

October 2010

# Sudbrooke News



## Flower Festival

### St Edward's Church Sudbrooke starts Friday 8 October

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Welcome to October's Sudbrooke News.

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I can't believe we are heading for Autumn so quickly. Where did Summer go?

I have been informed the Carpet Bowls group has had to close due to lack of numbers. On a more positive note, has anyone been to the dance classes advertised last month? I would be interested to hear, will they be a regular feature?

Short of letters this month.....come on, have a moan or share something, I won't even publish your name if you don't want me to. As always, this is your magazine, so if there's anything you want to contribute, just drop me a line.

I have been asked why we haven't had any Police input for ages in this magazine, bar the occasional brief snippets in the Parish Council notes, ( which are usually out of date ). Unfortunately, I don't receive anything, so to those not on the Internet or able to attend their monthly "drop ins", sorry.

My computer was eventually repaired at the 11th hour, 9 visits to the menders and two Motherboards later. Following a complete sense of humour failure, normal service is slowly being resumed.

*Nick*



**Sudbrooke News November 2010.....**  
**closing date for contributions**  
**20 October 2010**

# VICAR'S LETTER

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

As I write this there are 18 days left on the count-down to the Patronal Flower Festival at St Edward's Church - and hopefully this issue of the magazine will be in your hands before the 'kick-off' at 2 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. On the Sunday, there is a Songs of Praise at 6 p.m. led by the Bishop of Lincoln. Eleanor Clarke wrote last month about the full programme and I hope you may find time to come and join us for some of the events.

For the new 'term' there are some changes to the Home Group arrangements. The time has moved to 10.30 on a Tuesday morning (no more battling with cold and dark winter evenings !) and will be integrated with the Prayer Hour programme. Prayer Hour (with coffee after) will meet on the first Tuesday of a month, and still alternate between Sudbrooke and Barlings, while the Home Group will meet on the other Tuesdays of a month. The new programme is set out in the Church Diary.

Other changes are :-

1. The Bishop of Lincoln is retiring in January 2011. The Bishop of Grimsby will be the senior man in the Diocese during the inter-regnum period. The process of consultation about the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop has begun and you may see adverts in the press inviting you to contribute your views about the qualities that you think are desirable in the new appointee.
2. The new Priest-in-Charge of the South Lawres Group, the Reverend Penny Green, based at Cherry Willingham, is now in post. This appointment is of particular interest to us as, in the Deanery Plan, when I depart my post will not be replaced and the Benefice will be integrated with the South Lawres Group.

Our national politics are in a new interesting and important situation with a coalition government. St Paul wrote in his first letter to Timothy that "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for ... for kings and all who are in high positions." St Paul seems to be saying that we should not just criticise our politicians, both local and national, but pray for them - for example that they make wise decisions, for the country, have the strength to resist opportunities for corruption, and are tolerant of views they disagree with. Sometimes it is hard to remember "who is who" in the political field and one practical aid for praying for those elected to run our affairs is to cut out of the newspaper pictures of government ministers, and our local parliamentary and council representatives and keep them in front of you when you pray. It is so much easier to pray for someone with a face before you.

## VICAR'S LETTER Cont'd.....

The recent visit of the Pope reminds us that we should also pray for the Church. I quite liked an old prayer of Archbishop William Laud (1573-1645) for this purpose (in which the word "Catholic" is used in its old traditional sense of "Universal" i.e. includes the whole church in all its "denominations") :-

"Gracious Father,  
I humbly beseech thee for thy holy Catholic Church.  
Fill it with all truth; in all truth with all peace.  
Where it is corrupt, purge it; Where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, rectify it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it,  
O thou Holy One of Israel."

Yours in Christ,  
**Robert Spaight**

## CHURCH DIARY

| OCTOBER    |  |                            |
|------------|--|----------------------------|
| Sunday 3   | <b>Trinity 18</b>                                  |                            |
|            | 9.00 Communion                                     | St.John Stainton           |
|            | 10.30 Communion                                    | St.Edward Sudbrooke        |
|            | 6.00 Evening Prayer                                | St.Hugh Langworth          |
| Tuesday 5  | 10.30 Tuesday Prayer                               | Old Vicarage,Barlings      |
| Sunday 10  | <b>Trinity 19</b>                                  |                            |
|            | 9.00 BCP Communion                                 | St.Edward Sudbrooke        |
|            | 10.30 Family Service                               | St.Edward Sudbrooke        |
|            | <b>6.00 Songs of Praise with Bishop of Lincoln</b> | <b>St.Edward Sudbrooke</b> |
| Tuesday 12 | 10.30 Home Group                                   | 36 Scothern Lane           |
| Sunday 17  | <b>Trinity 20</b>                                  |                            |
|            | 10.30 Communion                                    | St.Edward Sudbrooke        |
|            | 3.00 Family Service + Baptisms                     | St.Edward Barlings         |
|            | <b>6.00 Harvest Evensong</b>                       | <b>St.Hugh Langworth</b>   |
| Tuesday 19 | 10.30 Home Group                                   | 36 Scothern Lane           |
| Sunday 24  | <b>Last Sunday of Trinity</b>                      |                            |
|            | 9.00 Communion                                     | St.Edward Barlings         |
|            | 10.30 Communion                                    | St.Edward Sudbrooke        |
|            | 6.00 Communion                                     | St.Hugh Langworth          |

|           |                                   |                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 31 | <b>4 before Advent</b> (BST Ends) |                     |
|           | 10.30 Communion                   | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
|           | 6.00 NO SERVICE                   | St.Hugh Langworth   |

| <b>NOVEMBER</b> |                        |                     |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday 2       | 10.30 Tuesday Prayer   | 36 Scothern Lane    |
| Sunday 7        | <b>3 before Advent</b> |                     |
|                 | 9.00 Communion         | St.John Stainton    |
|                 | 10.30 Communion        | St.Edward Sudbrooke |
|                 | 6.00 Evening Prayer    | St.Hugh Langworth   |
| Tuesday 9       | 10.30 Home Group       | 36 Scothern Lane    |

## Flower Festival

### St Edward's Church Sudbrooke

Opening times and services are:

**Friday 8th October:** 2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m. Festival open.  
**Saturday 9th October:** 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. Festival open.  
**Sunday 10th October:** 9:00a.m. Holy Communion  
10:30a.m. Family Harvest Festival  
12 noon – 4:00p.m. Festival open.  
6:00p.m. Songs of Praise led by the  
Bishop of Lincoln. (Followed by complimentary cake and wine/juice.)

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# **PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE**

**PRESENT: Councillors P Rignall (Chairman), M Dickie, N James, I Russell, B Bartram (From 7.45pm)  
Mrs C M Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer) (From 7.50pm)**

**APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss R Dobbs, Mrs L Etheridge, S Curtis, PC D Thompson**

### **33 PARISHIONERS ITEMS**

It was reported that the cabling for the lighting of the Millennium stone had now been sited.

A complaint had been received from a parishioner about damage to a grave in the churchyard. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of the grass cutting contractors in the event that it may have been caused by their machinery.

### **34 POLICE MATTERS**

It was noted that there had been several break-ins to properties in Nettleham and residents should be extra vigilant.

PC Donnah Thompson would shortly be leaving the Nettleham Police Office and PC Dave Morgan would be taking up the position. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to PC Thompson.

### **35 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC Sue Rawlins reported that grants to the County Council had been cut substantially.

The Statement of Community Involvement (agenda item 10a) was outlined by CC Rawlins.

CC Rawlins also explained the Preferred Minerals and Waste Strategies (Agenda item 10b) which was not relevant to Sudbrooke.

### **36 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2010**

These were signed as a correct record.

### **37 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

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

- a) **Parish Plan** – The meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> July had been cancelled.
- b) **Sports/Fun Day** – Mike Halliday had sent a report which stated that duties had been assigned to volunteers. The Risk Assessment would be completed in early September with a final review on the Sports Day. To date no sponsorship had been forthcoming.
- c) **Village Sign** – It was reported that the only design proposals for the village sign had been submitted from the wood carving group and it was hoped to provide costings for the October meeting of the Parish Council.
- d) **Wood Carving** – update – Nothing to report.
- e) **Erosion of beck bank** – There had been a tree fall into the beck due to the erosion of the bank. The Witham Third Drainage Board had been advised and had removed the obstruction.
- f) **Request for Skateboard Park** – Following the request for a skateboard park costings had been carried out which were in the region of £85,000.

The original request had been made by residents via District Councillor Stuart Curtis and it was agreed that contact be made with the petition organiser to see if they would be willing to form a working party to investigate funding opportunities.

- g) **Use of sports field by new football team** – Notification had been received that this was not now required by the new team.
- h) **Area near to Millennium stone** – Councillor Bernard Bartram brought it to the Parish Council's attention that the recently cleared area near to the Millennium stone was becoming overgrown with nettles. It was agreed that this required trimming and the Clerk was given authority to obtain a price from the grass cutting contractors and instruct them to carry out the work.
- i) **Street nameplate – Green Way** – A replacement sign had been ordered by WLDC Street team.

### **38 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- a) **Street nameplates, Park Close** – Nothing to report.
- b) **Meeting with Principal Highways Officer** – A meeting had not been able to be arranged for June and it was hoped that this could go ahead during July. Outstanding Highway works, some having been reported at the beginning of the year, had still not been carried out.

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

## **39 PLANNING**

**a) Lincolnshire Sub Regional Empty Homes strategy** – This document was circulating to all members for information.

**b) Meeting the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers** – This was circulating amongst Councillors and information noted.

**c) Planning Application** – Manor House, Scothern Lane – 125979 – Demolition of single storey and replace with two storey extension with glass link – Members had viewed this application and commented as follows:-

‘Careful consideration of this application is required.

It is considered that the proposed extension is out of character with the main property.

It would also create a separate living unit away from the existing building.

The views of adjoining/neighbouring properties must be taken into account prior to determining the application.’

## **d) Permissions**

15 Manor Drive – 125772- detached garden room.

2 Broad Dale Close – 125810 – single storey porch.

East side of Main Drive, Sudbrooke – Remove dangling branch of crack willow leaning over access road into Sudbrooke Park – 027569

## **39 FINANCE**

**a) Use of equipment in Clerks/Treasurers home** - The Treasurer brought to the attention of members that it was a requirement that any electrical equipment used in the home by the Clerk or Treasurer should be annually PAT tested. The Clerk was instructed to arrange for this to be carried out.

**b) Accounts for payment:-**

**c) Income** – Advertising revenue - £152.00.

**40 SUDBROOKE NEWS** – Nothing to report.

**41 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS** - None

## **42 CORRESPONDENCE**

\*Advice notes re Best Kept Village Competition, it was noted that Sudbrooke



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

had not been successful in proceeding into the next round of the competition.

\*Community Risk Register for Lincolnshire

Sudbrooke Village Hall Accounts 2009/10 – to be circulated to Councillors

Letter from Bardney Parish Council offering allotments for rent – a notice would be displayed in the notice boards/Sudbrooke News

Letter from Promotions Officer, Future Jobs Fund, Hill Holt Wood requesting attendance at a future Parish Council meeting to outline a government initiative enabling unemployed people to get back into the job market by giving them the chance to gain skills which can be transferred to other job situations. The Clerk was asked to arrange for attendance at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

\*circulated amongst Councillors

### **43 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010**

## Report of Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 September 2010

**Sudbrooke Woods** – Reports were made of quad biking in the woods, along with the amount of litter, smashed bottles and camping equipment left by unauthorised campers. The Police are undertaking additional patrols in the woods and giving this area main priority for attention.

**Police matters** - PC Thompson was congratulated on her permanent appointment as Community Beat Manager for the Nettleham Neighbourhood Policing team. PC Thompson stated that 31 incidents occurring in Sudbrooke had been reported during the last two months.

**Highways Meeting** – Two Councillors and the Clerk had met with the Principal Highways Officer on 20<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the matters requiring attention in the village, some of them outstanding since the beginning of the year. Since the meeting some items had since been dealt with but many were still to be carried out.

**Overhanging trees around bus shelter on Wragby Road** –The main concern of members and the Principal Highways Officer was the dark area created around the bus shelter as a matter of safety for users of the bus shelter. It was hoped that these would be cut back.

**Village Litter pick** – Arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Watercourse fronting the millennium stone** - A letter had been received from the Flood Prevention Officer, WLDC, he having been advised by a resident that the parish may be considering filling in the section of the watercourse fronting the millennium stone. It was stated that the Parish Council was not, and never had, considered this.

**Skateboard Park** – It was hoped that a group of parents would consider raising funds for a proposed skateboard park.

**Christmas Tree event** – To be held this year on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December combining the switching on with the lighting of the millennium stone.


**Date of next meeting** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor**

Please through your magazine convey hearty thanks to all the organisers and helpers at the annual village fun day .  
Despite the heavy shower at the start of the proceedings it went on to be a glorious day out for all my family ,young and old .  
It was a wonderful way to have fun but. it must have been hard work to organize it all ..To paraphrase a very famous speech also made in September a few years ago .."NEVER HAS SO MUCH FUN BEEN HAD ...BY SO MANY ...THANKS TO SO FEW "

**Peter Robinson**

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# Old Codger's Postbag



## Dear Old Codger

In your piece about Pubs Closing some time ago you failed to mention the coming of the Breathalyser. This really was the start of the decline in the pub trade .

At weekends like many people I know, I loved to go for a ride in the car to visit little villages in the country and call in at the local village Pub. It was great to sample the local brew, enjoy the different atmosphere of each village and it's local and on fine days sit in the Pub Garden and watch the world go by over a pint. When my children were young they loved the ride into the countryside. I remember one Pub, not far from here, that had a large garden beside it with lawns and flowers and a children's play area with a Wendy house and swings and a slide. Very similar to our Bottle and Glass. But the greatest attraction to this pub was the Wishing Well which stood in the centre of the large lawn. It was with great amusement and shrieks of laughter from everyone sitting in the garden that you would see small children, and often their parents, creep furtively, silently and stealthily towards the well and look over it's 3 foot high wall and peer down, only to burst into roars of laughter. This was followed by these children and their parents who couldn't wait to race back, sit down and watch the next victims do exactly the same thing .

A sign over the well read " Please approach quietly and slowly to avoid scaring the water otter " . When you looked down the well four feet below you on a chain you saw....."an old iron kettle " There was a collection box for the local hospice on the floor beside the kettle and was always overflowing with coins from amused patrons.

Then came the Breathalyser which made us all aware of the dangers of drink driving and like most other folks my weekend drives out to country pubs finished .

The rural pub trade which had often depended on passing trade rapidly declined and many locals closed down and went out of business. This was a major factor in the current loss of hundreds of these establishments which were so much a part of rural village life loved by so many of us, now sadly, gone forever !!

**Wilf Carter**



# AUTUMN LITTER PICK

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Volunteers wanted**

**MEET AT SADBROOKE VILLAGE HALL 09.30AM, READY FOR  
A 10AM START.**

**Help Sudbrooke Parish Council clean up public areas  
of our village again after inconsiderate individuals  
have dropped litter instead of using bins provided !!!**

**All age groups most welcome in fact why not bring  
the whole family to support the regular few who turn  
up every time.**

**This should only take about 1 hour of your time and  
really would be appreciated. Grippers, refuse bags,  
gloves and refreshments provided.**

# ST EDWARD'S HOME GROUP

**S**t Edward's Home Group has changed its meeting day and time to Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. We meet for about an hour and a half at 36 Scothern Lane. What do we get up to? We chat, laugh, have coffee and look at a passage from the bible.

All Christians from the village are welcome to come along, we would love to see you!

These are the details of our Autumn programme :

This Man Jesus - 12th & 19th October

Jonah - Chapter 1 - Nowhere to Run - 9th November

Jonah - Chapter 2 - Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire - 16th November

Jonah - Chapter 3 - God Turns Nineveh Around - 23rd November

Jonah - Chapter 4 - The School of Grace - 30th November

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Collecting tins and poppy boxes will be available.

Tea, Coffee and a finger buffet will be served. There will be a raffle of prizes, donated by local companies. The Black Bull has started the ball rolling with a free meal and other traders are being approached.

More Poppy Collectors are needed. There are some areas which are not covered and others which need more help, so if you can spare a couple of hours and would like to help, or just want more information, please come along and meet us.

The Royal British Legion is a charity which cares for, both serving and ex serving members and their dependants, of the armed forces. A large proportion of our work now is as a result of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Poppy Collection starts on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Every penny collected by us goes to the Poppy Appeal. Nothing is taken out for expenses or administration, so please give generously; it all goes to a good cause.

I need to know the numbers attending, for catering purposes, so if you intend coming, please contact me. The evening is free, but we will charge for the raffle.

**Tony Davis**  
**Branch Chairman; 01673 860363**



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# GARDENING NEWS

A black and white illustration of a person wearing a cap and overalls, using a shovel to dig in a garden. A small plant is growing out of the soil next to them.

Weather forecasters now talk of autumn having arrived, and before long will be predicting winter. It would be good to see an Indian summer stretching through the rest of September and October. At this time of the year park and garden staff will be clearing away Summer bedding, preparing for winter bedding and bulb planting.

Sports fields will be changing from summer to winter games, and staff will be renovating bowling greens and cricket wickets.

In my own garden, I have started renovating the front lawn, which suffered a bad leather jacket attack earlier in the year. The lawn has been scarified to remove thatch and break up the surface to make a seed bed. The seed has been sown followed by top dressing, at the time of writing, it is raining, so with the job half done, it will have to be completed later. However the rain will encourage the seed already sown to germinate.

Wall baskets have finished their summer display, and will soon be cleared, ready for some winter plants.

In the back garden, work is continuing to reinstall the pergola, which goes for 42 ft across the back of the bungalow. The pergola was damaged in a storm last winter and was completely removed to allow new fascia and guttering to be fitted. Now with the pergola repaired and repainted it should soon be back to its former state.

There is still quite a lot of colour in the garden with michaelmas daisies, rudbeckia, sedum, schizostylis, (sometimes called Kaffir lily) and still a few white daisies, and roses.

The rockery is still showing quite a lot of colour, mainly a deep blue campanula.

The fruit border, with Victoria plum and a Cox's orange apple tree have fruited very well, along with the blackberries which still have fruit on them, but don't like the rain, so will soon be finished.

Farewell, Happy gardening. **G P**

# The Old Codger.....



When I went to primary school at the age of five I was ambitious. I wanted the top job .....I wanted to be The Milk Monitor. Instead the teacher made me the Ink Monitor...The Milk Monitor got the job of placing the crate of free school milk that all children received at school in those days in front of the radiator to get warm. Then at break-time giving it out to the other children. Some of them didn't like milk so you got their bottle as your

perks for the job. That probably accounts for why the child that got the job was a Billy Bunter type fat slob that I didn't like. ( *Editor.... I was a milk monitor !!, are you trying to suggest something ?* )

My job as the Ink Monitor was to fill the inkwells that were in the top right hand corner of each school desk. I also got to issue out the pens and pen nibs. None of your ball pens in those days and no one at that early age had a fountain pen. The ink was always Jet Black and in a large glass bottle. I never did master the art of pouring it into the ink wells without managing to get some of it all over my hands and shirt and the odd smudge on my face. No wonder no other child was eager to get the job. The result was that my work always had ink marks on it and I was always getting it in the neck from my Mum for giving her extra washing ....No, not getting the ink in my neck ....Oh ,never mind I know what I mean .!!

From then on I have always had a fascination with Pens. I received my first fountain pen at the age of eleven. It was a Parker and was my pride and joy. .It was the Rolls Royce of pens....Nowadays you only have to fill in an application form for something on TV to get one for nothing but in those days it cost a small fortune. I treasured it and was the envy of most of my school friends. Some other well known makes of pens included Conway-Stewart and Swan, but there were many others.

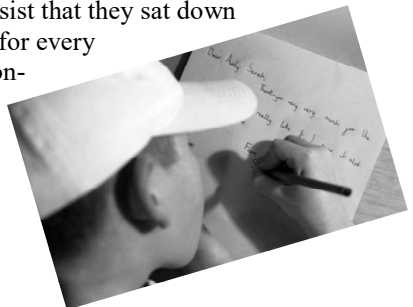
All of them were filled with ink by unscrewing the body of the pen to reveal a small lever which, when depressed pushed against a small rubber sheath which was then released, causing it to suck up ink from a small jar labeled Quink or Stephens. Although there were many coloured inks on the market, schoolchildren were only allowed to use Black or Blue colours for schoolwork . Much later in life I came across green ink which was only used by highly ranked officials in the Civil Service and Armed Forces as a symbol of their status in life. I never rose to that enviable position .

Around this time ball pens were beginning to come on to the market but they were

banned in almost all schools as being an encouragement to slovenly and untidy writing. It was the fountain pen or the school standard issue pen and nib only . I wonder if I could have got away with using a quill pen from a goose or turkey which had to be sharpened with a razor blade. But I never had the courage to try it . Because the very first ball pens on the market were made by a firm called Biro, all ball pens were called Biro's for many years until another firm called Bic arrived on the market. After that they became just known as ball pens. When Biro introduced the ball pen they were very expensive but the arrival of Bic pens slashed prices dramatically, so much so that some banks give them away free now every time you go to the counter and you can buy cheap plastic ones for as little as a couple of pence each.

The old fashioned fountain pens are still being made and almost all important documents are still signed using such pens. No one would think of signing any historic manuscript with any of today's new fangled ball pens. Famously you can see the end of hostilities in various conflicts being signed by fountain pens and it would often be the case that several different fountain pens would be used to give important dignitaries the privilege of owning an historic memento. Auction houses sell fountain pens for vast sums of money as eager bidders snap them up for their collections . There is something wonderful about the feel of a fountain pen in your hand that no ball pen can compare .I have heard a rumor that our own village is privileged to have a very well known and esteemed maker of hand crafted fountain pens in our midst. I hope this article has got you rooting through your drawers and bureaus and that some of you unearth the odd one or two that may surprise you when you click into E Bay to find out their value .

On the subject of writing can I confide in you something that annoys me intensely. As a Grandfather... ~~Indeed a Great Grandfather, I have many children's~~ birthdays to remember. I am in the habit of sending a birthday card with a £5 note in it to each one . Not a lot of money these days I admit but to an OAP it's not insignificant....I know it ought to be a cheque or postal order but never mind !! There is only one of my nineteen offspring who bothers to write to me or my wife to say thank you . When my own children were young I used to insist that they sat down with pen and paper and wrote a letter of thanks for every birthday or Xmas card received whether they contained a gift or not ....There was a communication skill to be learnt in doing this. They had to compose a letter, include in it some small bit of school news or family news and often a small drawing or suchlike and often a small school photo. They had to place it in an envelope , seal it , address it, stick a stamp on it and



then personally put it in a letter box. I think it was a valuable lesson to teach them that would stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately this has not been carried forward to my grandchildren and I feel it is their loss and well as mine. Everyone likes to receive a letter as long as it's not a bill.!...It's not the same to get one of those text messages in some new fangled ,garbage type, misspelt, so called text speak, language that we Old Codgers can't understand...Not that many of them even bother to send one of those either, but I suppose the thought was there.

So if you are a parent of a young child ...Think on !!...We "Oldies" love to get a letter. Encourage your kiddies to write one. It's good for their education and life skills and at least it lets us know that our card has been delivered .But that's enough winging from this Old Codger.

If I had any decency I'd be dead now. Most of my friends are.... They're in heaven now and wondering where I am and starting to wonder if I have gone to the other place. There are far worse ways of dying than dying of old age ....I don't mind dying ...I just don't want to be there when it happens....There are only two times in life when they pronounce you anything and that's to pronounce you " Man and Wife" or pronounce you "Dead"....Winston Churchill famously said .."I am ready to meet my Maker ..Whether he is ready to meet me is another matter ?"...Why haven't I done more in my life I keep asking myself when I read other peoples obituaries ?....Is it because I have been too busy enjoying myself and having a good time ?....Can't be that bad ....Can it ? ....We need Old Friends to help us grow old and New Friends to help us stay young....Thank you all for being my friends...Be lucky in Love and Life ..!!

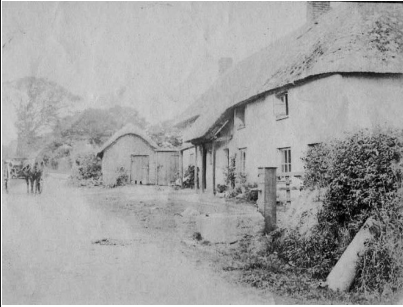
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## Winter Talks

### **Wednesday 27 October 2010 David Start - Deserted Medieval Villages**

David is director of the Heritage Trust for Lincolnshire which is an historic Buildings Trust, a supporter of all aspects of Lincolnshire's heritage and has Archaeology

Project Services under its umbrella. David is

an archaeologist himself and specialises in the medieval period. He holds numerous posts on other heritage type bodies in the County and beyond and has written and edited several books on Lincolnshire.

### **Wednesday 26 January 2011 Stewart Squires - Greetwell Quarries**

Stewart has spent much of his working life as a conservation officer in local government. He is chairman of Lincolnshire Historic Buildings Committee and holds posts in several heritage organisations. His specialist studies are concerned with industrial archaeology. He has written several books on railways and contributed to many others on industrial archaeology topics. He is an expert on mining in Lincolnshire, Many workers in the Greetwell quarries lived in Nettleham.

### **Wednesday 23 February 2011 Terry Hancock - A tale of five airfields**

Terry Hancock is a librarian who has had a lifelong interest in the RAF. He is a member of several aviation societies and has written the definitive books on the RAF in Lincolnshire. He has chosen to speak about the airfields nearest to Nettleham.

### **Wednesday 23 March 2011 Mr Ryde of the Lincolnshire Film Archive –Lincoln Area and Farming**

The Lincolnshire Film Archive is extensive. The group has preserved and restored historic films on all aspects of life in the County back to the earliest days of filming. The films are accompanied with added details and explanations.

### **Wednesday 27 April 2011 Richard Thornton - Bishop King before Oxford.**

This is a welcome return visit and celebrates the centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King. Richard is a genealogist of renown and has specialised in royalty and famous people. He discovered King had an illustrious ancestry which he will share with us.

### **Wednesday 25 May 2011 The Committee – The Bishop's Palace**

They are all held in the Old School Rooms, large room, at 7.30pm

Entrance £2 for non-members, free for members and open to anyone from local villages (i.e. not just Nettleham residents) annual subscription £5.

## SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN



**At their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, Parish Plan Group members voted unanimously to dissolve the group.**

The reasons for this were that all actions in the action plan had been fully addressed and no new requirements had emerged from parishioners.

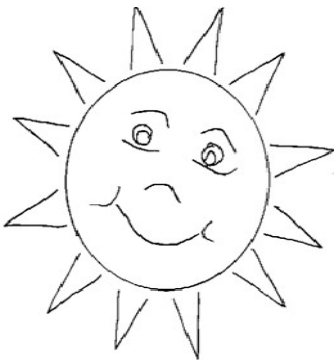
As the lifespan of the parish plan extends until 2017, it is possible to reconstitute the parish plan group at any time should this become necessary.

As Chairman of the Group, I should like to thank all members past and present for their help in preparing the parish plan and dealing with parishioners' requirements.

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

# Sudbrooke Toddlers

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## WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

It doesn't seem like twelve months since we were in the throes of the 'flu campaign last year and here we are again !

We are offering two Saturday morning clinics – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October which patients may book into and in addition vaccines will also be offered opportunistically to those patients who fall into the relevant " at risk " categories, including pregnant ladies. Other clinics will be scheduled during the months of October and November as needed. As in previous years we are unable to offer vaccination on the NHS for anyone outside the recognised groups although the vaccine may be available on a private basis from our neighbouring practices. Under NHS regulations we are unable to offer these vaccines on a private basis to our own registered patients. If you are unsure whether you fall into the appropriate category please enquire.

It would be appreciated if patients could remember to ring or call in for the results of tests after 10.30am and ideally in an afternoon to allow the medical staff time to review and pass comment.

We have been advised by a patient of a worrying telephone call received recently from someone purportedly from this surgery. Fortunately the person concerned did not offer any answers to the questions posed by the caller and ended the call. However we would like to remind patients that if they are in any doubt about the authenticity of a call allegedly from any of the surgery staff, they should always ring back on a known telephone number to check and if there is any doubt report it to the Practice.

We have had a spate of cheques been given for payment in recent weeks which have subsequently "bounced" when presented to the bank and we would like to remind patients that we will now require a suitable cheque guarantee card with all payments settled by cheque. We also ask for payment for all private vaccinations before administering and for medicals, reports etc. at the time of the examination or receiving the report unless prior arrangements have been agreed. We too are a business and have to pay for such vaccines when ordered , whether used or not. In line with commercial pharmacies, prescriptions must also be paid for at the time of collection, we do not offer credit facilities.

Whilst we are happy to offer private services for medicals, writing letters of support, completion of insurance forms etc. we would respectfully remind patients that our priority is always our NHS workload and whilst appreciating patients' needs, every effort will be made to assist patients with private requests, on occasions workload demands may mean that delays occur. Please give any such requests to our reception staff and not directly to the doctors in surgery, so that they may be logged and appropriately processed.

Finally 52 patients failed to attend booked appointments in August and we are

## **WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE Cont'd....**

advised of 17 non- attendees at hospital. As always, please cancel appointments that are not needed – others may wish to use them.

**Sallie Stead**

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

We are looking out for a volunteer who would perhaps have some knowledge of wheelchairs to help us maintain them and check that they are usable if you have some time spare and think you could help us please contact Janet Godddard 01673 862570 or Roy Minnitt 01673 860980 for more information.

### **AUTUMN FAYRE – SATURDAY OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

This event is going to be held in **Welton Village Hall between 2 – 4.30pm.**

We hope you and your family will be able to come along and enjoy the fun.

We are still looking for donations of Bric a Brac and kind of bottle for our bottle and glass stall as well as tombola items.

If you have any donations for the cake stall could you please bring them along on the day between 12 noon and 2pm or phone Janet Godddard 01673 862570 or Roy Minnitt 01673 860980 who will arrange collection.

### **RED ARROWS FRAMED AND SIGNED LIMITED ADDITION PRINT**

We have a signed limited addition print of the Red Arrows hung up in the health centre. We are auctioning this off to the highest bidder anyone wishing to place a bid can do so by going into the health centre and placing their bid in the box next to the picture. There is also a piece of paper attached to the picture letting you know the highest bid so far. The person with the highest bid will be announced at the Autumn Fayre on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 7.30pm – HEALTH CENTRE**

After many years of service The Chairman and Vice Chairman have decided to step down from these positions. If you would like to join the committee and wish to be nominated for either of these posts could you please submit your intention in writing to Isi Renolds, The Secretary for Welton Patients and Doctors Association, c/o Weton Health Centre.

We will be holding our AGM on the 4<sup>th</sup> November and would like to invite all patients, drivers and committee members to this event. So why not come along and find out what goes on at the Health centre. The partners from the surgery will be doing a question and answer session on the changes in general practice, this will be followed by a buffet. Please come along and enjoy this event.

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Christmas dinner will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Doors will open at 11.45am and lunch will be served at 12.15pm. The bar will be open for anyone wishing to purchase drinks. Tickets will be available at the end of October at a cost of £5.00 and can be obtained from the dispensary, Roy Minnitt 01673 860980, Olive Sharland 01673 860174 or from The Spar shop at Dunholme.

### **Andrea Lowen**

On behalf of the **Welton PDA Voluntary Car Scheme** I would like to thank the 'grateful patient' for their anonymous donation of £100 towards the running of the scheme and to pass on their thanks to all the Volunteer Drivers. The car scheme relies heavily on donations to supplement the money raised through fund raising and it is also nice to receive the thanks and gratitude of the people we transport.

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## Sports Day / Fun Day

Just about everyone who attended the sports fun day had a very enjoyable time. A very heavy shower for 10 minutes or so at the start of the races didn't dampen the enthusiasm of competitors of all ages.

All of the events were contested in good humour and great endeavour.

The fun day organizers catered for all needs ranging from food and drink to clothes, toys and kitchen sinks.

Paula and Anna generously provided a vocal treat to a large audience in the village hall.

The Village Hall Committee and Pre School Group made a profit of approximately £300 and are most grateful to the people who supported the event and the many sponsors of prizes including Kokoo Hairdressers Sudbrooke, Elite Meats, Cherry Tree Café, Rand Farm Park, Wilkinsons Butchers, Wickes, Zucchini's Restaurant, McDonalds, InTouch Holistic Therapies and Tesco.

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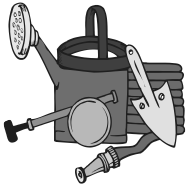
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# SUSBROOKE GARDENING CLUB



## Autumn Show

Sudbrooke's gardeners rose to the challenges of a difficult growing year by putting on a splendid show, much to the delight of show judge Derek Ordish.

It was very pleasing to see new exhibitors at the show. Barry Reeves won the Gibson Trophy with most points scored, Nicola Hadley was runner up.

Best in Show was awarded to Janet Stocker for her intricate cross-stitch picture of hens, houses and a children's alphabet.

Christopher Warwick won the junior section with a clever floral arrangement.

Runner up was Freya Hadley with some fine looking tomatoes.

Congratulations to the above exhibitors and to others who won individual classes.

**Next meeting Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at village hall from 7-30pm.  
Guest speaker is Stephan Lovell. Everyone is welcome to attend.**

I am delighted to welcome back Stephen Lovell, a professional horticulturalist, who will talk to us about 'climbers for the garden'.

In addition to his chosen subject, Stephen is happy to take any gardening questions in a general Q&A session later in the evening.

To help defray costs, an admission charge of £2 per adult is made but tea or coffee and biscuits are free.

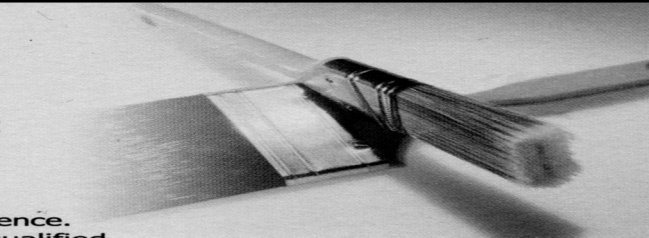
If you have an interest in climbing plants or wish to change your garden, do please come along.

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## COUNTRY WALKS



### September walk

A change of venue took 11 walkers to Boothby Graffoe on a glorious morning to enjoy the spectacular views of Lincoln Edge and the Witham valley.

It's always interesting to compare the characters of different villages which we were able to do as we passed through Navenby, Harmston, Coleby and Boothby Graffoe.

### Next walk is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October

We shall try the eastern half of the circular walks starting from Wragby taking in Langton By Wragby and Goltho.

The distance is approx 7 miles and the terrain is good footpaths and bridleways but can be muddy if it rains.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am prepared for car sharing.

Walkers are advised to wear suitable footwear, take a waterproof coat, a small snack and a drink.

If you wish to walk and need a lift, do please turn up. Everyone is welcome to join in this free and healthy activity.

### Future walk Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am prepared for car sharing. The venue is to be agreed but will be within a reasonable distance to Sudbrooke.

**Mike Halliday**  
Tel 754686

## SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB



Members enjoyed a talk by Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue at our September meeting.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 21st October: The History of the Co-operative movement

Thursday 18th November: Mystery Speaker

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Sudbrooke Village Hall. There is a guest speaker at most meetings and we try to provide something to interest everyone throughout the year. We have a book stall and small coin collection for charity. You are welcome to attend our meetings and guests are asked to contribute £2.

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# **BACKWARDS GLANCE AT SADBROOKE NEWS**

**Issue No267 dated July 2000**

Ellison Boulter School feature largely in this issue and are in a fund raising mood . They report a Race Night held at Scothern Village Hall with fish and chip supper included in the entrance fee. which raised £840 for school funds and was wonderfully supported and enjoyed by those villages who attended from Sudbrooke and Scothern .

(Makes my mouth water at the thought of it ...How about something similar in Sudbrooke .I'm feeling lucky ..Might win a few bob on the horses )

Four children from the school came third in The National First Aid Team competition held in Northamptonshire .(What a pity their names were not included in the report .) The school stated they were extremely proud of them. Competitors came from all over the country in their hundreds to compete. The school raised the amazing amount of £1.200 in a collection for the NSPCC a truly outstanding achievement of which pupils and parents were extremely and justifiably proud .

The Millennium Fun Day was held and proved to be a great success with Commemorative Mugs being a popular purchase and village children received one free of charge. (Wonder what they would be worth now on "The Flog it "programme ?). The bar in the village hall was so popular that we drank it dry .( I remember it well ...or do I ? ...I can't remember if I remember !! )

Gordon Taylor had the wonderful idea of collecting together items for a Time Capsule which will be planted somewhere secret for posterity .

The Village appeal for funds to hold the event from the National Lottery were rejected. (Perhaps they had no money left after they had donated money to gift Guinea pigs to some South American Country ). It was therefore funded by many generous villagers and businesses in the village. ( I wish I had the space to repeat their details in this re run of the report but they know who they were and once again "Thank You ")



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## DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB



October so soon and at the Camera Club we have 2 meetings the first will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> October which will be an internal competition "A Different View of Lincolnshire" this should create some good work from the members.

Our second meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> October will be our

usual visit from Lincoln Camera Club who come and entertain us each year, the content of the evening is not known but is always a great evening.

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### **What's on in Sudbrooke**

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### **Nettleham Library Opening Times**

Tues ...10am to 1pm  
 Wed... 2pm to 7pm  
 Friday...2pm to 7pm  
 Sat ... 10am to 1pm

### **Forthcoming Sudbrooke Parish Council Meetings**

**4th November  
 2nd December**

**All Thursdays, 7.30pm in the  
 Village Hall**