chap can help us stop this awful problem and keep it off our shoes!!!!

Pre-school, Brownies, all of the local groups, please take this as an invitation to give a report on **YOUR** groups activities. It is a good opportunity to advertise what you do and your report will be published in this magazine in May – What free advertising??? It could be the last chance.....

See you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>! You will even get a free cup of tea or coffee and a cake.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2009 – 7.45PM – VILLAGE HALL**

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held in the Village Hall on the above date.

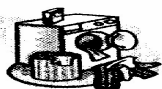
All residents of the parish aged over 18 may attend and elect a new Management Committee for the forthcoming year.

Any person who would like to offer him or herself for election to the Committee should notify the Secretary by the date of the meeting.

In addition, any existing organisation in the Parish is entitled to nominate a representative member to serve on the committee and should give the name of its nominee to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting.

**Chris Myers, Honorary Secretary, 01522 823802**

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

### Doing the Right Thing

When writing this piece, the budget debate in the County council was very recent news which will be very old news by the time you read it. But I think that there are a few points that it may still be worth making. The council decided to set the County Council element of the Council Tax at 1.75%. You will

know now what percentages the District Council, the Police and your Parish Council have set. Together, these will add up to what you need to pay. The County's increase will almost certainly be the lowest. But it had been proposed that this year's increase should have been set even lower. I did not support this latter proposal, because it would have been achieved by

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER Cont'd**

not setting aside money which would later have had to be borrowed. The effect would have resulted in the taxpayer paying a higher total in council tax in the longer term. The best option was the lowest cost overall in my view. Such paradoxes are common when elected representatives wrestle with these matters and the true state of affairs is often lost to view in the ensuing public debate. What seems simple is often not as easy as it seems. The 'right' answer is often not the simplistic one.

This is often the case when a person or a group bring a problem to the attention of a councillor. Usually, it is not just a request to deal with the problem, but instead to implement a particular solution. Here is an example involving traffic.

Traffic is thought to travel too fast on a particular road, or parks badly or whatever. What is needed therefore, we are told, is a lower speed limit, parking restrictions or whatever regulation seems appropriate, or whatever. Do this and everyone will live happily forever after!

Sometimes, after much debate, the collective wish is granted and, in the cases cited, a traffic regulation order is made. Then, to everyone's disappointment, the problem is not solved. The new speed limit, or yellow line or whatever, seems to be ignored and the problem persists. There is then a new campaign for enforcement of the new regulation which, even when granted, may not solve the problem as intended.

A more intelligent approach is to start with defining and quantifying the problem.

What are the objective facts about the traffic?

Safety is often the stated intention of a request for a speed limit. Well if all cars stood still all the time, very few people would end up being hit by one, but it is hardly a practical solution to a serious problem. There has to be acceptance of a degree of risk in all things, it is setting the degree of that risk in a practical real life setting that is the challenge.

On the other hand, I can't ever recall a request for a speed limit to reduce the environmental impact of traffic. Yet the noise of a busy road is a really terrible imposition on the people who live near them. As car engines have become ever quieter, the ripping noise of tyres has become deafening and this sound has overtaken exhaust noise as the loudest disturbance of dense traffic. This noise is less if the cars are slower, but there are low noise road surfaces which can do far more help the problem.

So if it is really the noise that is the problem, there may be better ways to achieve a reduction. May be both are needed, but it may be that keeping the traffic to an existing speed limit by physical measures would produce the slower traffic without lowering the limit at all. It all depends on the circumstances.

These things aren't cheap, but they may be good solutions to a real problem that would represent the best way of resolving it. The lower speed limit may not, after all, be the best answer. Does a council do what campaigners ask to the letter, or does it try to genuinely help to resolve a local issue? It is seldom as simple as it appears to do the right thing. Pay less now but more tomorrow – what would you do?

**Roger Hiscox**

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