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RYAN JAMES HIDES 1.7.91 -15.9.08 My Diamond Son

As some of you may know Ryan died in a road traffic incident whilst I was away on my honeymoon last September. He had given me away only 9 days before it happened.

I have lost both my parents young, but nothing compares to the loss of a child. Ryan was not the average 17 year old boy, he was kind, full of life and laughter and put others needs before his own. He was very special to me. Since his death I have heard many stories from his friends and people who knew him of great courage and kindness. Again as you may be aware there is a bench in Ryan's memory, please use it; all I ask is that whilst using it you bear a thought for Ryan and his family.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has rallied around with offers of support and good wishes and their donations for the bench. Thank you to Reverend Spaight for a beautiful, fitting service for Ryan and to the members of the Parish council for their help and support

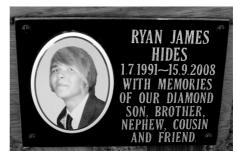
with the arrangements for the bench. I would like to finish with a poem which is very apt to loosing a child and all the feelings around it.

A life Lost

I have lost a life
-not my own.
But it would have been
easier to have lost my own
life than to have lost
the life I loved more than
my own.

Wintersun by Sasha

God bless Ryan - until we meet again- I will be waiting x





VICAR'S LETTER

The Vicarage, Langworth Tel. 01522 - 754233

Easter is over – but is it? The chocolate eggs may be cut-price and the bonnets put away, but the central story goes on. We follow it in the New Testament in the Acts of the Apostles (St. Luke Part 2). The church follows the "after-shock" with ceremonies for Ascension Day (May 21st) and Pentecost (Whitsun – May 31st). The journey is by no means over.

Of the Twelve apostles, and excluding Judas Iscariot, all but one, it seems, met violent deaths of one kind or another, mostly for refusing to deny that Jesus had risen from the dead. That he strongest possible argument for its truth: on the whole, people aren't ready to die for what they know is at best a delusion and at worst a lie. They had seen the Risen Lord, and nothing and no one would ever shake that conviction.

In one sense, the journey of Jesus and the disciples to Jerusalem has no end. because at Jerusalem it led not to completion, but to commission. Having been called by Jesus three years earlier, the disciples were now sent out into the vast, antagonistic, sceptical, suspicious world of the first century. Armed with faith in the risen Jesus, and empowered by the special gift of the Holy Spirit, they turned that world upside down. Within three centuries, belief in the resurrection of Jesus was the received religion of the Roman empire. There were believers in Jesus all over its vast area and far beyond. Now, two millennia later, the disciples of Jesus are still on the long journey of

faith and witness, and the risen Lord, as he promised, is still with them wherever they travel.

Two attractive prayers that caught my eye recently, and that I thought I might share with you, are :-

1. One with the theme of travelling on a journey, be it actual or spiritual, from "A Northumbrian Office":

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.

May he bring you home rejoicing once again to your door.

2. And another anonymous one for the hurly-burly of life:-

Almighty God and Father, in all the busyness of life, help us to be still in your presence, that we may know ourselves to be your people, and you to be our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Robert Spaight

| CHURCH DIARY | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Sunday 3 May | Easter 4 | | | |
| | 9.00 Communion | St.John Stainton | | |
| | 10.30 Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 6.00 Evening Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Sunday 10 | Easter 5 / BCP Easter 4 | | | |
| | 9.00 BCP Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 10.30 Family Service + Baptism | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 6.00 Communion | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Monday 11 | 7.30 Home Group | | | |
| Tuesday 12 | 10.30 Barlings Prayer Hour | Old Vicarage | | |
| | 7.30 Sudbrooke PCC | The Vicarage | | |
| Thursday 14 | 7.45 Family Service Planning | 50 Scothern Lane | | |
| Sunday 17 | Easter 6 | | | |
| | 10.30 Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 6.00 Evening Prayer | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Monday 18 | 7.30 Home Group | | | |
| Tuesday 19 | 7.30 Mission & Pastoral Comittee | Brattleby Church | | |
| Thursday 21 | Ascension Day | | | |
| | 7.30 a.m. Communion | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Sunday 24 | Easter 7 / Sunday after | | | |
| | Ascension | | | |
| | 9.00 Communion | St.Edward Barlings | | |
| | 10.30 Communion + Baptism | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 6.00 Communion | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Tuesday 26 | 10.30 Sudbrooke Prayer Hour | Erica House | | |
| Wednesday 27 | 7.30 Scothern PCC | Scothern Church | | |
| Friday 29 | 1.00 Wedding | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| Sunday 31 | Pentecost / Whit Sunday (BCP) | | | |
| | 9.00 BCP Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 10.30 Family Service + Baptisms | St,Edward Sudbrooke | | |
| | 6.00 To be Decided | St.Hugh Langworth | | |
| Sunday 7 June | Trinity Sunday | | | |
| | 9.00 Communion | St.John Stainton | | |
| | 10.30 Communion | St.Edward Sudbrooke | | |
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LETTER

Dear Editor

There was an enquiry in the Sudbrooke news from John Ryman about the Army in Sudbrooke. Can I perhaps give him some information.

I came to Sudbrooke at the age of 13 in 1953. The army still occupied the camp which is the area where the hut foundations are to this day. I still refer to the road through the park gates down to the camp as 'the camp road'. I have no knowledge of what the camp was used for in the war but in 1953 it was a distribution cent for food supplies for the military establishments both army and RAF that existed in those days. If my memory serves me right there were about twenty personnel including one officer ,I think a captain, a sergeant and possibly two corporals. The lower ranks were national service men. I know some of them were butchers. George Fanthorpe who lived in California cottages was maintenance man and there was a civilian clerk whose name I forget who lived with his wife in a nissen hut on the camp. The huts were the round nissen hut with one or two pre fabricated concrete huts. I don't know what regiment it was.

The square is still visible although a little overgrown round the edges. As the local paper boy I got to know the soldiers quite well. Two incidents come to mind. Although long before the Irish troubles The IRA had been active and raided a military armoury and stolen some weapons An armed guard was set up to cover the camp. Up near the park gates we met one of the soldiers that we new armed with a

rifle.It being unusual we asked him what ha had it for. He told us it was because of the IRA. Have you got any bullets we asked .he reached into his top pocket and pulled out a 303 round. This one he said.

The soldiers were on parade on the square, best uniform rifles at the slope. They were being inspected by their CO accompanied by the sergeant. Usual thing officer walking along the lines making comments to the sergeant and the men. In those days Wilkinson's Friesian bull was tethered in the camp by a nose ring to graze off the grass. The soldiers could see him but the officers had their back to him. The bull shook his head and the chain dropped off. It started to amble towards the parade. The officer carried on inspecting but I think the sergeant realised something was wrong by the look in the men's eyes. The sergeant turned round and realised the bull was loose. He whispered in the officers ear. I heard the officer say dismiss the men sergeant which he did. The men ran. The officer with as much dignity as he could muster tucked his stick under his arm and marched at a great pace to his office porch. From the safety of his porch he shouted will you boys go and tell John the bull's loose.

The camp was still there in 1957.As an airman based at Scampton I used to go and fetch meat for Scampton. I don't know when the camp closed.

Clive Buttress, Langworth

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE

PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie (Chairman), Miss R Dobbs, P Rignall, S Curtis, Mrs L Etheridge, B Bartram, N James, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), County Councillor R Hiscox, 1 member of the public,

APOLOGIES: Councillor I Russell, PC M Lassmans

131 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

It had been brought to the attention of a member of the Parish Council that vehicles were being parked on the grass verge on the corner of Northfield Avenue/Beresford Drive causing the verge to be churned up. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Police.

A piece of fencing was reported as causing some blockage in the drain. Cllr C Bartram would report this to the Street Force Team for removal.

A request was made by a resident for a dropped kerb at the entrance to the Village Hall. This would be referred to the Highways Department.

The Pre-School had asked permission to plant an area behind the Village

Hall as a vegetable plot. It was considered by members that this could easily be vandalised and cause disappointment to the young children. It would be an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.

132 POLICE MATTERS

a) Request for funding towards Simple SID speed devices – A request had been received from the Police for financial support towards the purchase of three devices for the area. Whilst members agreed to support the purchase of the devices in principle the Parish Council was not in a position at present to make any financial contribution.

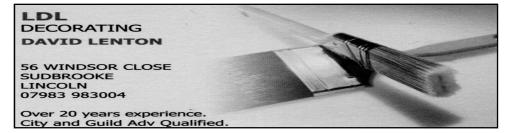
b) Police Report - A number of breakins and thefts of vehicles in the area were reported.

133 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Roger Hiscox explained that the County Council were currently preparing their budget for the next financial year.

134 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The siting of the advertising sign at the Cherry Tree Cafe was brought to the attention of D.C. Stuart Curtis who



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explained that the sign was in order to remain in position whilst a planning application was undergoing consideration.

135 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2009

It was noted that the District Councillors report had been omitted from the minutes of the previous meeting and should be added as follows:-

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.' Approval of these minutes would be made at the next meeting of the Parish

Council on 5th March 2009.

136 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- a) Lighting to bus stop/shelter Assurances had been received from the County Council that footway lighting would be installed by May of this year. CC Hiscox would monitor this work.
- b) Parish meeting 2nd April 2009 Councillor Bernard Bartram would arrange for the Street Force Warden to attend this meeting.
- c) Community Emergency Plan Cllr Nick James gave a concise report on the suggestion of this plan. In conclusion it was agreed that the area currently have trained professionals to deal with emergencies and that Sudbrooke Parish Council should not prepare such a plan.
- d) Parish Plan update Councillor Rose Dobbs reported that the last meeting was held on 12th January

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2009 and that a report was being published in the Sudbrooke News. The next Parish Plan meeting will be 21st April 2009.

Cllr Bernard Bartram requested use of the Village Hall for the Litter Pick to be held on 14th March 2009 and asked that funds for refreshments be paid from parish plan funds.

- e) Suggestion of appointment of Flood Warden for village Members agreed that there was already a system in place with the Local Authority re flooding and that a Village Flood Warden not be appointed.
- f) Community Empowerment Project -Cllr Mrs Lyn Etheridge reported on her and the Clerk's attendance at the University of Lincoln for this project. She stated that it was felt that further attendance would be of no benefit to Sudbrooke.
- g) Waste Re-cycling Road Show The Clerk gave a report on her attendance at Cherry Willingham for this road show. She stated that it was hoped that West Drive/Main Drive would shortly be issued with wheelie bins instead of their current bag system.
- h) School Admissions Consultation This was noted by Councillors.

137 SPORTSFIELD REPORT

It was noted that Scothern Football Club had still not paid for the use of the football pitch despite several requests.

138 SUDBROOKE NEWS

No one had come forward to offer help in the production of the magazine. The present Editor had stated that he would not be able to continue after the April edition.

Discussion took place about the future of the magazine, whether it should be quarterly, no adverts and just a news sheet, but it still required a person to produce it.

Cllr Nick James and Ms B Solly would investigate any other ways of producing the magazine.

139 PLANNING

- a) Sudbrooke Park Ownership A Land search had been carried out for the Parish Council to establish the ownership of Sudbrooke Park.
- b) Permission 75 Wragby Road alteration of garage and extension – 12322

140 FINANCE

a) Request by Village Hall
Management Committee for grant to
Village Hall for security lighting - A
request had been received for
assistance towards this project, which
was considered important, particularly
in view of the recent break-in.

Resolved: That following receipt of costings a contribution up to £400 be made.

NB: Councillors S Curtis, Miss R Dobbs and P Rignall declared interests in this matter as members of the Village Hall Management Committee and left the room at.8.50pm, returning to the room after the discussion had ended at 8.54pm.

b) Request for financial Support -

Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association – Resolved that a donation be not given.

- c) Accounts paid: Langworth
 Memorial Hall hire of hall for First
 Aid course £20.00
 Veolia grass cutting July £376.03
 LALC Councillors Training evening £15.00
- d) Accounts for payment:E Pitt January £32.00
 Mrs C Myers expenses January £35.88
 B Solly expenses January £13.20
 APS Printers March Sudbrooke News
 £275.00
 EON Christmas tree electricity £77.70
 HM Revenue and Customs Month 10
 £93.67
 LCC Pension Fund £98.49

Burton & Co − Land Registry Fee - £10.00

Sudbrooke Village Hall - Parish Plan

Langworth Group PC – shared cost of stationery - £11.35

e) Income:- Sudbrooke News Advertising - £191.00 Co-operative Bank – interest on 12 month bond - £1296.88 HM Revenue & Customs VAT Return -£1557.77

HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Return - £90.80

- f) Bank Balances at 31.1.09 Current account £500.00
 Instant Account £6722.06
 14 day account £5016.31
 Sports field Account £2692.19
 12 month Bond £25,000.00
 Northfield Park Account £6922.64
 Fox Covert account £2127.78
- g) Asset Register The Treasurer issued all Councillors with a copy of the Asset Register.
- h) Courses for Councillors and Clerks
 A list of available courses had been
 supplied to all Councillors. Cllr P
 Rignall expressed interest in the
 Course 'Engaging with Young People'
 at Washingborough on 23rd



hire - £40.00

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September 2009 at a cost of £6.00.

The Clerk would attend the course for Food Hygiene Level 2 Certificate at Hemingby on 5th March.

141 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chairman drew to the attention of all members the recent break in at the Village Hall, entry which had been attempted through the kitchen window, damage to the frame which had resulted in a complete new frame and breakage of one of the large windows at the front of the Hall.

Discussion ensued as to whether the height of the hedge and trees fronting the hall provided too much seclusion to the Hall. It was noted that the hedge was due to be trimmed back but agreement was made that this should be cut back to a height of one metre. It was also felt that some of the trees required thinning out and a programme for this work would need to be drawn up.

142 CORRESPONDENCE

Letters from some residents of Holme Drive re grass cutting on land between Elm Drive and Beresford Drive. Letter from Witham Third re flood protection works in Sudbrooke Copy of letter from resident of Holme Drive to Witham Third Drainage Board re his concerns regarding flood protection works on Scothern Lane.

143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 5th March 2009

SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN

No new information to report. Full details of the Parish Plan Group meeting on 21st April will be covered in the June issue of Sudbrooke News.

Mike Halliday Chairman, Parish Plan Group Tel 754686.

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APOLOGIES: Councillor Miss R Dobbs, Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), County Councillor R Hiscox, Mrs Helen Link (Wood Carving Project)

144 PARISHIONERS ITEMS - None.

145 POLICE MATTERS – PC M Lassmans reported on some minor incidents in the village.

146 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Stuart Curtis reported as follows:-

- That a Parish Assembly would be held at the Guildhall, Gainsborough on 30th April 2009.
- Planning permission with conditions had been granted for 16 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke
- That he would pursue the Tree Preservation Order review

147 NOTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 2009 AND 5TH FEBRUARY 2009

These were signed as a correct record.

148 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

a) Wood Carving project update – Helen Link had sent a concise report on the project to date which is nearing completion. A comprehensive plan had been compiled by Mrs Link and Cllr Lyn Etheridge for the preferred siting of the posts in the vicinity of the Millennium stone. Cllrs agreed with this location on condition that the Parish Council insurers would cover the area for public liability under the Council's policy. The Clerk was asked

Quotations had been sought from four companies for the concreting in of the posts and only one received in the sum of £425.00. Following consideration it was agreed to accept this price from Veolia ES.

to check this.

The Parish Council placed on record their thanks to Helen Link for coordinating/organising this project.

b) Dropped kerbs – The Highways Department had written stating that they would install tactile crossings at the entrance to the Village Hall and survey the village to establish whether there are any other locations where tactile crossings would be beneficial.

c) Request from Pre-School to plant vegetable plot to rear of village hall

- Councillor S Curtis stated that the Pre-School would now prefer to have a raised planter. There were no objections to this in principle but it was considered it should be raised with the Village Hall Committee.

d) Highway Matters - Area

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Response Teams – Notification had been received that the Area Response Team would be visiting the village to undertake minor carriageway repairs, verge works, etc and that a list of works required was currently being drawn up by the Clerk. Members were advised to notify the Clerk of any items they considered requiring attention to add to the list.

e) Parish Plan - This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

149 SPORTSFIELD REPORT – QUOTATIONS FOR THE REPAIR OF SLIDE

A quotation received for the work had been received in the sum of £250.00. However a resident of the village had submitted a detailed schedule of work required and offered to carry out the repair at no cost to the Parish Council. This generous offer was duly accepted by members.

Note: Cllr Mrs Lynn Etheridge declared a personal interest in the above as the report had been prepared by Mr Dave Etheridge.

150 SUDBROOKE NEWS - THE FUTURE

Cllr Nick James had met with the Treasurer and drawn up a plan of options as follows:

Option 1 - Discontinue the magazine completely. This would be a saving of £1200 to the parish, but there would be no means of communication in the village.

Option 2 - Produce monthly/b-/monthly news sheet with no

advertising. This would cost approximately £500 a year.

Option 3 – Advertise the Editors position as a paid position.

It was noted that there were no precepted funds for the payment to an Editor for the next financial year.

Residents were invited to the Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd April to discuss the future of the magazine and a final decision on the future of the magazine would be made at the Parish Council meeting after the Parish meeting.

Cost of printing – It was noted that the cost of the printing of the magazine had been increased and it was agreed that alternative quotations be sought for the printing.

151 PLANNING

Tree works – 36 Scothern Lane – no objections 19 Wragby Road – No objections

152 FINANCE

a) Approval of additional cost of hedge cutting fronting Village Hall – The additional work had been costed at approximately £200. Expenditure for this was agreed in view of the security to the Village Hall.

b) Security lighting at Village Hall – There was nothing to report.

153 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chairman brought to the attention of the meeting that the seat in memory of Ryan Hides had been

sited in Northfield Park.

Councillor Martin Dickie stated that he had been a member of the Parish Council for 8 years and Chairman for 5 and would be standing down as Chairman at the next annual meeting of the Parish Council in May, therefore the appointment of a new Chairman would need to be considered.

154 CORRESPONDENCE

Information re Calor Village of the Year Competition – to be circulated amongst Councillors.

Request to use the football field on Scothern Lane for the Archaeology Day on 18th July 2009. This was agreed with a nominal rent of £10.00.

155 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 2nd April 2009 – 7.30pm, followed by Parish Council meeting at 8.15pm.

LINDUM ROTARY THE 6TH ANNUAL BRAYFORD CHARITY BEER FESTIVAL 8th 9th and 10th May

Once again it's time to say cheers for charity at the Lindum Rotary Club beer festival to be held at the Sea Cadet Unit Brayford Wharf North.

This is a unique opportunity to relax, sip a pint of real ale on the edge of the Brayford and watch the boats go by.

All proceeds will go to the Lincoln MS Centre, supporting multiple sclerosis help and research in the Lincoln area.

This year look out for Cathedral Ales, Batemans, Adnams, Oakham, Spring Head, Milestone, Timothy Taylors)!

Friday 8th May - 4.00pm to midnight. Sat 9th May 11.00am to midnight. Sun 10 May 12noon to 4.0pm.

Bacon butties etc will be available

Admission only £2.00 including first half pint.

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NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SUDBROOKE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE ON THURSDAY 2ND **APRIL 2009**

PRESENT: Miss R Dobbs (Chairman), Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer) 9 members of the public Elaine Bilton (Recycling Inspector, WLDC), Nigel Periam (Street Force Warden, WLDC)

APOLOGIES: Mr M Dickie

1 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON **3rd APRIL 2008** – These were signed as a correct record.

2 ADDRESSES BY WEST LINDSEY'S STREET FORCE WARDEN AND **RECYCLING INSPECTOR - An**

interesting presentation was made to the meeting outlining the work of the Street Force Team, followed by an address by the Recycling Inspector who explained about the current recycling process in the District.

3 CHAIRMANS REPORT - Martin Dickie

'Another year and another report and I hope you all agree another successful year. We have worked with Helen Link and the wood carving group and after seeing the results on Sunday March 15th what a tremendous job everyone has done so well done Helen on the first of many projects.

We look forward to them being placed around the millennium stone area for everyone to enjoy and also see the carvings that relate to the Parish of Sudbrooke.

We all endeavour to keep abreast of all Another very busy year for an active

matters within the village and sometimes we have a little slippage and we get comments from residents bringing this to our attention. Our aim is always to get things right first time around but we do appreciate you letting us know when we occasionally don't, so thank you for bringing it to our attention.

We are working on getting a pathway between Sudbrooke and Nettle ham which will take time but we are progressing. We support the Parish Plan group with all their hard work and I think the liaison between the council and the Village Hall committee is also going well

The Christmas tree event went ahead again this year and the weather was certainly kinder then last year. We are thinking of having a small local choir this year so what do you think and would vou like to get involved. Contact us.

More bulbs and trees/shrubs were planted around the village and with the good turnouts we are getting on Litter Pick days we will hopefully get better results in the best kept village competition. If you see litter please pick it up and put in a bin around the village.

After five years of being the Chairman I am stepping down. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and my thanks go to Chris the Clerk and Bridgett our Treasurer, for their hard work, but mainly for putting up with me. And a final thank you to all the councillors for their support during the year'.

4 CLERKS REPORT - Chris Myers

Parish Council.

I was pleased that the grant application for the re-surfacing of the play equipment on the Village Hall site I submitted on behalf of the Parish Council was successful. The grass is now growing through the new plastic matting and the area looking good. This should last for many years.

Both mine and the Treasurers positions become more involved and challenging each year but I am pleased to say that I enjoy the work immensely and have a good working relationship with members.

Bridget and I continue to work closely together to ensure that the administration and finances of the Parish Council continue to be run in a professional manner.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT - Bridget Solly

Receipts in the year:

Precept - £16,500 Grass Cutting Grant = £1,725 Bank Interest = £1,730 Grant for Multi-purpose play area = £4,000 Sudbrooke News = £1,540 Sports Day = £110 Christmas tree event = £425 VAT reclaimed = £1,864

Total Receipts = £27,894

Payments in the year:

Parks and Open Spaces = £8,246 (this includes £7,050 to resurface the play area, £180 in repairs at Northfield Park)

General Admin = £1,771 (this included

Audit fees, insurance, first aid courses, hire of village hall for meetings)
Salaries and expenses = £9,933
Grass cutting = £3,879
Christmas tree event = £690
Parish Plan = £52
Tennis nets = £96

Total Receipts = £27,843

Sudbrooke News = £3,175

6 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Stuart Curtis

During the last year I have been Vice-Chairman of the West Lindsey Planning Committee. I also sit on the Local Development Sub-Committee responsible for preparing the local development framework dealing with new planning policies for West Lindsey up to the year 2026. This will replace the existing local plan, the basis for a decision by West Lindsey, City of Lincoln, North Kesteven and Lincolnshire County Councils to establish a joint statutory planning committee for central Lincolnshire. The main purpose of the Joint Committee will be to deliver a Joint Core Strategy to guide the development of Central Lincolnshire up to 2026. A core strategy is the statutory document which decides where, when and how much development should be provided over a period of approximately 15 years. It will replace existing District Local Plans.

West Lindsey District Council has committee itself to achieve a recycling rate of 55% by 2015. This is a tough target and one which we must achieve whilst maintaining the current high level of satisfaction with the services and delivering value for money. To

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achieve this target it will be necessary to make changes to the way we collect your waste. We are at present considering a triple bin collection service and a pilot scheme is currently operating in Caistor.

Under the District Councillors Initiative Fund I have this year sanctioned grants to Sudbrooke and Scothern Pre-School Groups, Scothern Cricket Club, Scothern Kids Club and the local scout group. In addition a sports grant of £2,500 was given to Scothern Cricket Club to provide a new mower for the Scothern Playing field.

Despite the credit crunch the District Council has been able to set a council tax of £1,417.12 for a Band D property. This is an increase of 1.61% by the District Council, 1.75% by the County Council and a 4.99% by the Lincolnshire Police Authority.

7 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

Ladies Club - Gill Rignall

The Ladies' Club currently has about 22 members who have joined for 2009. Meetings are open to guests at a charge of £2 each. All age groups are welcome. Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult.

Sadly, during 2008 three members died.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday each month. We have theatre visits and an annual summer dinner in a local restaurant. We have had a wide range of speakers during the year and there has been something to interest everyone. A

Christmas social was held in the Hall.

We collect stamps and small coins for charity. £200 raised last year was donated to the Air Ambulance.

<u>Parish Plan – Mike Halliday</u>

The Parish Plan was launched two years ago and is a 10 year plan for the village, covering requested matters relating to Police, health, and highways.

It is disappointing that the Parish Plan Committee has not been successful in obtaining traffic lights at the junction of Wragby Road/Scothern Lane or a local Drs surgery, but negotiations in other areas continue.

Gardening Club - Mike Halliday

There is currently an active membership of 18. Last year we have had 9 meetings, and Spring and Autumn shows. Young members are always welcome.

Village Hall - Rose Dobbs

Another successful year has passed and many thanks are due to the dedication and professionalism of the Committee. We meet every six weeks receiving reports from the Honorary Treasurer, Bar Manager, Bookings Secretary and from each of the representatives of the organisations on the committee. The Committee is vibrant and usually we have a full team of trustees and representatives who attend meeting after meeting and volunteer their services in many ways - checking health and safety, stock taking, checking inventories and volunteering to do minor and in some cases major maintenance work.

So much is the goodwill and rapport amongst the Committee, that we had an extremely successful New Year event staged at the Hall, members turning out with their wives and partners to help in whatever way possible to make this a success for our village - floral arrangements, dressing tables, serving food, collecting glasses, dishes and debris, and just being there to help in whatever way possible. So much was its success that there will be a similar event for out next New Year. But without the help of Paul Rignall, our Bar Manager, and his wife Gill, none of this would have been possible. They suggested and picked up the gauntlet and convinced the Committee that the village needed an event to celebrate the New Year: and what a success it was.

I would like to thank Sudbrooke parishioners for their continued support and the following organisations who regularly use the hall

8 SUDBROOKE NEWS - THE FUTURE

The current Editor had recently resigned, and although the resignation had later been rescinded, many enquiries had been made as to the future of the magazine. Parish Councillor Nick James and Mrs B Solly, Advertising Manager for the magazine, had received 41 replies in answer to a questionnaire prepared for the magazine on behalf of the Parish Council about whether the magazine should continue. 3 offers of help on an editorial team had been received.

Discussion took place as to the way forward for the magazine and it was felt that a team to assist the current Editor in producing more material would be an asset. This would be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting following this meeting and a decision made.

9 PARISHIONERS ITEMS - None

The meeting closed at 8.40pm and those attending the meeting were served refreshments by the Clerk and Treasurer.

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During May properties in Sudbrooke are to be looked at by a panel of judges from the Parish Council and Sudbrooke Gardening Club. They will be looking at various aspects of the front garden which can be seen from a roadway or footpath to decide which, in their opinion, is the best kept /most colourful front garden in Sudbrooke.

Once a shortlist has been drawn up, the judges will decide on the final winner and Scothern Nurseries have very kindly donated a prize for the winning garden which will be £25 worth of vouchers to be spent at the nursery and there will also be a trophy for the winner

We are very grateful to Scothern Nurseries for their kind gesture and the judges for giving up their time.

So come on everyone get out in the Spring sunshine and start sprucing up your frontage!!

WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

Our Respiratory Nurse, Mrs Rosemary Cox, would be pleased if those patients who have borrowed nebulisers from us could return them as soon as possible please so that we always have a supply to loan out to patients for the short term.

When leaving messages on the dispensary answer phone please could patients ensure that they wait for the bleep tone before giving their name - we have had numerous recorded messages recently where the names have not been re-

corded which is frustrating for all con-

It would be helpful if patients would let us have mobile telephone numbers where possible to help us to make contact should we need to do so. Please give details to reception staff.

During March we had 35 appointments made where patients failed to turn up and 13 reported for hospital appointments – as always, please let us know if you cannot keep so someone else can use the slot.

If you have received a national survey form from the Dept of Health recently re: the service you receive from your GP practice, we would be most grateful if you could complete and return as requested. These results are used to determine the level of funding into individual practices so are of vital importance to us to ensure we can continue to provide or improve our services to patients and we thank you in anticipation of cooperation.

Sallie Stead



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Cabbie slashed in frenzied Attack

CHARLES J. Taylor, 40, arrived in Lincoln by rail from Rugby on Thursday evening.

He engaged a hansom cab, driven by a man named King, and ordered him to drive to Mr Usher's house at Wickenby. On arrival Taylor was found to have gone mad and Mr Usher ordered the cabman to return him to Lincoln immediately to be restrained.

Just before reaching Langworth Taylor produced a razor and became aggressive. King managed to calm his fare and continued his journey.

As the cab passed Sudbrooke Hall Taylor jumped from the cab and attacked King cutting him viciously across the thighs.

Mr Ward, Butler, and Mr Randall,

gardener, at Sudbrooke Hall, hurried to the scene on hearing King's cries for help.

Taylor then attacked Ward slicing through his cape, coat, trousers, and into his knee.

Mr Gillespie of the Station Hotel, Langworth and a farm fore-man then arrived on the scene and helped to restrain Taylor. He was tied and placed in Mr Gillespie's cart and taken to Lincoln.

The cries of the now frenzied Taylor attracted much attention as Mr Gillespie drove through Lincoln to the Lindsey Police Station on the corner of Monson Street.

Early on Friday morning Taylor was diagnosed insane and taken to Bracebridge Asylum.

Mr Ward received medical assistance but was not seriously injured. Mr King, however, was admitted to the County Hospital with two deep slashes which had penetrated the muscle.

November 1898

(Ed....thanks to Stuart Curtis for this "blast from the past")

SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB

The Reverend M Whalley spoke about his life as a 'Child of the Raj' at our March meeting. Members enjoyed a visit to see 'The



Producers' at Lincoln Theatre Royal.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 21st May 2009: Mr Tirrell – 'Invest Ineffectual'.

Thursday 18th June: Members' Evening. Come along for a social evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and guests are asked to contribute £2.

We have a bring and buy table at meetings in addition to the book stall and our used stamp and small coin collections.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Sudbrooke Village Hall.

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Gill Rignall.

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Country Walks. Last walk.

The weather for the rearranged walk to Walesby Old Church and Tealsby was sunny periods and scattered showers-typical Spring weather.

Walkers enjoyed the wonderful colour in the village gardens and countryside. The views from the top of the Wolds across to Lincoln Cathedral were magnificent. Walesby Old Church is always worth a visit, fairly primitive in appearance with infrequent candlelit services, it boasts a fine window dedicated to walkers.

Our thanks to Nick and Jane Seago for leading the walk.

Next walk Saturday 2nd May.

The walk will take in North and South Carlton and Burton. The distance is approx. 6 miles and is mostly on flat terrain. Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am prepared for car sharing for the short journey to the starting point. We should return to the village hall no later than 1-30pm. Walkers are advised to wear suitable footwear, take a waterproof coat, a small snack and a drink.

Everyone is welcome to join in this free and healthy activity. I look forward to seeing vou.

Future walk.

Saturday 6th June from the village hall at 9-30am. Venue to be arranged.

Mike Halliday Chairman, Parish Plan Group. Tel 754686.

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The price is £4 and tickets are available from The Dispensary at the Health Centre, Mrs Olive Sharland 860174, The Spar Shop, Dunholme 860129 and Roy Minnitt 860980. There will also be a raffle, Cake stall and Fuchsia plants for sale. All the money raised will be going to the transport scheme.

SATURDAY 27TH JUNE - MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

We will be holding a murder mystery evening including a three course meal at Welton Village Hall. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets are £15 and will be available from Welton Health Centre, Roy Minnitt 860980 or Janet Goddard 862570. All funds raised will go to the transport scheme.

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER-AUTUMN FAYRE

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Marie Curie Cancer Care Table Top Sale Saturday 6th. June Welton Village Hall

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Our next sale is on Saturday 6^{th} . June in Welton Village Hall from 1-3pm. Anyone interested in having a table at a cost of £5, please contact me as below

Ernie Dunsford 01673 862960

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Easter Garden at St Edward's Church, Sudbrooke



This year the Cubs from the 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group took their turn to build the model Easter Garden for display in Sud-

brooke church. During their usual Tuesday evening meetings they learnt about Easter celebrations, whilst making the various people and flowers that decorate their Garden. Gwyneth Owen (Squirrel) led the Cubs for this activity.

The theme combined the traditional Easter message about Jesus rising from the tomb,

and Easter eggs. The egg is a symbol of rebirth. Brightly coloured eggs are painted all over the world from as far away as Sarajevo to Kenya and beyond. The whole Easter garden is set inside a giant Easter egg.

In their Easter Garden, New Life springs from the empty tomb with the resurrection of Jesus in the form of a carpet of spring flowers.

The Easter Garden is on display at St Edward's Church from Easter Sunday until Ascension Day (21st May).

Please come and see the Cubs' Easter Garden at St Edward's Church from Easter Sunday until Ascension Day (21st May).

Nick Cornwell-Smith Group Scout Leader 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

Spring Show.

The cold winter had delayed the flowering of most plants to ensure a wonderful display of colours at the Spring Show.

Show judge Derek Ordish congratulated all exhibitors on the quality of their exhibits and said how difficult his job had been to decide on winning entries.

The overall club member with most points was Barry Reeves. The 'Best in Show' entry was from Christopher Warwick with his Easter floral arrangement, Christopher also won the junior section with some fruit scones- a young man of many talents.

Other class entry winners were Jacquie Armitage, Ruth Marshall, Gill Rignall, Bernard Bertram, Sheila Cannon, Peggy Cherry and Mike Halliday. It was encouraging to see that three non club members had put in exhibits. Many thanks to show judge Derek Ordish and to all exhibitors.

Next meeting Monday 11th May.

Will be hosted by Mike and Margaret Halliday at 48, Scothern Lane from 7-30pm.

Mike Halliday (Secretary) Tel 754686.

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What can go in your blue recycling bin?

| LIST OF ITEMS FOR RECYCLING | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Item | Yes Please | No Thank You |
| Glass Bottles | x | |
| Glass Jars | x | |
| Food Tins | x | |
| Aluminium Drinks Cans | x | |
| Window Glass | | x |
| Windscreen Glass | | x |
| Plastic Bottles | x | |
| Brown Corrugated Cardboard | x | |
| Grey Cardboard - Cereal Boxes etc | х | |
| Toilet Roll Inners | х | |
| Egg Boxes (cardboard only) | x | |
| Greetings Cards | x | |
| Food Trays (Clean) | x | |
| Children | | x |
| Margarine Tubs | | x |
| Yogurt Pots | | x |
| Crisp Packets | | x |
| Plastic Carrier Bags | | x |
| Crockery | | х |
| Pots and Pans | | x |
| uPVC Plastic Window Frames | | x |
| Plastic Plant Pots | | x |
| Plastic Guttering | | x |
| Electrical Goods | | x |
| Aerosols | x | 1 |
| Aluminium Food Trays (Clean) | x | |
| Aluminium Foil (Clean) | x | <u> </u> |
| Biscuit/Sweet Tins | x | |
| Newspapers | x | |
| White Envelopes | x | |
| Brochures | × | |
| Junk Mail | x | |
| Magazines | x | 1 |
| Brown Envelopes | x | |
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| Yellow Pages | x | |
| Wrapping Paper - Any Type | x | |



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** PARCELS FOR THE TROOPS **

We are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 14th May 2009, at the Welton Methodist Chapel, between 1030am and 12 noon, in aid of Parcels for the Troops. Please come and give your support, which we know will be greatly appreciated by our servicemen and women currently on active service. Your donations will be used to make up shoeboxes of goodies and other useful items to make working in harsh conditions just that little bit easier.

Our next Branch meeting will be that same Thursday evening at 'The Falconer', Hackthorn Road, Welton, starting at 7pm.

The following Sunday, 17th April 2009, we will be back at the second Dunholme Lodge Open Day, from 1pm to 5pm. Pay us a visit and find out what the Royal British Legion is all about.

Contacts - Chairman, Tony Davis, on 01673-860363, or Secretary, Rex Gregson, on 01673-861197.

DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB



We have 2 meetings during May, the first meeting will be on the

14th May when we will have our "Project Finale" evening this will have been explained to all of the members ready for the evening. For those non members we have split the club into 4 groups each group has been set a different challenge, the four challenges are "Something Old" Something New" Something Borrowed" and you guessed it "Something Blue" during April the members selected the best of the pho-

tographs and this night will be to show the end results to the members of the club.

The second meeting will be on the 28th May when we will be once again heading out into the open air and taking some "Night Photographs" so just as a reminder to all members of the club don't forget your cameras, we will give further details of where to meet before the night.

If you are interested in joining us please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Grahame Dunkin

duholme.camera.club@homecall.co.uk or give me a call on 01673 860469

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Hackthorn C. of E. Primary School

One of the great things about being a small school is that everybody gets to have a go, so for instance, when we decide to enter a netball team for a tournament, it is generally made up of everyone who wants to play, rather than an elite few chosen from a larger squad of players. This appears to give us an element of surprise, particularly in the case of netball, where height and age should be an advantage, because we won our games and are through to the finals.

Just before the holiday, two 'full house' audiences were treated to this year's Key Stage 2 production, the Snow Queen, one of those rather 'dark' Fairy Tales from days of old, which kind of makes you wonder how many of the modern-day public information broadcasts will still be remembered hundreds of years from now? The tale was brought to life with an array of original songs, and there were some amusing sketches to provide some light relief along the way, just to help those who were getting too close to the 'edge of their seat'. There were some riveting performances, and it really was easy to forget that you were watching a performance by primary school children.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or to request a School Brochure.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Demented Drainage

I have dealt with a few highway drainage issues in recent weeks and I thought it might be useful to set out some of the background which is common

Understanding a bit of history is necessary in order to get to grips with today's problems. To start with, many of today's rural roads were the result of the enclosure acts. Initially, the commissioners may have simply indicated where a road should be to access the newly enclosed fields. There would have been no hardened road foundation or surface. The local parish would have been left with the job. In dry weather, people and carts would be able to use the new routes to the new fields, but

wet weather would often turn the resulting track into an impassable quagmire.

But at the same time, the new fields also needed draining. Where the field bordered one of the new 'roads', it was standard practice to dig a dyke or ditch at the extreme edge. This reduced the inevitable loss of field area. The soil from this excavation was piled up on the field side. Hedging plants were then planted in the deeper soil formed by this linear pile.

As the roads were gradually improved, mainly by successively filling of the worst potholes with local stones, drainage rights into the neighbouring field dykes were given by parliament. To improve drainage, the hardcore was made thicker in the middle so that the

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER Cont'd

water ran off to the sides. 'Grips' or channels at right angles to the carriageway were maintained through the verges to make this drainage possible. In the late 19th and early 20th century, the country lanes formed by this slow process of improvement were given a tarmacadam surface. By now, most drainage problems had been largely solved by a process of trial and error over the centuries of gradual improvement.

Roadside dykes were therefore, private drainage systems into which those responsible for road maintenance had the right, granted by parliament, to drain surface water. The 'V' shape of the channel and the restriction caused by the small channels under field entrances meant that a considerable storage capacity existed at times of heavy rain. Water filled the dykes and took time to drain into the more major watercourses. Thus the owner of the field, the 'landowner' had undertaken 'riparian' rights and responsibilities, which is to say that person owned a drainage channel or waterway. Because the fields were generally farmed and because farming generally requires good drainage, the dykes and hedges were regularly maintained out of self interest.

The 20th century saw many of those fields near villages become housing estates. Many country cottages, built over the years, had an inconvenient hole between the garden and the road. A simple footbridge doesn't bear the weight of a car. So many of those ancient dykes were piped over short lengths and then filled in. Over time, more sections were similarly treated, although no great trouble was taken to match pipe sizes or join sections together correctly. A poor connection

could result in a blockage.

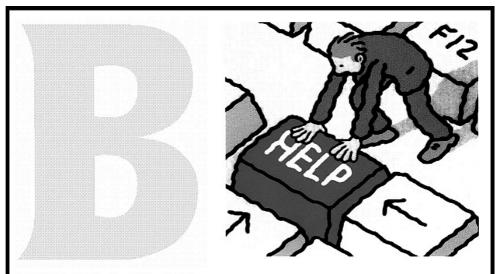
Because the dykes were on private land, piping them was a matter controlled by local planning. Local planning was a District Council matter, but highway maintenance was a County Council function!

It would be fair to say that insufficient attention was paid to what was done to these private drainage channels. Often, many individual owners became responsible for what had, for centuries, been a single field dyke owned by one person.

Houses change ownership. The piped and filled dyke becomes an established part of the garden. But if it becomes blocked, the road drain that fed into it become blocked also. The road then regularly floods and everyone assumes that it is the public road drain that is not working. In reality, it is the private drain under a succession of private gardens into which the road drain feeds that is the cause of the problem. Legally, it is the householders that are liable, not the highway authority! Because the cost of the necessary work could be very large if the original channel had been deep and a car capable bridge were needed, councils are reluctant to enforce the necessary work onto present owners who probably have no knowledge of their drainage responsibilities. But all this means that lakes occur on our roads and solving the problem is expensive and not something the highway authority is funded to solve! It needs goodwill and understanding and a bit of publicly funded engineering. Hope this has made sense even if it has not solved many problems!

Roger Hiscox

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