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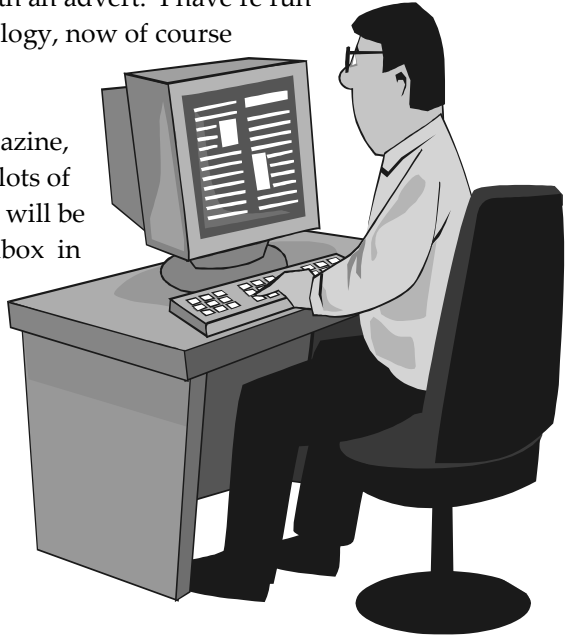
Welcome to January's edition of Sudbrooke News.

Firstly apologies to Paul Creasey. Whilst making a last minute change in December's edition I managed to cover the contact telephone number and e mail address in his letter with an advert. I have re run Paul's letter by way of an apology, now of course including contact details!!

This one is a bit thin (the magazine, definitely not me). I am sure lots of interesting letters and articles will be winging their way to the mailbox in the New Year ?

And finally - back to normal next month, the deadline for articles etc. for February's edition is 20 January which conveniently falls on a Sunday.

Nick



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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

The New Year is with us and already promises to be a difficult one with many pressures (economic and otherwise). The Church's year, however, starts with Good News – the Season of Epiphany when the birth of a saviour was made known to a wider world audience than the local one in Palestine – with the arrival of the Wise Men from the East. This year the Christingle Family Service with its symbolism of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World will be held at 10.30 on the morning of 13th January.

An intriguing thought for the New Year is the announcement by scientists at the National Taiwan University, that, although "there is no scientific definition of the soul", they have discovered a pea-sized organ around the pineal gland in our brains that is activated when people meditate. The suggestion is that the gland could play a role in the "intrinsic awareness" of spirituality. Full details are published online by "Nature Proceedings". To answer an age-old argument, it would be interesting to know whether animals have the same tiny organ.

With oil prices very high and, I think, likely to stay so, the rising cost of fuel prices is of growing concern. Especially this is so insofar as it affects elderly and vulnerable people. There are government grants that can help, but apparently Lincolnshire

residents are not taking advantage of them. Energywatch claims that four out of five county consumers entitled to free services do not know they exist. With energy bills continually rising, there will be the temptation to turn heating down or off with consequential dangers to health for the elderly, sick and very young children. Energywatch can be contacted on 08456 – 889594.

As I write, the future of Langworth Post Office and the proposed "outreach Service" to replace it is to undergo a "further review" notwithstanding the many cogent representations made to keep it open during the period of so-called "consultation" (which many people have, in my view correctly deemed "a sham"). The current advertising campaign promotes the "People's Post Office", but, given the current poor management practices (to put it very mildly) do "the people" want an important service run in the present way? Many folk and businesses I know will be moving to independent service providers, if the closure proceeds. A decision is expected early in January.

Yours, in Christ,

Robert Spaight

CHURCH DIARY

JANUARY 2008		
Sunday 6	Epiphany	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 13	Epiphany 1	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service - Christingle	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 14	7.30 Home Group	2 Chestnut Close
Sunday 20	Epiphany 2	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 21	7.30 Home Group	8 Pelham Close
Sunday 27	Epiphany 3	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 28	7.30 Home Group	36 Scothern Lane
FEBRUARY 2008		
Sunday 3	Trinity 18	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Wednesday 6	Ash Wednesday	
	7.30 <i>a.m.</i> Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
Sunday 10	Lent 1	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke



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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2007 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE

PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie (Chairman), S Curtis, D Ordish, Miss R Dobbs, Mrs C Myers (clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer), County Councillor R Hiscox, PC K Diamond, Mr K Dunn Street Force Warden, WLDC, 2 members of the public

**APOLOGIES: Councillors:
P Rignall, R Adams, I Russell,
M Halliday Mr J D White (Chairman,
Langworth Group Parish Council),**

77 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Overhanging branches from trees were reported in Church Lane and St Edward's Drive.

It was noted that potholes required attention at the entrance to The Paddock.

It was reported that posts supporting protective railings by the drain in Scothern Lane had been lifted from the ground. This would be reported to the Highways Department.

The Chairman read the following questions and answers regarding a request from Moore Stephens, the Parish Council Auditors, who had received a letter from a parishioner raising a number of issues in respect of the audit of the 2007 Annual Return. The further enquiries into these matters would cost the Parish Council an additional £234.06.

Disappointment was expressed that these issues could have been answered by the Parish Council without incurring this additional cost to the parish. It was noted that one item had been enquired about under the previous years audit which was closed. It was felt that an article regarding this should also be published in Sudbrooke News so that parishioners were aware of the cost made upon the parish.

1 Cheques made out to Burton & Co for £6.00 on 1st February 2007 – Please will you:-

- a) Confirm the expense was properly approved by the Council in accordance with its Financial Regulations;
- b) Indicate the purpose of the payment; and
- c) Indicate the power used to justify the expense.

I believe that the payment may have been in relation to attempting to discover who owns the bridge on Main Drive, Sudbrooke Park.

2 I understand that the Parish Clerk receives £6.00 per month for a broadband connection. Is this purely for use on Council business, or an agreed part of your employment package? If neither of these is correct, please explain the background.

3 I understand that there is discussion with a developer, possibly Mr Truelove or Truelove Properties, concerning the possible application for planning permission on land adjoining the football pitch. I further understand that the football pitch is

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owned by Truelove Properties Ltd and rented to the Council. Please will you:

-
- a) Confirm that my understanding is correct;
- b) Advise me of the basic details of any agreement with the developer in connection with this potential development; and
- c) Let me know if any transaction regarding this matter have taken place either in the year to 31 March 2007 or subsequently, including the signing of any contract or decisions taken by the Council, and let me have copies of relevant minutes.

4 Please will you advise me what the Council's policy is in respect of requests for information either under s15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 or in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.'

Reply to questions (from Mr B Solly, Treasurer to the Council):-

'1 A payment was made to Burton & Co for £6.00 on the 1st February 2007. This payment was made so that a search could be done of the land registry to ascertain ownership of the land surrounding the Millennium stone. The expense was discussed at

the Council meeting and it was agreed that the Council needed to know who owned said piece of land.

2 The Parish Clerk does receive £6.00 per month towards her broadband connection. The total cost of the Broadband is actually split 3 ways with Sudbrooke Parish Council, Langworth Parish Council and Mrs. Myers herself. It states in Mrs. Myers' contract the following regarding working from home and expenses incurred:

The Council will reimburse all expenses incurred by you in the discharge of the duties of the Office of The Clerk to the Council that are approved by the Council."

"The Council will contribute to the cost of all necessary computer software or upgrades required for the Clerk to the Council to fulfill the duties required by the Council."

It was agreed upon by the Parish Council that they would contribute this amount to the broadband bill as Mrs Myers uses the e-mail system on a very regular basis on council business.



The 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group would like to say thank you to all those who have sent in Tesco vouchers over the last few weeks. I am pleased to say that we have now collected over 3100 vouchers, a large increase over last year's total. We will be placing our order for sports equipment in the New Year.

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3 The football pitch is indeed owned by Truelove Properties and the Council pay a £25 pa peppercorn rent for the use of it. No such agreements have been entered into as you infer in points 3b or 3c.

4 It is my understanding that S15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 forbids public authorities from excluding a member of the public from seeing their financial records ie accounts books etc and requires a period for public inspection to be advertised. The period for public inspection is strictly adhered to by posting a notice on the Village notice board stating that the Parish Council accounts are ready for any parishioner to view. It states my name and address as contact details. As I work from home we ask that all parishioners interested in viewing the accounts write to me with several dates when they are free to see the accounts, I then consult with at least one member of the Parish Council and we arrange a mutually acceptable time, date and place to meet. With everything in writing there can be no misunderstandings. The Council stipulate that at least one Councillor is present at any viewing of the accounts in order to protect employee rights, keep all records safe and to ensure that employees are not bullied YTHFby members of the public. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives Parishioners the right to have a copy of virtually anything held in paper form, unless it contravenes the Data Protection Act or is not in the public interest – the only information that is not available for parishioners to view are the pay slips for Mrs Myers and myself – these are private and

confidential and should remain between employer (the Council) and employee.'

78 POLICE MATTERS

PC Kerry Diamond was introduced to the meeting, currently covering the duties of PC Mark Lassmans at Nettleham Police Office. PC Diamond reported that there had been a property entered in Sudbrooke with many items being taken. A vehicle had also been broken into. PC Diamond requested that residents be extra vigilant and report any untoward incident to the police immediately.

79 ADDRESS BY MR K DUNNE, STREET FORCE WARDEN – WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

West Lindsey District Council Street Force Wardens Unit was created in September 2006, working under the management of the Environmental Protection, and Community Services Department. Their role is to provide a reassuring presence within the community by tackling environmental crime, such as Graffiti, Littering, Fly-tipping, Dog fouling, Abandoned vehicles.

The Wardens present a high visible uniformed official presence in town centres and public areas, throughout the West Lindsey District. Although, the Street Force Wardens are not police officers they work in close partnership with PCSO's and have powers under the Clean Neighbours and Environment Act 2005 to issue Fixed Penalty Notices by acting as eyes and ears of the community to tackle environmental crime. The Wardens also work in partnership

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with local communities and promote environmental initiatives including litter picks and educational visits to schools by highlighting problems of litter, fly-tipping, and responsible dog ownership.

Street Force Wardens have a zero tolerance approach to environmental crime and will issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person or businesses which fail to comply with Environmental legislation, such as, Environmental Protection Act 1990 and The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Fixed Penalty Notices provides the Council with an effective and visible way of responding to environmental crimes. The Fixed Penalty Notice offers the offenders the opportunity to discharge any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty notice within a prescribed timescale, normally 14 days. However, should the fixed penalty notice not be paid this will result in prosecution for the offence within the Magistrates' Court and, if convicted, could receive a much larger fine, imprisonment or both.

Mr Dunne was thanked for his interesting talk.

80 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor Roger Hiscox stated that he was now a member of the

Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board.

CC Hiscox had notified the Parish Council in writing that an additional £500,000 was available to spend on highway repairs and he was asked to include the footpath between Holme Drive and Manor Drive on Scothern Lane which is badly in need of re-surfacing.

The Chairman requested that CC Hiscox obtain an explanation and cost of the project of an area of footpath on A1500 Tillbridge Lane, Sturton By Stow leading to a private house by the turning to Bransby.

81 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Stuart Curtis reported on an extraordinary meeting of West Lindsey District Council to be held on 8th November to discuss the proposed closures of Post Offices and suggestions of ways of tackling the problem.

82 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2007

Amendments: In attendance, should read 'Miss R Dobbs'

Add Minute 76 as follows:- **District Councillors Report** - District Councillor Stuart Curtis confirmed that the Revised Model Code of Conduct had been adopted by West

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Lindsey District Council.

report as follows:-

He also reported that a planning appeal had been lodged for retention of a mobile home on a site in Sudbrooke Park.

Minute 72(b) Parish Plan Leaflets – Delete 'M Halliday' insert 'Imprint'.

Save for the above amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

'Open Day 12th October - Thank you to all residents who came to open day. It's fair to say we expected a larger attendance based on the questionnaire results but nevertheless a steady stream of adults and children throughout opening time suggests there is scope to start a number of new activity or interest groups. I am pleased to say the ladies running the arts and crafts exhibitions received an encouraging response.

The Parish Plan Group will consider how best to take forward residents' requirements at their next meeting.

83 REPORTS ON MATTERS

OUTSTANDING

a) Parish Plan and Action Parish Plan – Cllr M Halliday had sent a

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

The next meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council will take place on Thursday 3 January 2008 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Confirmation of dates of meetings can be made via the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Chris Myers on 823802.

Notes of meetings are held in Nettleham Library

Members

Martin Dickie, Chairman - 754342

Stuart Curtis, Vice Chairman - 751874

Roger Adams - 751373

Ian Russell - 754984

Derek Ordish - 750010

Mike Halliday - 754686

Rose Dobbs - 753060

Paul Rignall - 595736

District Councillor Stuart Curtis - 751874

County Councillor - Roger Hiscox - 01673 860047

Treasurer to the Council - Bridget Solly - 01673 857580

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The Village Hall Committee and Parish Council will be fully consulted. My thanks to Parish Plan Group members and other helpers for their input into Open Day.

Doctors surgery, prescription pick-up point and new site for Nettleham Medical Practice -

The prescription pick-up point is still under consideration.

A potential new site has been identified within the Sudbrooke boundary. This has been passed onto the Medical Practice and will be considered along with sites from other parishes.'

b) Dropped kerbs – update - Cllr Derek Ordish had met with a Highways Officer who had stated that the legalities with regard to ownership of the footpath had still to be finalised, the footpath immediately in front of the shop not being highway property.

c) Christmas Tree Event – Sunday, 2nd December 2007 - all arrangements proceeding. The Village Hall Committee had confirmed that there would be no charge for the hire of the Hall providing the cleaning costs were covered by the Parish Council. This was agreed.

84 SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE

A meeting was in the process of being arranged to discuss the lease of the sports field with the landowner.

85 PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Received from RoSPA and copied to all Councillors for perusal. It was noted that the tiled surface under the play equipment on the Village Hall site was

criticised as being worn, aged and many areas in need of repair. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a quotation from SMP Playgrounds, manufacturers of the equipment for replacement of the surfacing. The Parish Council approved the cost of 2 new swing seats for the swings on Northfield Park as recommended in the report.

It was agreed that Mr E Pitt, Play Equipment Inspector, be asked to rectify any other small items of repair required as advised in the report.

86 GRASS CUTTING – ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR ADDING TO PARISH COUNCIL CONTRACT

The County Council had requested that the Parish Council take over the cutting of an area of verge in Scothern Lane for which the Parish Council would be reimbursed under the Amenity cutting scheme.

A price had also been obtained from Serviceteam to include the area of land at the end of Beresford Drive. This would be required to be flail cut at a cost of £250 per year. This cost would be met out of the Northfield Park account

Resolved: That the above areas be included in the Parish Council's grass cutting contract.

87 CONSERVATION

a) Parish Paths Partnership – 2007/8 – It was agreed that the Parish Council still be involved with the Parish Paths Partnership.

b) Willow tree, Scothern Lane – Members had viewed the willow tree overhanging the footpath on Scothern Lane and agreed that it currently presented no problems, providing it

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was kept cut in its present state. Cllr S Curtis agreed to speak to the owner about this.

88 PURCHASE OF MEGAPHONE FOR PARISH EVENTS

The cost of the purchase of a megaphone was agreed to the sum of £60.00. Members agreed to proceed with its purchase rather than keep hiring one for the many functions during the year.

89 PLANNING

a) Permissions – 6 Shepherds Way – 120903 – single storey extension
12 Maple Drive – 120895 – sunroom to rear of property.

b) Refusal of permission – Rear of 35 Wragby Road – 121001 – Erect proposed new infill backland dwelling.

c) Appeal – Change of use to site mobile home for residential purposes for a temporary period of 2 years and the old brick store for use as a laundry room. Retention of treatment package plant, soakaway and 2 box containers. Also to erect a 10ft x 12ft sectional shed – Woodland Way, West Drive – M06/P1293

d) Hearing of Appeal – 6 Windsor Close – to be held on 12 December 2007 at The Guildhall, Gainsborough.

e) Withdrawal of application – Langdale Lodge, Station Road, Langworth – Certificate of Lawfulness.

90 SUDBROOKE NEWS

The December issue would be published at the end of November in order to publicise the Christmas Tree event.

91 FINANCE

Precept – The Parish Council would meet on 29th November 2007 to

discuss the Precept for the year 2008/9 and Parishioners comments would be considered. The Precept would also be an agenda item for the full Parish Council meeting to be held on 6th December 2007.

a) Income – Co-op Bank Interest - £57.84

HM Revenue and Customs – VAT Return - £475.83

92 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chairman read out the letters he had written to Postwatch with regard to the proposed closure of Langworth Post Office and their subsequent reply. Langworth Group Parish Council had sent their thanks to Sudbrooke Parish Council for its support in opposing the closure of Langworth Post Office.

The lock on the Village Hall notice board had been broken and Mr Pitt would be asked to repair it.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from CC Hiscox re allocation of additional highway maintenance funding - copied to all Councillors.

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 6th December 2007 – 7.30pm – Village Hall

***Copy deadline for
the
February 2008
edition is
20 January 2008***

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish Council update **Highlights from meeting held on** **6th December 2007**

Drains in Holme Drive – These were reported as not clearing quickly enough after rainfall and would be reported to the Highways Department

Treating of seats in the village – Thanks were extended to Leo Truscott, a young resident in the village, who had stained the seats in the village as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.
THANK YOU LEO.

Christmas Tree Event – Although the weather had been disappointing on 2nd

December and the event had to be held in the Village Hall it had been a success, and the tree looks splendid.

Bus Shelters – Following a request by a resident the Parish Council has asked the County Council to provide some lighting at the bus stop near to the Cherry Tree Café.

Precept 2008/9 – The Parish Council agreed a Precept of £16,500 for the next financial year.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd January 2008 – Parishioners very welcome.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee (SVHMC)

May I, through the medium of “Sudbrooke News”, mention a fairly new aspect of SVHMC’s activities?

The Village Hall is a valuable asset in the life of our community, and SVHMC is keen to maximize its use across a broad spectrum of activities, and use the resulting income to ensure the Hall’s viability in the longer term.

Bearing this in mind, I have recently joined SVHMC with a view to establishing a Support Group, effectively acting as a sub-committee, to examine a range of possibilities. My own interest is in the musical performing arts, but there will be

many more options and we are perhaps fortunate in being able to start with the proverbial “blank sheet of paper”!

Being a Support Group member need not be especially onerous. In the first instance it is ideas that are being sought, together with the commitment to translate them into action.

Should any readers of “Sudbrooke News” be interested in taking part, or seek further information, I will be pleased for them to contact me either by telephone or e-mail.

Yours sincerely

Paul Creasey

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SUDBROOKE PARISH PLAN

Unfortunately the meeting scheduled for 11th December was cancelled due to the conflicting commitments of Group members.

A fresh meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 22nd January at 7-30pm in the village hall. Topics for discussion will include:

- Prioritising the new clubs and activity groups residents have said they need and arranging funding for equipment etc.

- An update on the Wragby Road busy –time traffic lights and new site for the doctor’s surgery.
- A review of the current action plan .

The meeting is open to all residents of Sudbrooke, so do please come along if you are interested in furthering the aims of the Group.

Mike Halliday
Chairman, Parish Plan Group.
Tel. 754686

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

December Meeting

The Christmas party meeting was hosted in fine style as usual by Barry and Margaret Reeves.

Before partaking of the festivities, members agreed an outline programme for 2008 to include speakers at the March and October meetings, Spring and Autumn shows as usual plus a trip out to Normanby Hall for a guided tour of the magnificent gardens and country house. Full details of the programme will appear in the next issue of Sudbrooke News.

Once business had been concluded all 22 members adjourned to their host’s dining room to enjoy a delicious hot meal and Christmas drinks.

A general knowledge cum gardening

quiz of 20 questions produced an outcome to disprove the adage of drink fuddling the brain when Team ‘A’ (albeit a large team comprising Cyril, Sheila, Paul, Eileen, Ruth, Margaret H, Sandy, Pam and Gill) scored 19 correct answers.

Ironically a gardening question caught them out when asked what type of fruit was a ‘jargonelle’. We all know it’s a pear although I haven’t seen them on the shelves at Tesco’s!

Our grateful thanks to Barry and Margaret for a splendid evening.
Next Meeting.

Will be held on 10 March at the village hall. More information in a later issue of Sudbrooke News

Mike Halliday
(Secretary)

Parish Council meetings – 2008

3rd January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 8th May.

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SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL SVHMC

Summary of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2007.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present; we had apologies from two members.

As there were no matters arising from the minutes not already on the agenda we moved straight to the Treasurers Report.

Treasurers Report: In order that we should understand where the money goes the Treasurer has prepared a monthly Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account. This he does for every meeting. However it has taken months of hard work, letters to various banks etc. to achieve a more manageable system. Now it is the members turn to see the result, year on year comparisons and our present position. At this point we thanked our Treasurer for all the hard work he has done.

The position is satisfactory but the buildings and contents insurance is due soon. It was decided to remain with the current insurers but to adjust the value upwards as this had not been revised for some time. This would give the trustees time to obtain a current valuation on the property.

Reports from Representative Members: All Representative Members present reported on recent events and any issues were dealt with. Mostly they were looking forward to Christmas parties and events etc.

Bar Managers Report: The Bar is running well. Good reports back about the new stock.

Fund Raising: The application for the PRS license needed for New Year's Eve Ball has been submitted. Paul's letter will be rerun as the contact number

had been left off.

Correspondence: No correspondence. However a thank you to go to the children, leaders and all who had helped the Pre school Group dress the Hall so tastefully in time for the Christmas Tree Switch On.

Caretaking of the Hall: Thanks to the members who are dealing with these matters.

Bookings: Forward bookings were discussed.

Hiring Charges: These to be reviewed in the New Year.

Date of next meeting: This will be early January.

We have heard that the Guides have missed a few meetings, as we have not been contacted directly we are not aware of any problems. If any group does not have a representative we do not have the knowledge to help if we are able.

I recently heard our Village Hall described as an august building. I checked the word, and decided it probably described the building better than any of the other synonyms. I must say put that alongside current valuations I look at our V H from a different perspective, something that deserves looking after.

Any general matters or concerns to do with management of the Hall can be dealt with during the correspondence item on our agenda. You can contact us via The Chairman, any member of the Committee or me at the address below.

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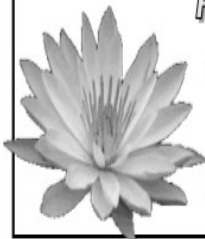
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Ladies Club



Members and guests enjoyed the Christmas Party in the Village Hall. A two course meal was served by the committee and the musical entertainment was provided by Contraband from Scothern. Our thanks go to committee members for their hard work which made this evening a success.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 17th January 2008 @ 7.30 pm: - AGM and Cheese and Wine. A cheque will be presented to our charity for 2007, the County Hospital Accident and Emergency Flying Squad.

Thursday 21st February 2008 @ 7.30 pm: Linda Tilbury - 'Katherine Swynford'.

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

We wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Further information: 01522-595736

Gill Rignall.



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Hackthorn C. of E. Primary School

Happy New Year, and a chance to pause and reflect after a whirlwind of Christmas activity. The season kicked off early this year with the School Disco which was held at the beginning of December, (this meant that Santa had time to pay us a visit before he got too busy in his workshop).

The reception pupils showed just how much they've grown in a short space of time, when they played host to a group of pre-school children for an afternoon of Christmas art activities. They did a wonderful job of making their visitors feel welcome, and they are looking forward to seeing them again in the Spring.

The highlight of the run-up to Christmas had to be the Key Stage 1 Nativity, which played to a full house. Everyone played a tremendous part in making this a success, with the older children helping out those who were taking to the stage for the first time, although even the youngest ones seemed to take the spotlight in their stride.

We had some exciting news from the 'Big School' just before Christmas as well. Every pupil taking their GCSEs this year at William Farr School who had spent all their primary school career at Hackthorn won an award for outstanding achievement, with subjects ranging from Languages to Maths to Engineering. It is really nice to see that our work ethic stands them in such good stead.

Congratulations are also in order for the 15 pupils who successfully completed the 'Bikewise'. We would particularly like to thank all the parents who volunteered to help with this course.

There's still plenty to look forward to, as work begins on extending our outdoor working area, and next month we'll be watching a Shakespeare Company production of 'Hamlet'.

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THE FANTABULOUS FAYRE



Games, music and excitement! The Christmas Fayre really was a super fun blast!

Raising just under £2000, the masses of people who came thoroughly enjoyed it. The school's entrance was filled with eager people wanting to come in and have some fun. That frosty Friday was packed with great raffle prizes and fun filled games made by Ellison Boulters' Year Six children! Games including "Bowl-a-Goal", "Hook-a-Duck" and other rhyming delights! "Water or Wine?" was a favourite of the parents, a guessing game which brought happiness and despair (and money to the school!)

It was no surprise that when the head teacher, Mrs Wheeldon, opened the front gate to the school crowds of people came swarming in. Santa sat in his grotto, talking to children about all their Christmas wishes. Hundreds of letters have been sent whilst Santa has been busy replying to them all!

Cracking Christmas Crafts were created by the imaginative children in the school, each of them unique and special!

Elizabeth T and Anna S (Year 6)

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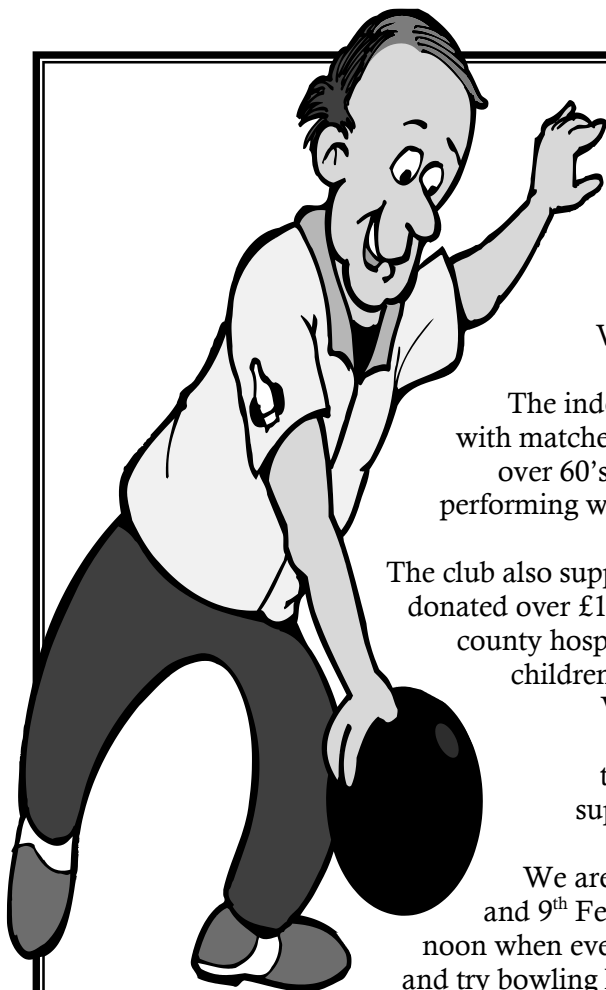
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Dunholme Indoor Bowls Club Honeyholes Lane Dunholme

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The indoor season is now in full swing with matches in Trudy Bates ladies league, over 60's and mixed county leagues, all performing well with some excellent results, home and away.

The club also support local charities last year we donated over £1100.00 to the stroke unit at the county hospital, this year our charity is the children's ward at the county hospital.

We are holding events over the Christmas period and a bowls tournament on 9th march. Any support would be most welcome.

We are also holding open days on 2nd and 9th February 2008 10.00 am to 12.00 noon when everyone is invited to come along and try bowling **Free of charge.** All bowls and basic tuition will be provided so why not come and try, you have nothing to loose, we take members from 12 years old to 100 we do have 2 members in their 90's so if they can do it, so can you. The player now ranked no 14 in the world and present world pairs champion started his indoor bowling at Dunholme so no telling how far you can go.

If the dates are not suitable ring the club on 01673 861683. To book a couple of free sessions at 4.30pm Tuesday To Friday.
Looking forward to meeting you.

Janet Wright
Secretary

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Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner served to 88 diners on Friday 7th. December appeared to be enjoyed by all. The cake stall and raffle attracted a lot of attention with cakes and other produce disappearing at a rate which probably exceeded the local speed limit!!

These events are community affairs which provide many people with an opportunity to leave home for a few hours and meet friends in a pleasant atmosphere and there is also the opportunity to try your luck with the raffle. The chance of a win was high as we had a total of 33 prizes, all of which had been donated and were very much appreciated. Thank you to all who donated prizes. We also wish to express our appreciation for the assistance we received regarding the sale of tickets, the supply of cakes, trifles and other produce and the assistance on the day to make this another success. The final result was £434 which will be credited to PDA funds.

Donation

From the number of published acknowledgements it would appear that the residents of Park House, Welton spend many hours raising funds for charitable organisations. They have done it again and we are very pleased to accept a generous donation of £70. Thank you.

2008

The PDA committee wishes you all A Very Happy and Healthy New Year and we look forward to meeting you at future events.

Roy Minnitt

Christmas shoeboxes

Sorry this note of thanks did not reach you before Christmas due to the early publication of the magazine. Thank you so much to everyone who so generously filled a shoebox with gifts and toys. I was able to send 61 shoeboxes from Sudbrooke. This was a good response for the first attempt but I'm sure we may be able to increase that number next year!

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ELLISON BOULTERS - FOOTBALL NEWS

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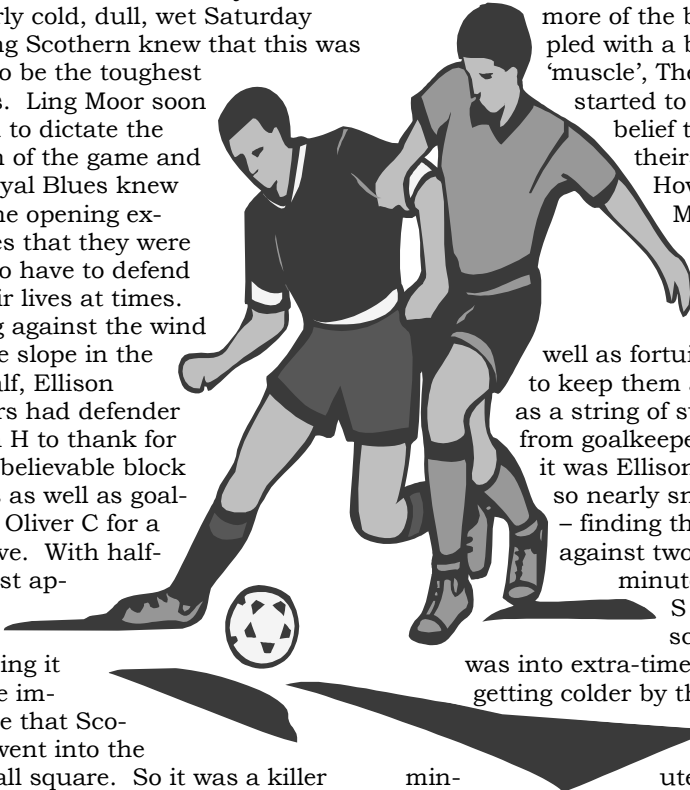
Ellison Boulters 1-1 Ling Moor (aet) Ellison Boulters win 4-1 on penalties

Before Saturday Ling Moor had played five, won five, scored twenty-five. So on a bitterly cold, dull, wet Saturday morning Scothern knew that this was going to be the toughest of tests. Ling Moor soon started to dictate the pattern of the game and The Royal Blues knew from the opening exchanges that they were going to have to defend for their lives at times. Playing against the wind and the slope in the first half, Ellison Boulters had defender Jordan H to thank for two unbelievable block tackles as well as goalkeeper Oliver C for a fine save. With half-time fast ap-

proaching it became imperative that Scothern went into the break all square. So it was a killer blow when three minutes before half-time Ling Moor got round the back of The Blue's defence and scored to give them a deserved 1-0 lead. Ellison Boulters could not have argued with this score line and would have been pleased to go into the break just one goal behind. But football is a funny old

game and when Louis K chased, hassled and fought off two defenders and the Ling Moor 'keeper he found himself with the ball at his feet, an open net and a chance to equalise - which he duly obliged. A 'goal out of nothing' - a true striker's goal - and somehow it was 1-1 at half-time. Kicking downhill with the wind in the second half, Scothern were able to play with more of the ball, and coupled with a bit more 'muscle', The Royal Blues started to play with the belief that this game theirs for the taking. However, Ling Moor's attacking threat was ever-present and it took some superb (as well as fortuitous) defending to keep them at bay as well as a string of sublime saves from goalkeeper Oliver C. But it was Ellison Boulters who so nearly snatched victory - finding themselves four against two in the last minute with William S unlucky not to score. And so it

was into extra-time - spectators getting colder by the minute! It was a very cagey ten-minute extended period with neither side wanting to give anything away. And when the final whistle went it signalled the dreaded penalty shoot-out and now it really was anyone's game. Scothern won the toss and elected to go first. Louis K, match goal scorer, stepped up and fired home, 1-0 to The Blues. Ling Moor also found



ELLISON BOULTERS - FOOTBALL Cont'd.....

the net with their first spot-kick, 1-1. Next came skipper Lewis H who led by example, driving his kick home, 2-1 to Ellison Boulters. Now it was time for a hero and Scothern found one in the form of goalkeeper Oliver C who saved superbly to maintain The Blue's lead. Thomas C then had the chance to put EB 3-1 up, which he did not waste, smashing the ball home emphatically! Now the pressure really was on Ling Moor and it showed - Oliver C saved his second successive spot kick and Scothern were nearly there. Step forward the silent assassin - Liam H. He placed the ball on the spot, ran up and slotted home - the coolest man in Scothern! Ellison Boulters had done it! Four penalties out of four - England, are you watching? The fact that this was The Royal Blues only ever

draw shows how tight this game really was. A true backs-against-the-wall, battle to the end. Ling Moor will feel bitterly disappointed because they perhaps deserved more but this is a game where only goals count and it was Scothern's ruthless success rate in front of goal that was the difference between the two sides. The quarter-finals beckon for Ellison Boulters but putting the future aside, this was a match that will never be forgotten by anyone lucky enough to have been there. My pulse rate has only just returned to normal!

Man of the Match: Oliver C

Daniel Callaghan

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Bali Ballyhoo

As I write this, the Bali conference on climate change is very much in the news. Hopefully the world will be on course to map out a 'roadmap' over the next two years to tackle this global problem. I make no apology for raising this topic again as it is one that is crucial to this county in the century to come.

Some readers may have seen a BBC programme about the retreat of glaciers, especial those coming from the Greenland ice sheet. For me, it made a compelling case. In essence, the hypothesis was advanced that increased summer melt water was lubricating the flow of the glaciers. This is a hypothesis, and not a fact, but it is a plausible one. The flow of ice has speeded up, that is a fact. This idea seeks simply to explain a mechanism that might be responsible. Whatever the cause, the increased ice flow has resulted in a thinning of the ice at its face with the sea and it is this thinning that is enabling the sea to encroach rapidly into the ice. In short, the Greenland ice sheet is melting faster than it is being replaced. It may be many centuries before all the ice is gone, but the trend is real and the eventual effect will be to raise sea levels worldwide by 7 meters.

It is again important to stress that this does not, at least for the present, form a part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predictions for this century. These predictions are based on a scientific consensus. We can be pretty confident about their conclusions – as a minimum! So a rise of seven meters is not officially predicted and would almost certainly

not occur in this century if it were to be predicted. But it is a distinct possibility in the future and one with huge implication for Eastern England. Keeping the sea out of our prime agricultural land is something that should concern the country as a whole, but it has rather more urgency for us locally.

I have said it before in these pages, but again it bears repeating, if the sea is higher, draining the rainwater out is harder. A high tide at the same time as torrential rain inland represents a real threat of flooding to many of us. What should we do individually in the face of this threat? Well, preaching environmental abstinence is dangerous for any elected person, if only because it is so easy to be shown to be hypocritical, and I claim no moral high ground. However, I am just changing my central heating boiler for a condensing model, which should go a small way towards reducing our household's carbon footprint. We shall also be making some small improvements to our insulation to attempt to reduce our consumption still further.

So I am only in a position to urge readers to make improvements to their heating efficiency as and when the opportunity provides. Our biggest domestic consumption of carbon is in heating, and it is an easy win to make for householders because their bills will go down as a result.

Meanwhile, I will do what I am able to ensure that our councils do their share of reducing our society's carbon footprint.

Till next month

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