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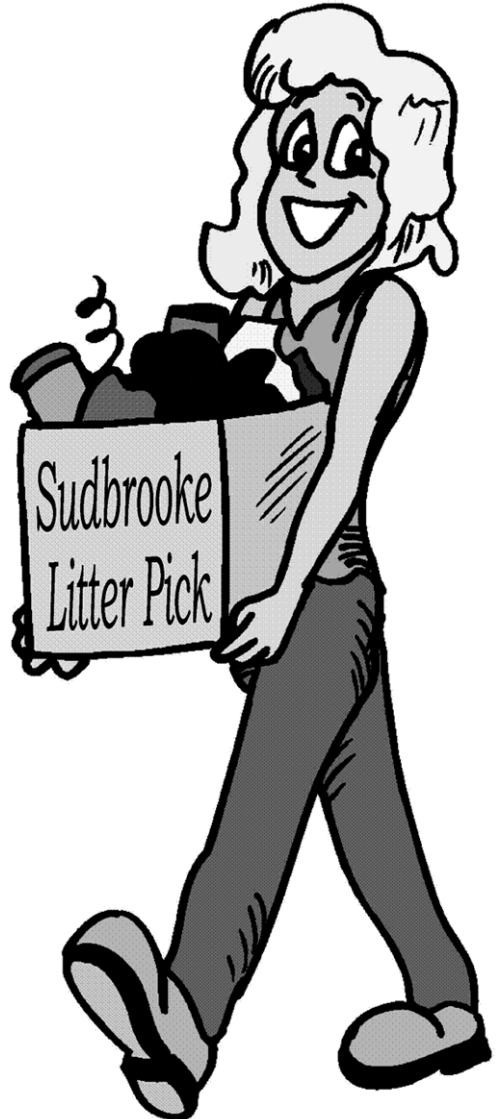
Volunteers are needed to pick up litter from communal areas and open spaces on Saturday 19th April, start 10-00 am from the village hall.

Meet other volunteers from 9-30 am and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or soft drink during a short briefing session.

Volunteers will need suitable footwear and strong gloves.

Collection bags will be provided.

Based on previous events, the litter pick should take approx one hour.



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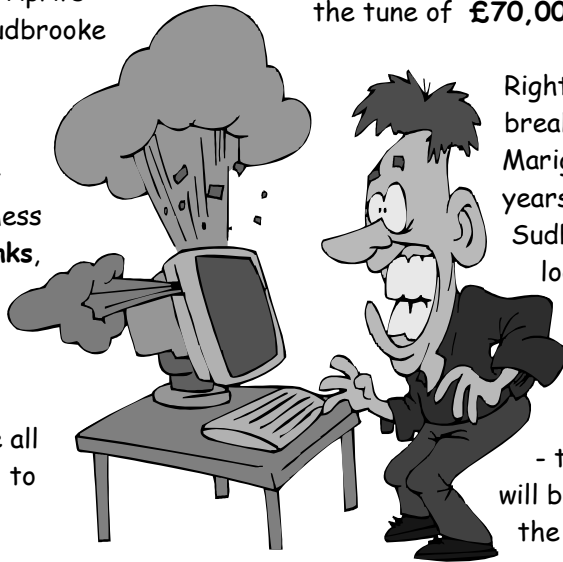
Brian Gardner

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Welcome to April's edition of Sudbrooke News.

A definite improvement on the dog mess front..... **thanks**, more than enough said.

I am sure we all look forward to the much promised improvement in Police service now we are collectively being **forced** to pay an **unbelievable** 78.9% increase in our Council Tax bills.



A quick calculation; 700 Sudbrooke households, average Band D @ £100.00 per property = an improved service for our Parish to the tune of **£70,000** per year ?

Righttime to break out the Marigolds for this years litter pick. Sudbrooke is looking **fantastic** at the moment with the daffs coming through - the litter pick will be the icing on the cake !!.

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. 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**

In an increasingly secular society, we often forget how many phrases in our language have their origins in the Bible. One such is "Scapegoat". It comes from the Old Testament Book of Leviticus (16 : 20-22) and arises from the religious observances of the Jewish Day of Atonement. A goat is led out into the desert wilderness – a scapegoat. Before then, the animal has been brought to the High Priest who places both hands on its head and confesses all the nation's sins – symbolically transferring them to the goat before it is sent to "an unclean place".

We see a great deal of the "blame game" today : someone must be to 'blame' – accidents apparently don't happen any more ! People seek a "scapegoat".

It permeates the modern world. Often we are too quick to find a scapegoat to blame for what goes wrong. When things go wrong at home, we blame our spouse or our parents. When things go wrong at work, we blame the boss or the odd-one-out. When things go wrong in the nation, we blame the government, forgetting that people have elected them. When things go wrong in the world, politicians blame our enemies. The media spend a vast amount of their time looking for scapegoats. People follow such media stories avidly : it is a often a convenient way to save us from having to take responsibility ourselves.

St. Paul in his second letter to the christians at Corinth (7:1-16) says

there are two kinds of sorrow. One he calls Godly sorrow, the other worldly sorrow. Godly sorrow is that which leads to repentance and does not regard pain endured with resentment and bitterness, but rather views it as deserved, or if not deserved, as sent, or permitted, in love for the purification and ennoblement of the soul. Worldly sorrow is quite contrary to this.

It is not sorrow for sin. There is no repentance in it. It is being 'sorry for oneself', is resentful and angry, and full of bitter thoughts; regards itself as unjustly treated, and fights against the notion that there is any redeeming quality in pain. These two attitudes of mind are opposites, because the one is Godward; the other is wholly occupied with the self and this world.

The sorrow of David as expressed in Psalm 51 where he confesses – "Against thee only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight," and prays "Make me a clean heart O God: and renew a right spirit within me" - is genuine Godly sorrow. The sorrow of Ahab because Naboth would not part with his vineyard - the sulky sorrow that made him "lay down upon his bed and turn his face away and refuse to eat" - is typical of worldly sorrow. David's sorrow made him a more worthy King. Ahab's succeeded only in further degrading him, and made him an easy tool of Jezebel and her corrupting evil plans.

We are all capable of these two kinds of sorrow. It all depends on whether our thoughts are Godward or Selfward. The question for us can be, in some circumstances :- "Am I sorry towards God or merely sorry for

myself ? Do I deeply regret my sin, or am I angry at being found out ?” ... and,if the latter,often “can I find a scapegoat - maybe even God ?” That is,of course,what happened at Calvary,as we recently recalled in the

Easter Story. In Jesus’ case,the scapegoat was God – a “scape-God.” He still gets the blame for many human failings today.

Yours, in Christ, Robert Spaight

CHURCH DIARY

APRIL 2008		
Sunday 6	Easter 3	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 13	Easter 4 / Easter 3 (BCP)	
	9.00 BCP said Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 20	Easter 5	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	3.00 Family Service / Baptism	St.John Stainton
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Wednesday 23	7.45 Family Service Planning	50 Scothern Lane
Thursday 24	7.30 Stainton APCM	Walk Farm
Sunday 27	Easter 6	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Tuesday 29	10.30 Prayer Hour	36 Scothern Lane
	7.30 Sudbrooke APCM	St.Edward Sudbrooke
Wednesday 30	7.30 Barlings APCM	St.Hugh Langworth

MAY 2008		
Thursday 1	ASCENSION DAY	
	7.30 a.m. Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 4	Sunday after Ascension	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth

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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE

PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie (Chairman), S Curtis, P Rignall, D Ordish, R Adams, Miss R Dobbs, I Russell (left at 8.50pm) Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), 2 members of the public)

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Roger Hiscox

125 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Reports were made that there had been vibration and tremoring from the Star Energy site. It was reported that the Star Energy company had now been purchased by Petronas, a Malaysian Company.

A request was made for a mirror to be sited on the 'S' bend on Church Lane to enable better visibility for drivers. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

A report had been made that repeated dog fouling was occurring during hours of darkness in Broad Dale Close. This would be reported to the WLDC Dog Warden.

A number of wooden sleepers had been blocking the beck on West Drive, which had been cleared prior to the meeting, following a request to Witham 3rd Internal Drainage Board.

126 POLICE MATTERS

PC Mark Lassmans had now returned to duties at the Nettleham Police Office.

127 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Stuart Curtis stated that a Parish Assembly would be held on 3rd April 2008 at the New Guildhall, Gainsborough commencing at 7.00pm. Members were of the opinion that it would be more appropriate to have held this following the May elections.

128 CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

a) Parish Plan – A meeting of the Steering Group had been held on 22nd January 2008. Councillor Mike Halliday reported that discussions had been held with the Nettleham Medical Practice Manager who had stated that no decision had yet been made for the site of a new Medical Practice. She had refused a prescription pick-up point in Sudbrooke.

It was hoped that groups would shortly be formed for New Age Curling, Tennis, Keep Fit, Yoga and a Walking Group.

b) Bus Route – PC Coaches had informed the Clerk that they were not able to extend the Nettleham bus to run through Sudbrooke. It was agreed to approach Lincolnshire County Council Transport Department asking for assistance with a bus route through the village.

c) Bus Shelter lighting, Wragby Road – The Technical Services

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES cont'd.....

Partnership of the County Council had stated that 'County Council policy will not permit installation of a street light at this location due to the lack of justification on accident remedial or crime reasons. The proposal to install a light in the centre island of the road is not feasible, current practice will not permit it. However the solar powered light at the bus shelter that is not working will be repaired in the future.'

Members agreed that this is a safety issue and that there is a duty of care to provide this lighting with urgency. County Councillor Hiscox would be asked to assist with the urgent repair of the lighting.

d) Bus Route through village – PC Coaches had stated that there was insufficient time in their current timetable to extend the Nettleham service to Sudbrooke. The Clerk was asked to enquire with the Transport Department of the County Council whether any other bus company might be able to carry out a bus service through the village.

e) Cycleway – Sudbrooke – Nettleham – A meeting regarding the cycleway would be arranged with Mr P Truelove.

f) Flooding meeting – Nettleham – 30th January 2008 – Two members attended this meeting and felt that it was inconclusive.

g) Sudbrooke nameplates - The Highways Department had confirmed that these would be sited within the next 8 – 12 weeks.

h) Drainage, Holme Drive – This problem appeared to be resolved.

129 SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE

a) Play Equipment Surfacing – The RoSPA report had stated that virtually all the areas of surfacing under the play equipment on the Village Hall site required replacing. A quote from SMP Playgrounds for the replacement of the tiles had been received in the sum of £27,197.25. For replacing the tiled area with a wet-pour surface the quotation was £19,493.88.

The Clerk was instructed to write to RoSPA to enquire if bark chippings would be suitable to use under the equipment.

Cllr M Halliday offered to investigate grant funding for the works.

b) Floodlight repairs to Tennis Courts – Cllr S Curtis would obtain a quotation for the repair of the floodlights.

130 CONSERVATION

a) Planting of shrubs and trees – area of land end of Beresford Drive – This would take place at 10.00am on Sunday 17th February 2008. Cllrs I Russell, M Dickie, P Rignall, S Curtis to assist.

131 TREES ADJACENT TO MILLENNIUM STONE, SCOTHERN LANE

An interim quotation had been obtained by one Councillor for the trimming, removal of dead trees and ivy and general tidying of the

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES cont'd.....

shrubbed area near to the Millennium stone. The majority of Councillors agreed that the area required this work carrying out. Councillor Ian Russell asked that it be noted that he strongly objected to the suggestion. Members were asked to visit the site, prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council, and assess in their opinion what work is required.

132 PLANNING

a) Applications

6 – Rear extension – 121535 – No objections providing any comments made by neighbours are taken into consideration.

15 Manor Drive – 121401 – No objections

Manor House, Scothern Lane – 121436 – Alter 1970's extension – no objections

b) Permission - 15 Ellison Close – 121273

c) Notice of Appeal – Rear of 35 Wragby Road – Erect proposed new infill backland dwelling – 121001

d) Dismissal of Appeals – 6 Windsor Close and Woodland Way, West Drive.

133 SUDBROOKE NEWS

a) Change of Printer – Alternative prices were being sought by the Treasurer.

Note: Councillor Miss R Dobbs declared a personal interest in the above matter, knowing personally one

of the company's supplying a quotation. Cllr Miss Dobbs took no part in the discussion.

134 FINANCE

c) Purchase of computer from Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils for use by Treasurer and Clerk - Members agreed the purchase of a laptop, software and printer from LALC at the offer price of £50.00.

d) Internal Auditors Report – The Internal Auditor had suggested that should there be a grievance or disciplinary matter three persons should be part of the panel and that it should be considered including representatives from neighbouring councils. It was agreed that the Treasurer would seek the comments of both Scothern and Langworth Parish Councils with a view to working together on this matter.

The Internal Auditor also suggested that Councillors should make every effort to attend training courses.

135 CORRESPONDENCE

Notice from LCC that the construction of the new metal footbridge over the beck on West Drive would be commencing on 18th February 2008.

Copy letter from Mr and Mrs J Lucas to LCC acknowledging the work to raise the rear of the footpath and installation of the additional gully on Cedar Close.

Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES cont'd.....

Notice of WLDC Parish Assembly – 3rd April 2008 – 7.00pm - new Guildhall, Gainsborough. Councillors invited to attend.

Thursday 6th March 2008.

137 DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 3rd April 2008.

136 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2008

7 members of the Parish Council were present, with 2 members of the public, the Clerk and the Treasurer. Disappointment was expressed that there was no attendance again at the Parish Council meeting of County Councillor Roger Hiscox.

Resignation of Councillor Roger Adams

The Chairman reported on the resignation from the Parish Council of Roger Adams. Roger had been a member for 8 years and the work for the parish which he undertook whilst on the Parish Council was acknowledged with grateful thanks. The vacancy will be not be filled until the election of the Parish Council in May.

Litter Pick – A litter Pick around the Village is being organised by Councillor Mike Halliday for Saturday 19th April. Anyone willing to assist

please meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am. FREE tea/coffee and biscuits for volunteers!

Recycling – Paper can now be placed in the blue recycling bins.

Tidying of area of shrubs near to Millennium stone

– Quotations will be sought for the tidying of this area.

Tennis Court/Multi-Purpose Sports Area

– A tennis net will be purchased by the Parish Council, 50% of the cost being met from the District Councillor's grant. Quotations are being sought for the repair of the floodlights.

Christmas Tree Event 2008 – This will be held on Sunday 30th November this year.

Date of next meeting – ANNUAL

PARISH MEETING – 7.30pm Village Hall, 3rd April – All residents welcome. Parish Council meeting will follow at 8.00pm.

***Deadline for the May 2008 edition is
20 April 2008.....thanks***

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council will take place on Thursday 3 April 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

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

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Sudbrooke Village Hall is an ideal venue for adults and children's parties, wedding receptions, christening parties, etc. Catering facilities, whether for your own catering or outside caterers are excellent and there is a well stocked licensed bar.

The Hall is set in a grassy area with shrubs and trees around the perimeters. Ideal for photographs.

The Children's play area at the rear of the Hall is equipped with swings, slides and climbing frames-great for children's parties.

To make bookings or to enquire about charges, please telephone

Lyn or Stuart Curtis on 01522 751874

THE BRAHAM LOUNGE

The Braham Lounge will comfortably seat 35 people is available for hire either ancillary with the use of the main hall or separately at a rate of £8.00 for the first hour and £2.00 for each subsequent hour or part thereof.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

As you drive along in your car, you will be unaware of the increasing amount of litter building up in the grass verges and hedgerows next to the road. You may notice the more prominent pile of tyres, fridge, or builder's rubble. However, it is only when you walk or cycle that the full extent of the litter problem becomes apparent. The grass verges and hedgerows are becoming cluttered with plastic bottles, drink cans, crisp packets, sweet wrappers, and cigarette packets. Most of this litter is not quickly biodegradable and will be there for decades and future generations before it finally becomes buried or degrades. Sudbrooke and its surrounding roads have this litter problem, and unless action is taken the litter will continue to build.

I am aware that some countries, such as America and Germany, have

introduced an extra charge, or deposit, on drinks in plastic bottles and cans. You get the money back on return of the bottle or can. This is the reward or 'carrot' approach to controlling some types of potential litter and is self policing. The UK government's approach is the fine or 'stick' approach for controlling the deposit of litter, but it relies on you being caught and prosecuted which is highly unlikely.

The litter along our roads is continuing to mount up. You may have noticed during the winter months with the hedges bare and the grass short, the appalling state that the Lincoln bypass is now in. Eventually the government will take the opportunity for another tax and take action, but it will be too late. They already have plastic bags in their sights, but from my experience during Sudbrooke litter picking, the plastic bag is a small problem compared with

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the plastic bottle and drinks can.

Until the day of using the 'carrot' rather than the 'stick' arrives and all packaging is biodegradable, litter will continue to accumulate. It is up to us to keep the verges and hedges in and around Sudbrooke clear of litter.

There are a number of ways Sudbrooke residents can help with the problem:-

- Educate your children not to leave litter.

- Pick up any litter from the street in front of your house.
- Make an effort and help with the organised litter picks in and around Sudbrooke. A lot can be achieved during a morning's concentrated activity.
- Maybe 'adopt your street or a road' with your neighbours.

Nick Seago

Dear Editor

I see from the Parish Council minutes that the Sudbrooke-Nettleham cycle track is still on the agenda.

Before any more time is spent on this matter, may I suggest that there are two essential steps that should be taken:-

1. A reasonably accurate estimate of its probable cost should be obtained from the relevant authority. When it is revealed, in writing, by the Highways Authority itself that the average cost of putting up a standard zebra crossing is a mind-boggling **£114,000** (consisting of £11,000 for the design, £16,000 for equipment & materials, and £87,000 labour costs), it is almost impossible to imagine what would be the cost of nearly a mile of cycle track built to a mandatory high specification.

2. A comprehensive survey should be made to establish how many people would actually **use** it, and, most importantly, **how often**. I suspect that this would be a very different

figure from those who think it would be a "good thing".

Any decisions made without this fundamental information would be totally irresponsible.

On the other contentious issue, namely traffic lights at the top of Scothern Lane, I see we now have a figure of some £350,000 for an appropriate system. Frankly, I cannot see that the traffic flow figures shed much light on the problem, which appears to be the delays experienced in getting out on to the A158 during rush-hour traffic. What needs to be monitored is how long these delays are, and then decide whether traffic lights would improve the situation. My personal opinion, based on over 60 years of motoring experience, is that it would do little or nothing to cut the waiting time, and might even lengthen it since the lights would have to give priority to the traffic along the A158, simply because of the relative volumes. What is quite clear, however, is that any time-saving by Sudbrooke motorists would be at

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Cont'd

the expense of a much larger number of motorists on the A158. £350,000 to please a few and irritate many . . .

And, after reading Councillor Hiscox's excellent and informative back-page report, if money were available for either or both the above projects, I for one would prefer it to be spent on

better policing. Perhaps then we might catch the vandals who repeatedly destroy the West Drive footbridge and cause us to spend £7,000 for a metal replacement . . . which will provide a greater, but probably not insuperable, challenge.

Michael Gaisford

Dear Editor

The Witham Valley Access Project

Are you interested in making walking and cycling safer in our area? Would you like better access to the countryside? Are you keen to improve local leisure opportunities?

If you have answered yes to any of those, then read on.....

A group of Cherry Willingham residents have recently initiated the Witham Valley Access Project. This project aims to make walking and cycling safer in the Witham Valley and improve access to the countryside.

First and foremost we would like a cyclepath/footpath to the River Witham and the Viking Way over the North Delph, within the region of Cherry Willingham. Secondly we believe in the need for a cyclepath/footpath along the Fiskerton/Greetwell Road, as it has become unsafe for walkers & cyclists. Initially we are aiming for a path between Cherry Willingham and Greetwell Church, with the long term goal of extending it between Fiskerton and Lincoln. We are also investigating the possibility of a bridge across the Witham within the parish of Cherry Willingham, to give access to the newly developed Water

Rail Way; this is an excellent local amenity which is well used by the people on the South bank of the river.

We believe that these new facilities would be of advantage to all the villages to the east of Lincoln. They will open up the countryside and provide safe paths for walking and cycling. The creation of several circular routes will greatly enhance local leisure opportunities.

An open meeting to explain the project in more detail will be held at Cherry Willingham and Reepham Village Hall on April 28th at 8pm. You can also find information on the web (and register your support) from links on the CW parish council and village websites. (See www.cherrywillingham.org.uk)

We already have the assistance of Groundwork Lincolnshire and intend to apply for a variety of grants. Evidence of local backing is vital to our project so, if you feel able to support our objectives, please write a letter to the Witham Valley Access Project Team c/o Millennium Hall, 16 High Street, Cherry Willingham, Lincoln, LN3 4AQ. Thank you!

Jenny Robinson
On behalf of the Witham Valley Access Project Team

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FAMILY HISTORY

Have you ever fancied tracing your family history? Family history research can be extremely fascinating, rewarding and can quickly become compulsive! It can also be frustrating when you come to what are seemingly dead ends, but often trying a different line of research will set you on your way again.

One regular visitor to the Library over the past few months who has tracking down her family tree has been Mrs P Brown who has kindly written the following:

I have been doing my family tree for 2 years now and I have used the Library since May 2007. There are a variety of resources on which I can research my past:

www.ancestry.co.uk - for the census 1841 – 1901, this gives me house and road names and numbers, details of

people, where they were born, and their jobs.

www.BMDindex.co.uk – for births, marriages and deaths from September 1837 through to the 1920s.

www.familysearch.org – for the International Genealogy Indexes which give me dates if they have been recorded since about the 1500s if you are lucky. You can also use this service to crosscheck the microfilms. The microfilms are used to check the Parish registers of where people were born, married and died. Microfilms are used at the Archives and the Latter Day Saints Family History Centre on Skellingthorpe Road. On my husband's family tree I have gone back to the 1600s on two of his sides.

You need a lot of patience because there may be two or three people of the same age and from the same town, any of which may be the person you are looking for. Then its best to get the birth or marriage certificates – you can order these from the Archives or General Register Office.

I have really enjoyed doing my family tree – an excellent way to keep my brain working.'

Nettleham Library is a good starting off point for genealogists as we can obtain introductory books on how to go about your family research. We also have the public computers where you can access a whole host of websites to help you track down those ancestors! As well as ourselves, you can also visit Lincoln Central Library to take your quest further – there you will find a whole host of useful

material from newspapers, year books and county directories to maps and transcripts of many county church tombstones. Detailed information of what is available can be found at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk and following the links to libraries, then family and local history.

And finally, you can also visit Lincolnshire Archives.

NEWS FOR OUR YOUNGER READERS

There are lots of events for families taking place in May in and around Lincoln. Museum and Galleries month takes place at all our heritage sites in Lincoln.

On the evening of Saturday 17 May, families are welcome to a Night at the Museum at the Collection where they can step back in time and meet the Romans. We have a wealth of beautiful and inspiring artefacts from this period at the Collection. Libraries have some great adventure stories about the Romans such as the gripping Roman Mysteries series by Caroline Lawrence.

The Museum of Lincolnshire Life have a wonderful Oil and Steam day in May too. Don't forget we have lots of great books about trains and cars in our adult Transport section, and junior members can borrow them. There are videos of old steam train lines too.

On Saturday 24 May at Ermine Library and on Saturday 31 May, at Central Library, Lincoln, families will have the opportunity to meet

historical figures such as Isaac Newton. There will be an opportunity to experiment with light and colour, to make shadow puppets and kaleidoscopes. The Museum and Galleries Month celebration of Ideas and Innovation ties in with the National Year of Reading's theme of Mind and Body. Trails will be available after the library workshops to encourage you to discover more about other inventions and ideas such as the ancient bone skates used by Lincolnshire people to cross the icy fens, which are exhibited at The Collection and the First World War tank at The Museum of Lincolnshire Life.

Here is a list of wonderful books to encourage you to learn about inventions which you can borrow (by reservation, if not on the shelves) from Nettleham Library;

Three Cheers for Inventors by Marcia Williams

Wheels Keep Turning by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom

Bell and the Science of the Telescope by Brian Williams

The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn and Hal Iggulden

Later in May a facsimile of the Luttrell Psalter is coming to The Collection. The Luttrell Psalter is an illuminated book with illustrations of weird and whimsical creatures and pictures of life in medieval times. 'Illuminated' means that very bright coloured paints made of precious stones like lapis lazuli and gold were used to

colour original book. The book is special to Lincolnshire because it was made for a Lincolnshire knight called Geoffrey Luttrell and it is one of the only documents show what life was like in medieval times. Several exciting events are happening at half term to celebrate this book coming to The

Collection (the original is exhibited at the British Museum Library). Families will be able to join in medieval dancing, listen to stories of monsters and medieval adventure and to make gargoyles. The events will take place on Tuesday 27 May – Thursday 29 May inclusive.



Sudrooke resident Chris Freeman and colleague Peter Gault are aiming to raise money for the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance by walking the full length of Hadrian's Wall in May of this year.

Chris and Peter met fundraising volunteers from the Air Ambulance when it was chosen as the charity of the year for Lincolnshire Co-operative Ltd, for whom they both work. They were so impressed by their dedication and commitment to the charity that they decided to do something to raise money, and also help to raise the profile of the air ambulance.

They will be walking from Solway on the west coast to Wallsend on the east coast, and aim to complete the 85 miles in five days. They have been training for a number of months with long distance cross country walks and miles of hill work to replicate the terrain around Hadrian's Wall.

It costs £1.3million per year to keep the Air Ambulance in service, and all funding has to come from public donations.

This service is so vital to Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire and has saved thousands of lives over the years by being able to transfer injured people to hospital quickly. Any one of us could need the Air Ambulance at some time, so it is vital that we keep this valuable service going. 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.



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The menu will be a glass of orange juice, roast pork with apple sauce and the usual vegetables to be followed by Trifle or Bakewell and a relaxing cup of tea or coffee with an After Eight Mint. The price is £4 and tickets are available from The Dispensary @ Welton Health Centre, Mrs Olive Sharland 860174, The Spar Shop, Dunholme 860129 and Roy Minnitt 860980.

In addition we are planning the usual raffle and cake stall and the bar will be open for those who wish to partake of additional liquid refreshment, but please note this is not included in the ticket price!

Quiz You may have noticed that we recently issued a quiz which is available at the Dispensary and various businesses in Welton and the local area. Quiz sheets are £1 and there are prizes of £20, £10, and £5 for the three entries with the most correct answers. In the event of a tie the winners will be selected by means of a draw.

All proceeds from these events will go to PDA funds to be used for the purchase of equipment or providing services which should be of benefit to Welton Health Centre.

Roy Minnitt



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The new items to go inside the blue bin are:

- Paper (including shredded paper)
- Cardboard packaging
- Telephone directories including Yellow Pages
- Clean aluminium foil
- Aerosols

These items are in addition to food and drink cans, plastic bottles, clean plastic food trays and any colour glass bottles and jars which have always been recyclable.

The Council has recognised that putting more materials into the blue bin as well as newspapers could result in capacity problems for larger families so it has been agreed that all residents can flatten cardboard boxes and put them at the side of the bin and they will still be accepted.

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Wanted

Does anyone have photos of Scothern, Dunholme or Welton in the snow?

It doesn't matter how old they are or in what condition.

I am organising a fund raising event on behalf of Welton & District Patients & Doctors Association and would like to borrow and copy any photos you may have. They will be well cared for and returned to you within two weeks.

If anyone can help please contact me by phone, leaving a message if I'm not in, and I will return your call

Thank you in anticipation.

Janet Goddard, Transport Co-ordinator Welton PDA, 01673 862570



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We were pleased to welcome guests from Scothern and Sudbrooke to our February meeting. Well known local speaker Linda

Tilbury gave an interesting talk about Katherine Swynford, the famous and inspirational historical figure who lived in Lincolnshire. She was the ancestor of several kings and queens.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 17th April @ 7.30 pm:
Local speaker Roger Goy will speak

about 'British Wildlife'. Roger is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and we encourage husbands/partners and other visitors to join us.
Thursday 15th April @ 7.30 pm:
Jasmit Phull – 'The Life of a Magistrate'.

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.

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Any changes, please let me know, thanks.

Nick

SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN

Litter pick starts 10-00am on Saturday 19th April from village hall .

Some Parish Plan Group members and a few residents got together on 27th Feb. to consider litter and rubbish dumping issues. Outputs included an early litter pick in the village, a need for more waste bins and possibly an education programme particularly for schoolchildren.

Would volunteer litter pickers please meet at the village hall on Sat. 19th April no later than 9-50am.

Enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee or soft drink and meet other volunteers from 9-30am. There will be a short briefing session before the 10-00am start.

Volunteers should have suitable footwear and strong gloves. Collection sacks will be provided.

Volunteers will only clean up communal areas and open spaces.

Would all residents please clean up the frontage of their own property if necessary.

A158 request for traffic signals.

A reply to our letter of 11th Feb. is still awaited.

Nettleham Medical Practice.

A reply to our letter of 11th Feb. is still awaited.

New clubs and activity groups.

Walking.

A first walk will be held on Sat. 10th May and is open to residents of all ages who can walk 6 miles on easy pathways at a comfortable pace. The route is around the Fiskerton area and may take up to 3 hours to complete.

Participants should meet at Sudbrooke village hall at 9-30am to arrange lifts to Fiskerton.

More information in next issue of

Sudbrooke News.

New Age Kurling

Following a successful grant application to the West Lindsey Local Councillor Initiative Fund, I am pleased to say 2 full sets of kit have been ordered and should be available this month. The game can be played by all age groups and abilities.

A launch event is likely to be arranged but any organised group may wish to use the equipment.

Next main group meeting is fixed for Tues. 22nd April in the village hall from 7-30pm.

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

We shall be discussing the issues mentioned earlier in this note and the remainder of the action plan.

Mike Halliday

Chairman, Parish Plan Group.

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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

March meeting

Club members and guest residents greatly enjoyed an amusing, colourful and very informative talk from Andrew Sankey entitled ' Re- thinking your garden '

It is impossible to do justice to the content of Andrew's talk in this short note but readers may be interested in some of the basic design principles covered:

Don't fight nature- work with what you have. Think about aspect and wind direction.

Retain permanent features.

Keep your design simple.

Utilise all of your garden.

Don't be afraid to change things.

Keep things in scale.

Plant in drifts. No single plants.

Don't be too ambitious- take your time.

Paths are really important; curved paths create movement.

Use only a few ' impact ' plants.

This year's show is open to all residents of Sudbrooke and to encourage participation includes cookery and handicraft sections together with a junior section(aged 14 years or under) plus a catchall miscellany section.

The different classes of entries are shown on the next page.

Staging of exhibits is from 6-00pm to 7-00pm.

Judging will commence at 7-00pm prompt.

Viewing of exhibits from 7-45pm.

Entries will be taken on the evening of the show and advice given to exhibitors regarding class of entry.

All entries are free of charge.

Certificates will be awarded for 1st 2nd and 3rd places from approx. 8-00pm.

Do please come along and enjoy yourself as an exhibitor or spectator.

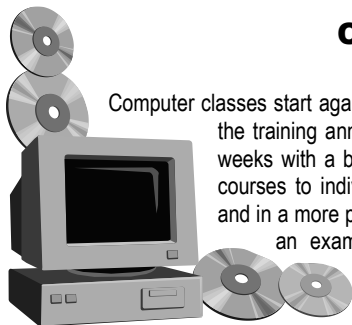
There are no admission charges.

Bar open.

Next meeting Monday 7th April—The Spring Show at Sudbrooke village hall.

Mike Halliday
(Secretary, tel. 754686)

COMPUTER CLASSES



Computer classes start again for the summer term on the week beginning 21st April 2008 in the training annex of the Dunholme Old School Centre. All courses are for 12 weeks with a break for half term and cost £48. Dunholme Old School offer IT courses to individuals covering subjects that examination courses rarely cover and in a more practical way. This included subjects that may not form any part of an examination but are most useful in every day life. They will be

Computer Training Courses for computer skills taught in a simple way that everyone can understand. There are no examinations or assessments as the courses are for leisure

learning. All courses are small tutor lead classes where individuals can progress at their own pace. The normal class size is six giving each learner individual attention when required.

If you are interested or wish for more information contact John Ritchie on 01673 861172 or j.ritchie@dunholmelincs.wanadoo.co.uk. or pick up a leaflet from your local library.



Spring Show

To be held in the village hall on Monday 7th April 2008

Class 1

1. One Trumpet Daffodil
2. Three Trumpet Daffodils
3. One Large Cup Narcissus
4. Three Large Cup Narcissus
5. One Small Cup Narcissus
6. Three Small Cup Narcissus
7. One Miniature Variety Daffodil or Narcissus
8. Three Miniature Variety Daffodils or Narcissus
9. One Tulip, large variety- any colour
10. Three Tulips, large variety- any colour
11. One Small Botanical Tulip
12. Three Small Botanical Tulips
13. One Small Spray of flowering shrub (not to exceed 24 inches)
14. Three Stems of Polyanthus
15. Three Pansies or Violas
16. Three Sprays of Erica
17. Vase of Daffodils for quality of flowers
18. One Multiheaded Daffodil – any variety
19. One Double Daffodil – any variety

Floral Art

20. “Spring is in the Air” maximum 18 inches
21. Easter Corsage
22. Open Class-Vase of mixed daffodils for quality and presentation of flower

Cookery

23. Fruit Pie
24. Savoury Flan
25. Four Fruit Scones
26. Four Jam Tarts
27. Two Hot Cross Buns

Handicrafts

28. Handicraft – any medium
29. Photography- “Spring in the garden”

Juniors

30. Entries for any of the above classes resulting from your own efforts

Miscellany

31. Any Plant for exhibition not included in other Classes

WELTON HEALTH CENTRE

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new website www.weltonsurgery.co.uk Please take a look and feedback comments to us. Thank you to our Patient Group for supporting this initiative which we hope will be useful to all.

Current government pressures in relation to access to general practice mean that we are looking to lengthen our opening hours with effect from Tuesday 1st April '08. We are proposing to extend our evening surgery on a Monday and Wednesday until 8.00pm – we are already open until 8.00pm on a Tuesday. These appointments will be pre-bookable slots and are not intended for urgent medical problems which will not wait until the following day – the out of

hours service will remain in operation from Lincoln Hospital for such emergencies (as now) from 6.30pm each evening. In order to ensure we can adequately staff the extended days there may be some disruptions to the times certain doctors will be available during regular surgery hours. We are therefore piloting this change for three months to evaluate the sustainability or otherwise of this new service. As always we welcome feedback on this service.

Could patients who are in possession of our loan nebulisers please return them to the surgery as our own supply is dwindling and some will be due for servicing very shortly.

Sallie Stead



DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB

April 3rd has the second competition of the year and the theme of the competition will be “Interesting and obscure angles” once again this will give us all a challenge and hopefully some more points towards winning The Photographer of the Year. Don’t forget that even though the competitions are for members anyone can come along and see the type of work that we produce at the Camera Club.

On April 17th we will have a “Studio Night” and the members of the committee will be showing the members how to set up the studio pose their models and take some stunning portraits during the evening, just as a matter of interest if there are budding models out there (16 or above) that would like to sit for us on the evening then please get in touch with me and we will let you have some pictures from the evening. If you are aged between 16-18yrs we would like a parent to attend on the evening with you and of course we do need male and female subjects so come and have a go if you want to be a model for the night.

**Further information please contact Grahame Dunkin 01673 860469
or email Dunholme.camera.club@homecall.co.uk**

SUDBROOKE TENNIS CLUB

It is intended to re-form Sudbrooke Tennis Club. **An inaugural meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15 April 2008 at 7.30 pm** to appoint a Committee and prepare a draft constitution for approval by the Parish Council. So far several residents have expressed an interest under the Parish Plan.

I would like to hear from anyone else interested in joining or alternatively just come along to the meeting.

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ELLISON BOULTERS - FOOTBALL NEWS

Saturday 8th March 2008

League Match 5

Ellison Boulters 5-0 Our Lady of Lincoln

Ellison Boulters made it fifteen points out of fifteen in the league this season in what is fast becoming a remarkable season. On an extremely windy morning in Scothern, The Royal Blues adapted to the conditions quickest and were soon playing some of the football that their spectators have become accustomed to. However, the first quarter of the game passed by without significant incident or a goal. But that changed when Liam H played

a neat one-two around Our Lady's last defender and slid in to finish into an empty net – reward for Ellison Boulters' workmanship. Scothern continued to have the better of the play and just two minutes before the break Thomas C made it 2-0 – a neat finish from a Lewis H corner. But just when the Royal Blues might have been forgiving for easing up a little Our Lady carved out their best chance of the game and only an agile and brave save from 'keeper Oliver C kept the score at 2-0 at half-time. Ellison Boulters continued to grow in strength and confidence in the second half – the defensive pair of Jordan H and Ieuan H thwarting any advances that Our Lady made. At the other end The

Royal Blues continued to create chances through some neat passages of play, Alex C (making his full debut) played some superb passes and was unlucky not to get on the score sheet himself. And just five minutes into the second half striker, Louis K put Ellison Boulter's 3-0 up with a sublime finish from a tight angle – a sure contender for 'Goal of the Season'! Just five minutes later, skipper Lewis H made it four with a sharp shot from the edge of the box before Man of the Match Liam H completed the scoring with his second and Scothern's fifth. This victory means Ellison Boulter's need only three more wins in order to be crowned champions, hopefully starting with a win against nearest rivals Lincoln Minster in their next fixture!

Man of the Match: Liam Harris

Monday 10th March 2008

League Match 6

Ellison Boulter's 5-0 Lincoln Minster

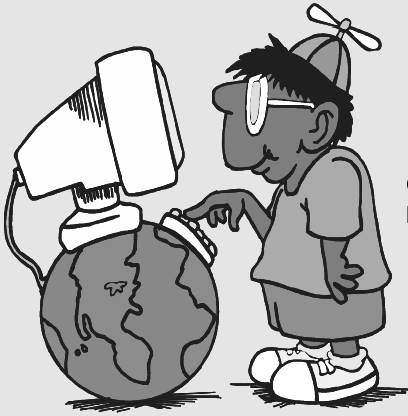
Ellison Boulter's took another giant stride towards immortal glory in the form of a championship-winning season with another crushing victory at Sudbrooke Road in torrential rain. And Scothern's outstanding home form remains in tact, having never lost on their home soil. The Royal Blues shot out of the traps and Lincoln Minster were soon facing up to the fact that this was not going to be an evening to savour. Indeed, it took just four minutes for Ellison Boulter's to open the scoring, captain, Lewis Hughes driving a shot low and hard into the corner of the net. From this

moment on Scothern went from strength to strength, playing some of the most sublime football, even by their own extremely high standards. However, it took until half way through the first half before Liam H doubled Ellison Boulter's lead with his third goal in as many matches. And just one minute later Thomas C put the game beyond any doubt, sending The Royal Blues in at half-time with a comfortable 3-0 lead. Scothern continued to dominate in the second half and whenever Lincoln Minster threatened an attack of their own, Jordan H always seemed to be in the right place at the right time with a thundering challenge! Just two minutes into the second half striker, Louis K made it 4-0 with an opportunist's strike. And it was Louis who completed the scoring with his second and Ellison Boulter's fifth just before the end of the game. However, it was thanks to a brave (and no doubt painful!) block from Ieuan H in the last minute that earned Scothern yet another clean sheet. This was probably Ellison Boulter's finest performance of the season, not least of all because it was against their nearest rivals. So far in the league Scothern's record reads: played six, won six, scored 32, conceded one – form to send a shudder down the spine of anyone with the misfortune to play, the now infamous, Royal Blues.

Man of the Match: Jordan Hides

Mr. D. Callaghan

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER

Police Precept Precedent?

The decision of the Lincolnshire Police Authority to increase their precept by a shade under 80% was a surprise, even to a deeply cynical person like me. As I wrote last time, there is a financial problem in policing

Lincolnshire. But putting the entire burden of meeting the shortfall onto the local taxpayer relieves central government of its responsibilities. Taking additional money to fund an enhanced service in the circumstances is, to say the least, a brave decision.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S CORNER Cont'd....

My understanding is this was not a unanimous decision. A majority of the county council members of the Police Authority have to vote in favour of the precept decision. Only members of one political group supported this scale of increase. It was the largest group so the decision was carried.

My enquiries into what may happen next really come down to three.

- Nothing at all is the first.
- The second is that the government may cap the rise. This would mean that all householders would be re billed for a new, lower amount. The Police would have to fund the cost of this and get less money.
- The third possibility is that government would 'Nominate' the police. This procedure would leave this year's increase in place, but the Police Authority would lose control of budget setting. Next year, their precept would be decreased.

I do not have a crystal ball and do not have any inside knowledge either so I, like most people, will see what happens. But I know many people are unhappy with this state of affairs and I have made this known at the County Council.

Changing tack, financial matters have not been the things to rock the public. The recent earthquake woke many of us. The main problem in its aftermath seems to have been 19th century chimneys. Lime mortar and over a hundred years of neglect made quite a few chimneys vulnerable on older

properties. It is quite frightening what damage can be caused if one collapses. Smaller such houses may have had just one stack, but it would have originally contained several flues. This is why the single chimneys are so massive and do so much harm if they fall. Two such house chimneys in my own very small village developed cracks and are now being repaired. Fortunately, neither collapsed, but the subsequent high winds were an unwelcome additional hazard. It may look like closing the stable door too late, but it might just be worth using a pair of binoculars to check your own chimney for cracks. There will be more storms in the future and well maintained chimneys will withstand them with ease. Chimneys with pre existing faults are not going to be so secure.

And finally as Trevor McDonald says, I have been quietly trying to improve relations between all tiers of local government over the last few years. I am not alone in that endeavour. It is the formal policy of the upper two tiers to work more closely together. I visit all of the parish council meetings in the area I represent. However it is not possible to attend every meeting of each council, there are nine of them and there are clashes with other meetings. But we have good relations. However, the issue of the institutional relations with the Parish Councils is very much on the agenda and I have found willing officer support in both upper tiers for an innovative approach to the matter. I will report on this further when plans are more advanced.

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