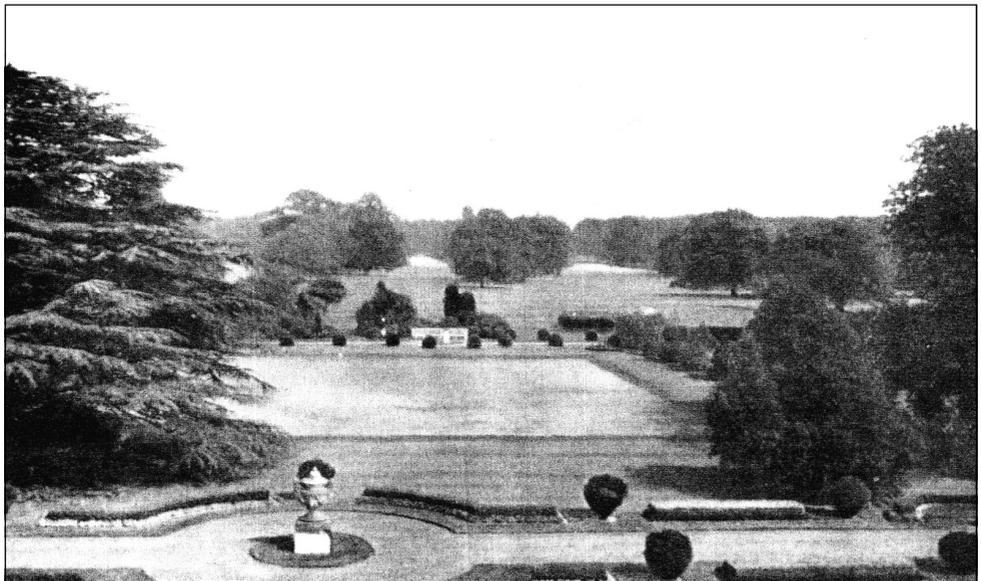
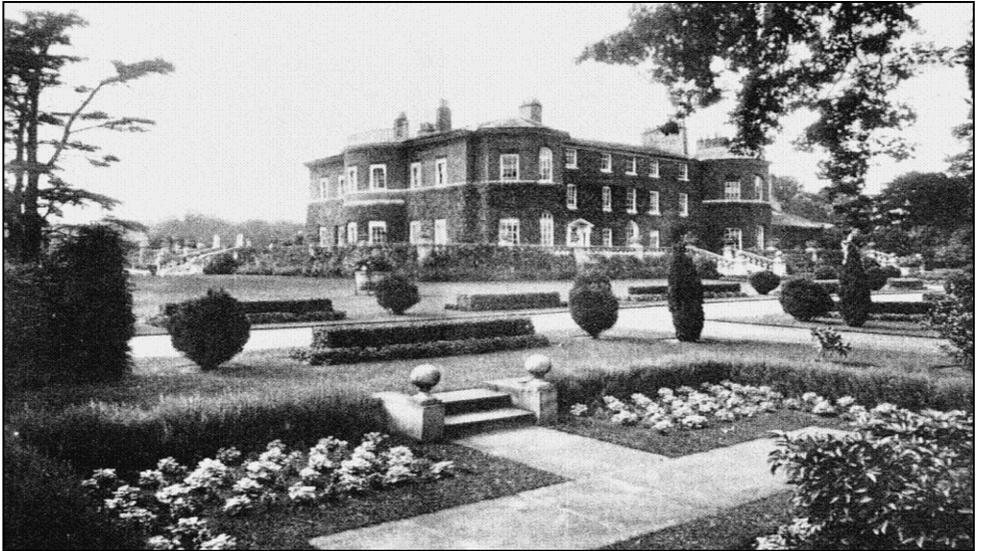


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Welcome to the March edition of Sudbrooke News.

Thanks to Stuart Curtis for the front cover photos of Sudbrooke Holme - just in time as I was struggling to find something suitable. If you have any contributions please do drop me a line, e.g. photos of local interest, kid's drawings, etc .



I received this month's

"letter" (p10).concerning "disrespectful disgusting dog owners " before

February's edition hit the doormats. So it seems that I am not the only one to be exercised by this selfish carry on.

Unfortunately today's walk along Holme Drive was marred by the sight of "deposits" all over the place so things are clearly not getting any better. Shame.

**Nick**

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Whist and Carpet Bowls**

Meets every Thursday at 2:00 pm at Sudbrooke village hall. Tea, coffee and a chat. Contact Cyril Alderson on 751023 for details.

### **Mah-Jong**

Meets every Monday at 7:00 pm at Sudbrooke Village Hall. If you are interested in this fascinating Chinese game, why not come and join us in a non-smoking environment.

Enquiries to Eleanor Walker on 595157 or Thelma Whitworth on 751881.

### **Sudbrooke and Langworth Playgroup**

We meet at Sudbrooke Village hall Friday mornings during term time (except the 2nd Friday of the month) from 10am till 11.45am. On the 2nd Friday of the month we meet at Langworth Memorial Hall from 10am to 11.45am.

Contacts Haley 752287, Karen 750792 and Becky 752936

### **Pre-school Group**

For children aged two and a half to school age: sessions run at Sudbrooke Village Hall as follows: Monday 9.00am to 11.30am, Tues to Thurs 9.15am to 12.00pm. Enquiries may be made at the Village Hall during sessions or by contacting Mrs Jenny Coulson on 01522 751840

### **1st Sudbrooke Brownies**

Meets Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm at Sudbrooke village hall.

Contact Mrs Liz Houlden on 753497.

### **Kickboxing**

Every Thursday between 5 and 6pm at Sudbrooke village hall.

### **Sudbrooke Seniors (Coffee Club)**

We meet every 2nd Friday in the month at 10.30 am in Sudbrooke Village Hall for coffee biscuits and a good chat. Anyone over the age of 50 is more than welcome - why not come along and bring a friend?

### **25th Lincoln Scout Group**

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet on Tuesdays at Scothern Recreation Hall.

Contact Nick Cornwell-Smith on 0845-0946352.

### **Sudbrooke Craft Club**

Tuesday evening meetings at the Village Hall are suspended until March 2008. If you are interested in crafting of any kind and meeting up with others who share your interests, please contact Jacqui Armitage on 01522 753670 or email: [Jacqui.Armitage@ajs-it.co.uk](mailto:Jacqui.Armitage@ajs-it.co.uk). We're still meeting up, but at each other's houses, as there are only 4 stalwart people left!

## VICAR'S LETTER

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

The first Sunday of March is the Fourth Sunday of Lent as well as being Mothering Sunday – also historically known as Mid-Lent Sunday or Refreshment Sunday. Mothering Sunday has been observed for 400 years and this mid-Lent Sunday is a time for a relaxation of the Lenten fast. Domestic servants and apprentices were allowed the day off, and gathered flowers from the hedgerows on their way home to give to their mothers. A Catholic custom of this Sunday is for the Lenten penitential purple or unbleached linen altar table frontal to be replaced by one of rose colour.

Three or four centuries ago it was the tradition for village dwellers to go to the nearest big church rather than their local one – or to their Cathedral if close enough to walk to. The idea was to give thanks for “Mother Church”. “Clipping the Church” was another old custom associated with Mothering Sunday (as it was in some places with Easter, Pentecost, or during Lammas) when children linked hands in a circle around the church and sang a hymn in praise of the church.

The Americans celebrate “Mother’s Day” on the second Sunday in May, and it was first celebrated in Philadelphia in 1907. In 1914 the American government made it an official observance. It is also observed on that day in Canada and Australia and in several other countries. On that day some people wear a red carnation as a sign of thanks for a

mother who is alive, a white carnation in memory of one who has died.

Lent continues after Mothering Sunday and is a time to read the Bible, spend more time in prayer, attend extra services or a study group, or do something to help others. It is as much a ‘doing’ time as a ‘giving up’ time.

Easter Day falls on 23rd March and the services are listed in the Church Diary. This year, there will not be a Maunday Thursday evening event.

Easter is a time when we focus on God’s unconditional love. What we see on the Cross is God’s love :- “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

This is the heart of the gospel, God loves us.

May you have a very happy and blessed Easter.

Yours, in Christ,

**Robert Spaight**

## FOUND

**A racquet and purse** (with a small amount of cash inside) has been found in  
Manor Drive, Sudbrooke .

Items now at Market Rasen Police  
Station,  
01673 842212

# CHURCH DIARY

| MARCH 2008   |                                  |                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday 2     | <b>Lent 4 / Mothering Sunday</b> |                      |
|              | 9.00 Communion                   | St.John Stainton     |
|              | 10.30 Communion                  | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Evening Prayer              | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Monday 3     | 7.30 Home Group                  |                      |
| Sunday 9     | <b>Lent 5</b>                    |                      |
|              | 9.00 BCP Communion               | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 10.30 Family Service             | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Communion                   | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Monday 10    | 7.30 Home Group                  |                      |
| Tuesday 11   | 7.30 Sudbrooke PCC               | The Vicarage         |
| Saturday 15  | 2.00 Wedding                     | St.Edward Barlings   |
| Sunday 16    | <b>Palm Sunday</b>               |                      |
|              | 10.30 Communion                  | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Evening Prayer              | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Wednesday 19 | 7.45 Family Service Planning     | 50 Scothern Lane     |
| Friday 21    | <b>Good Friday</b>               |                      |
|              | 1.30 – 3.00 "By the Cross"       | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Sunday 23    | <b>EASTER DAY</b>                |                      |
|              | 9.00 Communion                   | St.John Stainton     |
|              | 10.30 Communion                  | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Communion                   | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Tuesday 25   | 10.30 a.m. Prayer Hour           | 36 Scothern Lane     |
| Sunday 30    | <b>Easter 2 / Easter 1 (BCP)</b> | <b>* BST begins*</b> |
|              | 9.00 BCP said Communion          | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 10.30 Family Service / Baptism   | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 3.00 Family Service / Baptism    | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| APRIL 2008   |                                  |                      |
| Sunday 6     | <b>Easter 3</b>                  |                      |
|              | 9.00 Communion                   | St.John Stainton     |
|              | 10.30 Communion                  | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Evening Prayer              | St.Hugh Langworth    |
| Sunday 13    | <b>Easter 4 / Easter 3 (BCP)</b> |                      |
|              | 9.00 BCP said Communion          | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 10.30 Family Service             | St.Edward Sudbrooke  |
|              | 6.00 Communion                   | St.Hugh Langworth    |

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# ***PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES***

## **NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE**

### **PRESENT:**

**Councillors M Dickie (Chairman),  
M Halliday, R Adams, Miss R Dobbs,  
S Curtis, P Rignall, I Russell,  
D Ordish  
Mrs C Myers (Clerk),  
Mrs B Solly (Treasurer)  
2 members of the public**

**110 PARISHIONERS ITEMS** - There were no parishioners items.

**111 POLICE MATTERS** - There was no Police representative present.

### **112 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

District Councillor Stuart Curtis informed members that an extra-ordinary meeting of West Lindsey District Council had been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> January to discuss Police budgets for 2008/9.

DC Curtis also stated that the Parish Council may be able to obtain a 50% grant towards the recently purchased marquee. The Clerk would make an application.

### **113 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

These were signed as a correct record.

### **114 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

**a) Parish Plan** - Councillor M

Halliday reported that the December meeting of the Steering Group had had to be postponed until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.

**b) Railings near to stream on Scotthern Lane** - These had still not been repaired. The Clerk would raise this with Highways.

**c) Bus shelter lighting** - The County Council had replied to the request for lighting at the bus stop stating that they could only provide street lighting as an accident remedial measure in an attempt to reduce road accidents or a crime reduction measure to combat crime.

It was agreed by members that this was not a satisfactory answer and that it may be possible for a brighter light to be installed on the existing centre island lamp standard which would illuminate the area including the bus shelter.

The Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting (preferably during the hours of darkness) with an Officer of the County Council in order for the matter to be discussed further. Councillor Hiscox to be made aware.

**d) Sudbrooke nameplates** - The Clerk had been informed by the Highways Officer that an order would be placed for these.

**e) Drainage - Holme Drive** - The Clerk had reported this matter to the Highways Department and had been informed that the problem had not yet been looked at by an Officer. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Mr P Coathup, Divisional Highways

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

Manager, to ascertain the responsibility of the County Council should there be a flooding problem in the area when they had not responded to a previous report of a problem.

**f) Bus route through village** – No reply had again been received from PC Coaches.

Cllr M Halliday would supply figures from Parish Plan questionnaires of residents requesting a better bus service to Sudbrooke for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**g) Cycleway – Sudbrooke – Nettleham** – Councillors had been invited to a meeting with Nettleham Parish Council to discuss this further.

**h) Trees – St Edward's Drive** – A report was received that overgrown trees in the garden of a property were obscuring the street light at the entrance to St Edward's Drive. The Clerk was asked to contact the owner of the property and request that they be cut back.

### **115 SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE**

**Tennis Net** – The Treasurer was asked to seek prices for the purchase of a tennis net. A budget of £500 for its purchase was agreed.

### **116 CONSERVATION**

Following a request from WLDC Planning Department, Cllr I Russell had inspected an ash tree at 87 Holme Drive and agreed to the general pruning and removal of one substantial limb.

Cllr P Rignall offered to assist Cllr Russell plant trees on the area of land at the end of Beresford Drive.

### **117 PLANNING**

#### **Applications**

**121390 – Land adjacent to 'Wayside, West Drive** – proposed garage. It was noted that this proposal was not 'adjacent' but 'opposite' Wayside, West Drive. Following discussion the Parish Council objected to the application due to the height of the garage, it being disproportionate to its purpose and it also being obtrusive to surrounding properties.

**121273** – 15 Ellison Close – Further plans of elevations or proposed garden room – No objections.

### **118 SUDBROOKE NEWS**

It was noted that there did not appear to be a sufficient number of magazines being printed. The Treasurer would make enquiries with the Printer and if necessary arrange for a further 20 copies to be added to the existing order. Mrs Solly also agreed to seek alternative prices from Printers in the area.

### **119 FINANCE**

a) **Income** -  
Co-op Bank – interest - £35.89  
Sudbrooke News advertising revenue - £216.00  
LCC – grass cutting grant - £1457.97

### **120 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS**

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

The Chairman again brought it to the attention of the meeting that there would likely be vacancies on the Parish Council from May of this year when elections were due to be held.

### **121 DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2008 – 7.30pm

– Village Hall.

### **122 CORRESPONDENCE**

Invitation from Nettleham Parish Council to join a meeting on Flooding issues on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at the Old School, Nettleham commencing at 8.00pm.

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT**

### **REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

The full 8 members of the Parish Council were present along with the Clerk, Treasurer and two members of the public.

**1 Lighting at Bus Shelter – near to Cherry Tree Café** – More problems had been reported that the bus was not always stopping for passengers as the driver could not see them waiting at the bus stop.

The County Council have stated that they would repair the solar lighting fitted in the bus shelter but that they are unable to put any additional pavement lighting in the area.

If any residents have similar problems at the bus stop due to the poor lighting in the area, will they please write to Mr S Hall, Lincolnshire County Council Technical Services Partnership, Witham Park House, Waterside South, Lincoln LN5 7JN, copying the letter to the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**2 Conservation** – A planting scheme

of trees and shrubs for the area of land at the end of Beresford Drive will be undertaken by Parish Council members on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**3 Star Energy** – It was reported that Star Energy have been bought out by Petronesse.

**4 Dog Fouling – Broad Dale Close** – A report was made that dog fouling was occurring during the hours of darkness in Broad Dale Close. This would be reported to the West Lindsey Dog Warden who would make visits to patrol the area.

**5 Footbridge, West Drive** – A new footbridge crossing the stream in West Drive costing in the region of £7,000 will be erected during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The new bridge will be of metal construction following repeated vandalism to the existing wooden bridge. Funding for the bridge will be provided by Lincolnshire County Council.

**6 Date of next meeting** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – 7.30pm – Village Hall.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I feel I must write this letter aimed at the **disrespectful disgusting dog owners of Sudbrooke.**

I live on Beresford Drive and last week a kind dog owner let its dog mess five times right on the end of my drive - my children informed me of it on their way to school !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!. It was very unpleasant to see !!!.

You know who you are!!! Do we have to resort to putting up cameras or signs to catch you because if that is what it takes I will gladly do it.

Also on the entrance to the CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK a dog that must have been the size of an elephant had emptied its entire body all over the path for people, bike riders and children to tread in as there was no avoiding it !!.

What on earth is happening to this

Village? When I moved here 4 years ago I was surprised at the lack of dog mess but now you cannot enjoy a walk without staring at the floor constantly to avoid it. On the entrance to the woods just after the play park there is a bin especially provided for what dogs leave behind!! - some people are even letting their dogs mess around the bin and do not even pick it up.

It used to be a pleasure to walk along the "back path" behind the beautiful houses on Holme Drive but I now avoid it like the plague naming it "dog mess" alley.

If you are serious enough and intelligent enough about keeping a dog then come on - have some respect and decency to treat this beautiful village with the respect it deserves, pick up the mess and have some respect for dog owners that make the effort.

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## **WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE**

The diabetic retinopathy screening van will be visiting our Practice at the end of February and the early part of March and we are hoping that it will be parked outside the library/surgery entrance. Invitations are sent out from the Screening Co-ordinators, not the Practice so please ensure that you ring the number stated on your letter if you cannot make the appointment sent to you.

We reported last month that our new website would be ready for launching but unfortunately we are not quite there yet – apologies and watch this space !

We would like to remind patients that we have two trained smoking

cessation advisers working in the Practice and appointments may be made with either of them via our receptionists.

Thank you to all who completed our satisfaction surveys at the end of last year. We will be discussing the results of this with our Patient Group at our February meeting and advertising them in the surgery shortly afterwards.

We are closed for Easter on Good Friday ( 21<sup>st</sup> March ) through to 8.00am Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. As always please ring 0844 477 3072 in cases of emergency.

**Sallie Stead**

### **PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION**

The next meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council will take place on Thursday 6 March 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Confirmation of dates of meetings can be made via the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Chris Myers on 823802.

Notes of meetings are held in Nettleham Library

#### **Members**

**Martin Dickie, Chairman - 754342**

**Stuart Curtis, Vice Chairman - 751874**

**Roger Adams - 751373**

**Ian Russell - 754984**

**Derek Ordish - 750010**

**Mike Halliday - 754686**

**Rose Dobbs - 753060**

**Paul Rignall - 595736**

**District Councillor Stuart Curtis - 751874**

**County Councillor - Roger Hiscox - 01673 860047**

**Treasurer to the Council - Bridget Solly -  
01673 857580**

## **SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN**

**The Parish Plan Group met on 22nd January. Outcomes from the meeting included:**

**A158 request for traffic signals.**

Lincs CC Highways and Traffic had provided traffic flow data taken on Sat.8/6/02 and Mon.10/6/02 in response to a Parish Council request for traffic signals. The data showed approx.12% and 16% respectively of the vehicle movements entered or left Scothern Lane. Total pedestrian movements across the A158 were 7 and 9 respectively.

Traffic flows on Thurs.26/4/07 and Thurs. 30/8/07 showed approx.20% and 15% respectively of vehicle movements entered or left Scothern Lane. Members agreed the content of a follow up letter to Mrs.Baker of Highways and Traffic (shown separately dated 11 Feb.)

Apparently the average cost of a single traffic signal is £70K ranging thro' to a more complex arrangement costing £350K.

**Nettleham Medical Practice.**

Members considered the latest information concerning the new site, prescription pick-up point and representation on the patient's panel. Members agreed the content of a letter to Ms. M Daubney ( the Practice Manager). This is shown separately dated 11th Feb.

**New clubs and activity groups.**

Feedback from open day on 12th Oct.'07 was considered.

The most popular requirements to facilitate were walking, new age curls/ bowls, tennis, keep fit and yoga. Other requirements to be considered later. Look out for developments next month in Sudbrooke News.

**Action Plan.**

The priority actions were considered and progress recorded. The action plan will in future be posted on the parish plan blogsite.

**Litter.**

A meeting of volunteers to consider litter picking and rubbish dumping issues was fixed for Wed. 27th Feb. at 8-00pm in village hall.

**Next main meeting.**

Fixed for Tues.22nd April in village hall at 7-30pm.

Group members include Rose Dobbs, Martin Dickie, Ian Russell, Gopi Reddy, Vicki Wells, Colin Benson, Gill Preston, Stuart Curtis, SS Murali, Roger Adams, Derek Ordish, Paul Rignall (website) and myself.

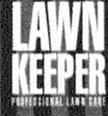
**If you would like to get involved in some way in progressing the Parish Plan, please contact myself or any Group member for details.**

**Mike Halliday**

**Chairman, Parish Plan Group.**

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## **Sudbrooke Parish Plan Group**

48, Scothern Lane  
Sudbrooke  
Lincoln LN2 2QJ  
February 11th 2008  
Tel 01522 754686

Dear Mrs Baker,

### **Re: Sudbrooke A158-request for traffic signals.**

Thank you for the traffic survey data you kindly sent to me that has recently been reviewed by the Parish Plan Group.

We note the survey totals cover a 12 hour period. This tends to dilute the peak period high volume traffic flows when we experience most of our problems. Does your data provide an hour by hour analysis of traffic flows? If so can you please forward this information to us.

Mr. Alan Brown mentioned that you are writing a new policy for traffic signals that should include more variables to establish entitlement. Can you please forward a copy of the new policy when completed.

If the policy is out for consultation we would like to review and comment on it.

Can you please confirm when the next traffic survey will be carried out on the A158. We would wish to measure traffic flows around Sudbrooke to give us a holistic view of our traffic problems.

Many of Sudbrooke's residents use minor roads during busy times on the A158. Can one of your surveyors record these traffic movements please.

Yours sincerely

Mike Halliday  
Chairman, Sudbrooke Parish Plan Group.

**Sudbrooke Parish Plan Group**

48,Scothern Lane  
Sudbrooke  
Lincoln LN2 2QJ  
Tel 01522 754686  
11th Feb.2008.

Dear Ms. Daubney,

**Re: Sudbrooke Parish Plan.**

I refer to my discussions with yourself and Mr.Bohlman on 22<sup>nd</sup> January which I then reported recently to the Sudbrooke Parish Plan Group.

As you are aware from our Parish Plan, the majority of residents do require a doctor's surgery here in the village. If Sudbrooke is not the chosen site for the proposed new medical centre, I have been asked to inform you that any relocation of the medical practice away from Lodge Lane would be most inconvenient for residents especially in the absence of a reliable and regular bus service. May I have your assurance that the all Practice Partners are aware of Sudbrooke residents' needs and concerns as identified in the Parish Plan.

We are disappointed at your decision on the prescription pick up point. We do however welcome the service provided to housebound patients and would wish to publicise this more widely in the village. To avoid any misunderstanding, can you please clarify what criteria you use for 'housebound'.

Mr. Bohlman offered some places for Sudbrooke residents on your patients panel and we would wish to take up this opportunity. It may take us a little time to get suitable volunteers so a member of the Parish Plan Group will aim to attend the next two meetings of the Patients Panel, can you please inform me of the dates, times and venues.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mike Halliday  
Chairman,Sudbrooke Parish Plan Group.

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**THURSDAY 3rd APRIL 2008**

**IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE**

**COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Anyone wishing to raise an issue or any organisation with a report to present is very welcome to attend the meeting or to send this to the Clerk by Wednesday 2nd April 2008.

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VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE AGM

The **Annual General Meeting** of the **Village Hall Management Committee** will be held in the **Village Hall** on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7pm.**

All residents of the Parish aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend the AGM to elect a new management committee for the forthcoming year. All existing organisations in the Parish are entitled to nominate a representative member to serve on the committee.

**Ann Yeend**  
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## In memory of.....

Each Easter, at Sudbrooke Church, people donate towards the cost of the Easter flowers in memory of loved ones who have died.

Names of the loved ones are written in a card and read out during the Easter Sunday service. The card then stands on the altar for as long as the flowers last – approx. 3 weeks.

You are most welcome to join in this memorial. If you would like to be involved, please could you let me have your donation and the name(s) you would like writing in the card by Palm Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> March) at the latest. Thank you.

**Eleanor Clarke, 2, Chestnut Close**

## **SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB**

**Next meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the village hall at 7-30pm. Open to all residents.**

I am delighted to say the ever popular Andrew Sankey has agreed to give a presentation 'Rethinking your garden' in the village hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7-30pm.

Andrew will use a mix of presentational techniques and is always happy to take questions. The session includes:

- design principles
- basic planning techniques
- low maintenance tips
- how to hide eyesores.

Andrew will also bring along a selection of Spring plants for sale.

Free tea or coffee and biscuits will be served at approx 8-30pm. The meeting should end around 9-15pm. To help defray costs, an admission charge of £1 per adult will be made.

### **Spring Show**

A reminder that the Spring Show will be held in the village hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Exhibits to be brought along from 6-00 to 7-00pm, judging from 7-00pm prompt and viewing from 7-45pm.

**Mike Halliday ( Secretary )**

## **SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL SVHMC**

As our next committee meeting will be held after this magazine has gone to press I have to assume that no news is good news.

I will take the opportunity to remind residents that the date for the Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee AGM is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008 at 7 pm in the Village Hall and members of the public are welcome.

The present management committee realise there has to be a fund raising event to help cover expenses of the hall. Lettings cannot cover all costs. To make enough to do this would entail raising charges and the chicken and egg situation would arise. Then the hall would be too costly to hire etc. A lot of Sudbrooke people know the format for the Fun Day, Stalls, Car

Boot, Bouncy Castle, Food, Bar etc. We have a lot to thank the previous committee members for all their hard work year on year.

Last year after a superb display of dancing by the children, a good afternoon despite the morning downpour, music going well in the Braham Lounge, views were expressed about finishing too soon. Your committee were tired and needed to tie up loose ends before the evening.

This year if you have ideas about fund raising or for the Fun Day in whatever form please contact Paul Creasey on 01522 754575 and lets make it a good event.

**Ann Yeend, Honorary Secretary**  
**11 Ellison Close**

## **SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB**



Members were very sorry to learn of the death of Doreen Ward, member and past President.

We express our sincere condolences to David and his family.

**Forthcoming Events:**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 @ 7.30**

**pm:** Margaret Adams – ‘Bread Plates’.  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30 pm:**  
Roger Goy – ‘British Wildlife’.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month in Sudbrooke Village Hall. Guests are always welcome and are asked to contribute £2.

Further information: 01522-595736

**Gill Rignall.**

## **WELTON & DISTRICT PATIENTS & DOCTORS ASSOCIATION**

We are planning our Spring Lunch for Friday 9th. May in Welton Village Hall. Please make a note in your diary or on your calendar. Full details in next month's issue and tickets £4 should be available early April.

are planning a repeat performance this year on Saturday 18th. October in Welton Village Hall. Further details nearer the date.

**Roy Minnitt**

Another diary date - our Autumn Fayre last year was a great success and we



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### **MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE TABLE TOP SALE**

As already publicised we shall be holding our first 2008 Table Top Sale in Welton Village Hall on Saturday 8th. March from 1.00 to 3.00pm, entry fee 20p, and everyone is welcome to come and browse amongst the 29 tables. You may find just the item you have been looking for!!

Proceeds will be donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care for the benefit of patients in Lincolnshire.

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## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER**

### **Is it The Bill or the Police?**

By the time you read this, most council budget decisions will have been made. As regular readers will have heard me say before, your council tax bill has four parts to it. West Lindsey collects the tax, but the largest share will go to the county council. As regular readers will also know, although you pay for every penny spent by local authorities, your council tax is the smallest part of the bill. In fact it is only just over a fifth of the money. It just that you notice it more!

Some of your income tax, some of the VAT you pay and some of the money you pay to tax your car probably end up being spent by one of the councils. The only bit that can be definitely said to go into council spending is known as NNDR to insiders (national non domestic rates if you are really interested), but is called business rates by everybody else. You pay for this indirectly, if you shop or buy any service or thing made in Britain. No one can say which other bits of centrally collect tax are used, because all the rest goes into what is known as the General Fund. All government expenditure is then paid out from it. It is this centrally paid amount that is causing Lincolnshire's police a big headache. The money is shared out by a 'formulae'. This measure gives Lincolnshire police the least money per head of population of any police force in the United Kingdom and as a consequence they can't make ends meet.

The governing body of the police service is called the Lincolnshire Police Authority. This has 17 members. There are nine County Councillors, three magistrates and five appointed independent members. It is this body

that must make the decision as to what council tax rise to set. The law does not allow them to set a budget that relies on unapproved borrowing. If they stay within the capping limit which is expected to be 5%, they will be unable to pay all their staff. I believe they can't make police officers redundant because it is not lawful. If they are to lose civilian staff, these will have to be replaced by taking police off policing – someone has to answer emergency calls, staff the communications facilities and do all the admin.

They tell us the problem is so bad that up to one third of officers would need to come off the streets.

As I write, a delegation has just been to see the minister and been told there will be no more government money. I don't have a crystal ball to know how this will all this turn out, but it should be interesting to watch. You will notice what happens. It could be a lot less police work will be done or it could be you will be paying a rather bigger bill. Of course a 20% rise in a smaller part of the total isn't the same as a 20% rise in the amount you pay.

But a rise in council tax of £2 per week is over a hundred pounds a year and that is a large sum, however you tell it.

However, make no mistake, this decision does matter. Fortunately for me, I am not one of the county councillors who is also a member of the Police Authority and so it is one decision I shall not have a hand in. You will need to read the enclosures in the envelope with your council tax bill to know how this 'who done it' ends. Or there could be a sequel, but if there is, I will try to cover it next time.

**Roger Hiscox**

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