

December and January 2013

Sudbrooke News



Switching on of
Sudbrooke's
Christmas tree



Sunday 2nd December

4.30pm at the tree

by the Millennium stone on
Scothern Lane.



Mulled wine, mince pies,
children's drinks and
biscuits. Raffle.



(Subject to weather)

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Happy Christmas

Nick

Sudbrooke News

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20 January

The Christmas Services in the Benefice are listed in the Church Diary. There are a couple of changes this year, following decisions taken by the PCC. Firstly the Carol Service will be on the 12th day of Christmas, 6th January, and will be in the morning at 10.30. The service will take the form of a "Carol Praise", similar in form to the Songs of Praise we had for Harvest + the 150th Anniversary in October.

Carol Services in December will be :-

Friday 14th December 6.30 p.m "Carol Singalong" at St. John the Baptist, Stainton by Langworth

Sunday 16th December 6.00 p.m. at St.Hugh Langworth

Secondly, the **Midnight Communion** on Christmas Eve will start earlier - at **11.15 p.m.**

Below is a Christmas Quiz – no prizes, just for fun over the festive season. Look up the answers if you don't know them – either the old-fashioned way or on the internet, and add to your knowledge :-

Christmas Quiz (Sacred and Secular)

- 1) What does the word "Christmas" mean ?
- 2) In which town was Jesus born ?
- 3) Who was Jesus' mother?
- 4) In what did Jesus' mother dress him as a baby ?
- 5) Which Gospel records the visit of the Shepherds ?
- 6) According to the Bible, how many wise men were there ?

- 7) What is Frankincense ?
- 8) For what was Myrrh used ?
- 9) According to the song "We three kings", what were the names of the men ?
- 10) What is the date of the day on which we remember the visit of the wise men ?
- 11) On which day of the week is Christmas Day 2012 ?
- 12) Who are Dancer, Dasher, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen ?
- 13) From which continent do turkeys originate ?
- 14) Who started the custom of bringing a Christmas tree indoors ?
- 15) Who wrote the "Messiah" ?
- 16) What does the name "Messiah" mean ?
- 17) What first did Sir Henry Cole send in 1843 ?
- 18) Who sat in a corner eating a Christmas Pie ?
- 19) Who thought that Christmas was "humbug" ?
- 20) Which famous male singer starred in the film "White Christmas" ?
- 21) Where are the Christmas Islands ?
- 22) In which country did St. Francis live ?
- 23) In which country is Father Christmas a woman ?
- 24) How did Boxing Day get its name ?
- 25) Which saint is remembered on 26th December ?

Have fun with these 'brain-teasers' and involve all the family, and I wish you all a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New year.

Yours, in Christ, Robert Spaight

Church Diary

DECEMBER		
Sunday 2	Advent Sunday	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 9	Advent 2	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Thursday 13	2.30 Tea Service	2 Chestnut Close
Friday 14	6.30 Carol Singalong	St.John Stainton
Sunday 16	Advent 3	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Carol Service	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 23	Advent 4	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Monday 24	Christmas Eve	
	<u>11.15 p.m.</u> Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
Tuesday 25	Christmas Day	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Family Service	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 30	Christmas 1	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	3.00 Family Service + Baptism	St.Hugh Langworth

JANUARY 2013		
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 2	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Christingle Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 20	Epiphany 3	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Sunday 27	Epiphany 4	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Wednesday 30	7.30 Barlings PCC	The Vicarage

Parish Council Minutes - October 2012

ABRIDGED NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SUDBROOKE

The full notes are printed on the web site or can be viewed in Nettleham Library

PRESENT: Councillors M Dickie, S Curtis, P Heath, Miss R Dobbs, Mrs L Etheridge, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer).

1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Waller, I Russell, P Rignall

65 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A report was made that debris was blocking the beck on Main Drive. The Clerk had previously reported this to Witham Third but would pursue.

A large pot hole was reported at the junction of Manor Drive/Elm Drive – The Clerk would report this.

Vandalism to a wall had occurred on Holme Drive. It was re-iterated that incidents must be reported to the Police at the time of the occurrence.

66 APOLOGIES

Councillor Bob Waller had sent apologies and requested absence from the meetings during the next two/three months due to personal reasons. This was agreed by members.

67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs L Etheridge declared a personal interest in item 9ii on the agenda – Play Equipment repairs/ quotations.

68 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Curtis, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lyn Etheridge that they be signed as a correct record.

69 POLICE MATTERS

Councillor Martin Dickie explained that following the Clerk's report to the Police about the damage to the climbing frame, a letter from the Chief Constable, Lincolnshire Police, regarding the incident had been sent to 'Sudbrooke Parish Council, Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke' referring to 'damage to climbing frame in Nettleham'. It had been felt that this was totally unacceptable and he as Chairman had replied to the Chief Constable regarding this.

A letter had been received from a candidate for the Police and Crime Commissioner election due to be held in November. It was felt however that correspondence could not be entered into until a candidate was elected.

70 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Sue Rawlins confirmed that an award of £475 had been made from the Councillor Big Society Fund to the Parish Council which was to be used

for the provision of a further plan/map of the village.

CC Rawlins stated that there was nothing further to report regarding the obstruction on the highway in Church Lane.

71 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Stuart Curtis stated that a representative of the Sudbrooke Woods Committee had made a request to meet members of the Parish Council with a view to it making application for the footpaths to be placed on the Definitive Map. It was noted however that the transfer of the land had still not been completed and it was felt that it would be more appropriate to await the transfer.

DC Stuart Curtis agreed to contact the agents requesting that the transfer be expedited and that a meeting with the Sudbrooke Woods Committee and Parish Council be arranged.

72 PLAY EQUIPMENT

- a) Resignation of Play Equipment Inspector** – The resignation of Mr Eric Pitt, Play ground Inspector had been received. Thanks were extended to Mr Pitt for his work during the time he had been employed by the Parish Council.

Members were advised that Cllrs Martin Dickie, Stuart Curtis and the Clerk had met with the Play Equipment Inspector for Nettleham Parish Council who had agreed to

take on the position. Members agreed this appointment with effect from 1st November 2012.

- b) Play Equipment repairs/ further vandalism/ quotas** – *Councillor Mrs Lyn Etheridge declared her personal interest and left the meeting at 8.15pm whilst this item was discussed.*

It was reported that further vandalism had occurred to the climbing frame behind the village hall resulting in considerable cost for its repair. Discussion ensued about the lack of visibility of the play equipment due to a tree shading the area/ overhanging the seat. It was agreed that removal of the tree would make the area less private for vandals and that the tree be removed. In view of its species it was accepted that it kept to a more manageable size. District Councillor Stuart Curtis agreed that an application for funds for the repair and painting of the play equipment could be made to the District Councillor Initiative Fund.

Two quotations for its repair had been received in the sums of (a) £780 and (b) £400.

Resolved that quotation (b) be accepted from Mr D Etheridge in the sum of £400.00.

Painting of the equipment would be undertaken by the Play Equipment Inspector when repairs were complete.

Councillor Mrs Lyn Etheridge returned to the meeting at 8.21pm.

- c) **RoSPA Play Inspection Report** – The annual report had been received. The new Inspector would undertake any minor works required.

73 HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) **St Edward's Drive footpath** - Following a report about the poor surface to the footpath on St Edward's Drive a reply had been received from the Highways Department stating that they have included the section of footway between Scothern Road and The Paddocks on the slurry seal programme for next year.
- b) **Litter Pick** – Suggested date from Organiser Mr Mike Halliday – 13th March 2013.

74 SUGGESTED PURCHASE OF FLOWER TUBS

Following a request in Sudbrooke News only two volunteers had come forward to maintain the tubs.

Members felt that due to insufficient volunteers that it would be inappropriate to purchase the tubs at this time but that reconsideration could be made

in the spring with the possibility that a local business could sponsor them.

75 SWITCH ON OF CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

The date for the switch on will be Sunday 2nd December, 4.30pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served near to the tree, weather permitting.

76 PLANNING

A) Permissions:-

88 Wragby Road – Ground floor extension – 128905
TPO - Garden House, West Drive – Oak remove 2 lower limbs/lift crown

B) Refusal:-

TPO – Garden House, West Drive – Oak remove two limbs resting on roof.

78 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

The Chairman asked members to check the level of grit in the bins so that they could be filled, if necessary, in time for bad weather.

The Clerk was requested to enquire whether the person contracted last year for road gritting was available to carry out the work this year (if required) and at what cost.

The Chairman had had a further request for a dog bin on Greenway. This would again be discussed with the Street Team at the District Council.

Helen Link had informed the Chairman that 4 of the 5 seats had now been completed but suggested that the siting of them be deferred until the spring of next year. This was agreed unanimously.

The First Aid Training Course for Councillors, run by local resident David Barrett of Safety First, 3 Greenway, will be

held on Sunday 7th October 2012.

79 CORRESPONDENCE

None other than previously reported.

80 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2012

Report of Parish Council meeting held on 1st November 2012

Police Matters - Graffiti had occurred on the notice board and on a dog sign in the village. This had been reported to the Police.

There had recently been the theft of a blue Raleigh pedal cycle stolen from Holme Drive and anti-social behaviour by a group of youths occurring on Beresford Drive.

Sudbrooke Woods Footpaths - Mr Richard Drabble, representing the Sudbrooke Woods Committee, had supplied the Parish Council with 16 completed Public Rights of Way User evidence forms completed by persons using Sudbrooke Park footways.

Members of the Parish Council agreed that it is required to act on parishioner's requests to serve relevant forms to establish rights of ways/footpaths in Sudbrooke Park.

Dogs on playing field to rear of village hall - A report had been made that dogs had been running loose on the playing field behind the Village Hall near to properties and that these had caused some users of the field to become frightened.

This occurrence was noted and a polite reminder is made to dog owners to not allow them to be on the playing field at any time.

Switch on of Christmas tree lights - The lights will be switched on at 4.30pm on Sunday 2nd December 2012. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served, with drinks for the children.

Planning – Following consultation with a representative from the Planning Department, West Lindsey District Council and Mr Paul Truelove, a revised planning application is awaited.

Climbing Frame – The climbing frame on the play area behind the Village Hall has been removed for repair following vandalism. When it is re-sited the play equipment will be painted.

Village Map/Frame – the second village map has now been sited on the wall by the hairdressers. Thanks must be extended to Mrs Lisa Broadbent and Bernard Bartram for assisting with its production. It is really is an asset to the village.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 13th December 2012. (Changed from 6th December)

Nettleham Skate Park – Councillor Stuart Curtis had attended a meeting of the Nettleham Skate Park Committee and reported that an agreed preferred site was Mulsanne Park, Nettleham. The costing for the project was expected to be 60 – 80k. The majority of this would be required to be funded from grants arranged by Nettleham Parish Council, but some financial input would be required from Sudbrooke which would have to be included in the Precept for the forthcoming year. Obviously public opinion is required on this matter and you are asked to take part in the following survey:-

1. Do you support a proposal for a Skateboard Park?
2. Would your children use a Skateboard Park in Nettleham?
3. Would you be able to sit on a Steering Committee?
4. Would you be prepared to support an increase in the Precept (addition on your Council tax) in order to fund such a project.

Please pass your comments/views to any member of the Parish Council or the Clerk.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Sudbrooke Woods Action Committee

At the beginning of November members of the Committee met with a number of Parish Councillors and handed them all the User Evidence Forms that had been completed giving evidence of peoples use of the numerous paths and tracks in the Woods over many years. Along with these Forms was a map indicating the most frequently used of these paths and tracks.

We were told that the Parish Council would now formally apply to Lincolnshire County Council for a Definitive Map Modification Order [DMMO] to be made to add these routes to the County Council's Definitive Map. As part of this process the owner and any occupier has to be served with formal notification of the application and given chance to comment. I do not know whether the people who blocked off all these paths in March have yet bought the land but, certainly, if they have it is only recently. Villagers should therefore be aware that it is more than likely they have been deprived of their enjoyment of these numerous pleasurable walks during the spring and summer months by non-landowners.

I can also not let pass without comment previous letters from "Name and Address Supplied" criticising people in the village and beyond who have the temerity to walk over land they do not own. Setting aside my annoyance at letters being published from people who want to hide behind the cloak of anonymity, are they seriously suggesting they will be vilified if they reveal who they are ?, from the outset all this Committee has been seeking to achieve is to put this issue in the public arena so all the evidence can be looked at and determined. If the County Council decide there is insufficient evidence they won't make an Order. If they do make an Order it can be objected to [but you will have to give your name and address then "Name and Address Supplied"] and thereafter, in all probability , a Public Inquiry will ensue when all the evidence will be tested by a planning inspector. This takes some time but a decision will be made and I trust accepted by all sides. That is the way the legal process works and we are not seeking to do anything illegal or underhand.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken the trouble to complete a User Evidence Form as well as my fellow committee members for their efforts. There is still plenty of time for others to fill in Forms if they wish to do so and I left a supply with the Parish Council reps at our meeting a few weeks ago if you want to obtain one. Alternatively, Andrew Pickwell in the County Council's Rights of Way Section will send you a form if you contact him [Telephone number Lincoln 553083].

Richard Drabble

Dear Editor

I read with interest the column from "The Old Codger" about the " Hurricane" in 1987.

I too was working on a night shift on that day in Park Lane. I had a grandstand view from a third floor window as a large bough from a London Plane Tree decapitated a street light.

After finishing my shift at 3 o'clock I walked to get my car from the car park in Carrington St. when the lights went out. The Hilton Hotel was literally screaming with the force of the wind around it.

On reaching my car another problem presented itself. How do you pass through automatic barriers when there is no electricity to operate them ? Luckily another shift worker going home happened to have a Socket Set in the boot of his car, so we unbolted the bar. Problem solved. The journey north along Park Lane was indeed a series of hairpin bends round fallen trees. My route home along the M1 was achieved only at a low speed with the car rocking, sometimes violently, with the wind gusts.

The next morning all was serene. Did last night really happen ?

The people in the path of Hurricane Sandy have my sympathies.

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15th February 2013 – (9am – 4pm)

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20th March, 27th March, 3rd April & 10th April 2013 - (7.30pm – 9.30pm)

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4th March 2013 – (9am – 5pm)

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GARDENING NEWS



Hello and welcome back to my garden. Extended family holidays and family commitments have made a backlog of work to deal with. In the front garden the herbaceous plants have had to be cut back, and those that have grown too large will be lifted and reduced in the spring. I need to see how well they survive during the winter months, before splitting them. The wall baskets which have done very well have now finished their summer flowering and have been cleared prior to planting with the winter pansies. These have been growing on in the greenhouse and are just coming into flower, but the flowers will be removed when planted out, as they need to grow in to strong plants before starting to flower again in a couple of weeks.

Earlier in the year I mentioned that the automatic irrigation system to the wall baskets had broken and needed to be replaced. The new timer is digital and was very easy to set up, and gives three minutes of watering each day through the micro-feed system. No carrying heavy cans of water for me!

In the greenhouse the bubble wrap insulation has been replaced and the non-hardy plants that spent summer in the garden have been brought inside for the winter months. I had decided earlier in the year that some of the crops grown in the polytunnel would be grafted plants supplied from a commercial nursery, and I am very pleased with the results. The tomato I grew was 'Shirley' which has produced a very good crop. In November I cut the plants down and the remaining green fruit was brought indoors to ripen by a sunny window. We have been eating our home-grown tomatoes until the end of November! The peppers showed the biggest improvement in being grown from grafted stock. I had two of the normal plants and two grafted ones. The grafted plants grew larger and produced more fruit of a bigger size, so I hope to repeat this success next year. However the cucumbers were a disappointment. I had chosen a small variety, but will change to the larger variety next year.

I have previously mentioned problems with squirrels destroying our bird feeders when trying to get at nuts. For my birthday earlier this year I was given a feeder which claimed, as many others do, to be 'squirrel proof'. It is a new very strong design, spring loaded which closes down covering the feeding tube when weight is applied. It is easily accessible to the birds as it remains open for them, but shuts right down covering the nuts when a squirrel tries to get at them. So far we have only seen one squirrel attempt this, but it did work very well. It is not that I object to squirrels being fed, but we are tired of our bird feeders being destroyed!

Well, it's farewell for this year, so I will wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and hope that our winter will not be too severe, and look forward to getting back in the garden and starting another gardening season.

Happy Christmas. GP

Sudbrooke Ladies Club



Michelle Bolton's talk on garden design was very much enjoyed by members. She spoke about planning the garden to make the most of natural features such as light and shade.

Future meetings:

Thursday 20th December: Christmas Party. Please let a committee member know if you are unable to attend so that we know numbers for catering.

Thursday 17th January 2013: AGM.

Thursday 21st February 2013: John Leak from Golding Young and Thomas Mawer auctioneers. A talk and quiz will be followed by an opportunity for each member to have one item valued. Guests are welcome and are asked to contribute £2.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 730 pm in the Bramham Lounge at the Village Hall. We have a guest speaker at most meetings. We continue our book stall and collection of stamps and small coins for charity. The money raised is donated to a local charity when it reaches £200. Please see the Parish Council website for 2013 programme.

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The Bramham Lounge is suitable for smaller groups and meetings.

Further information: Sudbrooke Parish Council website:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/>

Enquiries: Booking Secretary - Stuart Curtis: 01522 751874



In a recent addition of this journal was an invitation from our local NHS Service inviting folks to ask their local G.P to consider a referral to an Exercise Scheme funded by Lincolnshire NHS. It was open to anyone over 18 years old with a medical condition

that would benefit from regular exercise. It is great to know that such schemes are available. I hope that many of you took up this suggestion and are now benefitting from it.

For my part, at my annual check up my Doctor pointed out that like most folks these days I was a bit overweight. He suggested an ideal weight that ought to be my target. I was a bit shocked! I pointed out that the last time I managed to make that weight on the scales a bell rang and a man rushed out from the opposite corner and started to punch me. He promised that if I managed to make the weight again he would organise and referee a re-match. I might win than one. It was over 50 years ago.

We are so lucky in this village to have the wonderful availability of modern Medical Centres staffed by a great crew of Doctors, Nursing Staff and their backing crews and very well equipped modern surgeries and equipment. The close proximity of The County Hospital means that referrals there are very common and all in all we get a very good service from our local NHS.

As a matter of routine I get called up for regular checkups as I am sure most of you do and it is comforting to know that someone there is concerned for us, not only when we feel under the weather but as a matter of routine on the basis that prevention for anything is better than cure. How different from days gone by when our Doctors Surgeries were dark, damp, dim miserable places where you attended with no appointment system in place and had to wait in crowded waiting rooms full of coughing, sniffing, wheezing, scratching and sometimes rather smelly patients of all ages from tiny tots and their Mums to OAPs. With a full range of ages and sexes in between. It was usually (except in emergencies) on a first come first served basis so the wait was often long. I used to think that an appropriate sign above the door could have well been "Abandon hope all you who enter here " Our Doctors waiting room bore a striking resemblance to the one in "Doc Martin" the TV Sit Com currently being shown on TV and about as welcoming. I reckon that if there was not much wrong with you when you entered you could contract anything by the time you left. There was usually only one (or occasionally) two Doctors in attendance in most surgeries and they were hard pressed to cope. How much better it is now. Clean, clinical, well organised, and despite the oft voiced criticisms from some quarters it is so much better than it used to be. I wouldn't want to go back to the old days of crowded local surgeries.

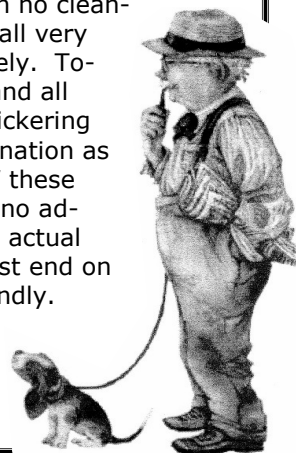
Speaking of how things used to be and how they have changed over the years. "When I were nought but a lad" I used to visit my Grandparents home and there was always a coal or log fire burning in the small living room. Even in the hottest day of summer that fire was always blazing away. Granddad, a veteran of the First World War who suffered from being gassed in the trenches would be sitting rocking in his large wooden arm-chair gazing at the coals and dozing off. That fire was the focal point in the room. It provided hot water from the back boiler behind the grate to the large container built into that black kitchen range which had to be filled up with water and drawn off from a small tap at the front when needed. No such thing as piped hot water in those days. It all had to be carried to wherever in the house it was needed. A large black kettle was always on the boil at the front or side of the fire.

There was no such thing as a TV. Only a battery wireless. (That is a radio in today's parlance. Not a computer gismo) This wireless was powered by an "Accumulator". This was a heavy oblong acid filled thing like a motor cycle battery which had to be exchanged at the local garage every week. You carried it there by hand. Remember no motor cars for poor folk in those days. I used to earn my two pence pocket money that way each week.

The most wonderful thing about that fire was the delicious tasting toast, crumpets and tea cakes you made with that long handled wire toasting fork. (I've still got that toasting fork) None of today's sliced bread either. Everything was home baked by Grandma in the oven on the side of the fire. The flavour was delicious. My mouth is watering just recalling it. I feel like chucking my modern fancy pop up toaster in the kitchen into the bin. It just can't compare with that taste.

But that is progress! Very few homes have open fires in them today. Almost all are fully central heated and labour saving with no cleaning away ash and laying the fire every morning. It was all very old fashioned and hard work but in my memory was lovely. Today the focal point of the room is invariably the TV set and all furniture faces it. Sometimes I recall those wonderful flickering embers and the flames which ran away with your imagination as you sat gazing at them. Just as good as anything on TV these days and the most wonderful thing was that there were no adverts offering 50% off everything but not telling you the actual price of anything whilst reminding you that the offer must end on Monday I'm so glad I can still remember the old days fondly.

I quite like being an " Old Codger".



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Country Walks



November walk.

Our usual good fortune with the weather deserted us for the first half of the walk but thereafter the sun appeared which lifted our spirits and dried out our clothes. There was plenty of fine leaf colour to admire in Willingham Woods and, on our return to Market Rasen, it was a special market day with lots of stalls selling local produce.

Next walk is Saturday 1st December.

A walk of approx. 6 miles from Tealby along the Viking Way to Walesby. There are a few hill climbs to work up an appetite for the regular walkers' Christmas lunch at the Sunnyside Up restaurant near Tealby.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am.

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

Everyone is welcome to join in this free and healthy activity.

If, however, you are not having Christmas lunch and need to return directly to Sudbrooke after the walk, please on this occasion bring your own transport.

Future walk is Saturday 5th January.

A chance to burn off a few of those unwanted calories.

Our venue is to be arranged and will depend on ground conditions.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am.

If you wish to walk and need a lift, please meet at the village hall.

We shall endeavour to be back in Sudbrooke by 1-30pm.

Mike Halliday Tel 754686.

Dunholme WI

The meeting in December is our Christmas party. We will still have a speaker though. John Hall will be speaking about "Christmas Now and Then". Please note the change of time to 7.00pm not 7.30pm as usual. Please bring a wrapped raffle prize and wrapped present for the Bran Tub. The WI wished everyone all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

Roll Call: "My Worst Christmas Present"

Hostess's: Jean Dimpleby and Julie Green

Janice Ritchie 01673861172

Bingo

There will only be one Bingo session in December on Tuesday 14th. This will be the very last session at the Dunholme Old School as with dwindling numbers it has made it impossible to continue. Eyes down is at 1.45pm. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us over the years. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Janice Ritchie 01673861172

Welton Family Health Centre

In response to patient feedback, many will be delighted to hear that we are changing our telephone number back to a local number with effect from 6th December and we trust the transition will be smooth but please understand if there are any unavoidable hitches during the process. Callers will still be in a queuing system but the queue will be much shorter and once full, the engaged tone will be heard. Certain options will also still be available and we are also aiming to introduce on line booking soon once the system is fully functional.

On and after midday on 6th December the number to dial is 01673 862232 at all times.

We, together with all other practices in our area, are actively looking at the number of attendances by our patients at A&E and under pressure to reduce the number of attendees who could be treated in the surgery. If you are unsure please contact us for advice during surgery hours before attending A&E department. Some conditions obviously need to be treated in A&E but many do not and we are trying to ensure that we prevent as many unnecessary visits there as possible in order to maximise scarce NHS resources.

DNA (did not attend) rates are creeping up again – in November 43 doctor and 89 nurse appointments were booked but not attended, a total of twenty nine hours wasted. As always, please let us know if you are unable to keep you appointment so that others can use our services.

Christmas is fast approaching so please make sure that repeat medication is ordered in a timely manner allowing two working days for the dispensary staff to process the requests and further time if collecting from pharmacies. We will be operating an 'open access' system on the mornings of Monday 24th December and 31st December as usual for anyone who needs to see a doctor before the Bank Holidays.

May we wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sallie Stead

Nettleham and District Conservatives are holding a coffee morning in Nettleham old School on the 1st December between 1000 and 1200. Entry is £2.00 to include Coffee/ Tea and a Mince Pie or a glass of Mulled Wine. There will be a number of stalls Phoenix Cards, Fairtrade and craft stalls, plus homemade cakes etc.

Peter Heath

Welton & District Patients And Doctors Association

Many of you will have heard that, after many years at Welton Health Centre, Dr Barton will be retiring in March 2013. The PDA will be holding a farewell get together to send him on his way and this will be on the evening of Tuesday 19th March 2013. Please make a note in your diary and further details will follow next year.

I have succeeded in finding Mr and Mrs Tilley who bought raffle tickets for the draw at the Autumn Fayre and their prize has now been delivered to them. I have however had no response to my message about the photograph and hair band which were found in the Village Hall after the Fayre. I am sure that the photograph in particular must hold memories for whoever has carried it with them since 1943. In case you missed last month's news letter this is a small photograph which says on the back 'Johnny Davis and me Jan 1943 Teheran' If you recognise these details or think you might know who it belongs to, please let me know.

The PDA Christmas Lunch is being held on Friday 7th December in Welton Village Hall. All tickets have now been sold and we look forward to seeing all those who bought a ticket at the lunch. The doors will open at 11.45am and dinner will be served at 12.15pm. The bar will be open as usual for you to purchase your drinks. There will be the usual cake stall, raffle and book sale.

Finally, although it is only November as I write this, I speak on behalf of the PDA Committee in wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Janet Goddard

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Sudbrooke Gardening Club



Next meeting 10th December.

Our last meeting of the year will be hosted by Barry and Margaret Reeves at Tall Trees, 25, Wragby Road from 7-30pm.

Before indulging in the usual Christmas festivities, members will be asked to agree a programme of events for 2013.

Details of the agreed programme will be published in the February issue of Sudbrooke News.

May I wish all members and supporters of the gardening club a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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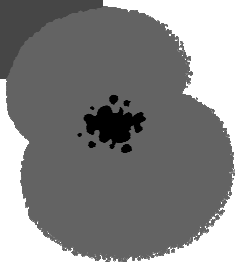
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Poppy News. On the 23rd October we held a Poppy Evening in Welton Village Hall, for all of our collectors. 41 collectors were presented with awards for their length of service to the Poppy Appeal from 5 to 35 years. The awards were presented by our President, Gp Capt. Phil Rodgers. After the Presentation there was a buffet prepared by Anne Loom, and the evening concluded with a raffle. Prizes were donated by: The Welton Sports and Social Club, The Black Bull, The Village Hall and various branch members. The raffle covered the cost of the evening with a little left over, which was donated to the Poppy Appeal. Our thanks go to all who helped and donated.

Remembrance. Our Service of Remembrance at Welton War Memorial and in St Marys Church afterwards on Sunday the 11th November was very well attended. Our thanks go to Father Richard Crossland and his team for leading and organising the service.

Branch Meetings. Our open meetings are held in Welton Sports and Social Club monthly on the third Tuesday at 7.45pm. Our next is on 18 December. Anyone who is interested in joining or just finding out about The Legion is welcome.

Tony Davis

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IT Speak

Hi Folks,
This month:
**Building
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What items do you need to add to your build wish-list? Here's a start for you — processor (and thermal paste), system board, RAM, graphics card, power supply, optical drive, storage drives, case, fans, processor cooler, keyboard, mouse and monitor. Don't forget to budget for operating system and anti-virus software. There's multiple options for each of these items and you really do need to research each one to ensure you get the right item you want and within your budget.

So, you've decided upon the most important component in your list. From a personal perspective, I consider the processor, as the brains of the computer, to be the most important part and this is always first on my list. But which one, there are many to choose from. Do you go with Intel or AMD; Pentium, Athlon, Phenom, Core2Duo, i3, i5, i7, Quad Core, Xeon or Opteron? What speed, what L2 cache? The list goes on. This is where the Internet comes into its own. You can research all the various options and decide upon which one meets your needs and budget. Also, there are radical price differences for the same item everywhere you look so once you decide upon each item for your system, compare suppliers to get the very best price.

Once you have decided upon the processor, the next component to choose is the system board. This is the heart of the PC and comes in many various sizes (form factors) and layouts. The processor has a specific pin layout referred to as a 'socket' number and the motherboard must have the same 'socket' fitting to accept the processor. This narrows down choice but there are still plenty of options available. System boards come with different I/O (Input/Output) connectors, slots and RAM configurations, and some have basic graphics integrated so no need for a separate graphics card; others vary the number and type of USB and LAN connections, as well as other features.

Then there's the RAM which comes in various types and speeds. As a general rule, 4Gb RAM should be the minimum for a system but that really depends upon the technology in use. For instance, a Windows XP Starter Edition 32-bit system is limited to 512Mb RAM but a Windows XP 64-bit system can use up to 128Gb RAM. Similarly, a Windows 7 Starter 32-bit system is limited to 2Gb RAM whereas a Windows 7 Ultimate 64-bit system can use up to 192Gb. Higher RAM amounts are standard in a server in a commercial environment.

To be continued next month.

The Computer Guy

Dunholme Camera Club

Well here we are the last month of the year again and so it's time to say our thank you to all of the members who have assisted in the running of the Camera Club during the year, we have had an excellent year with more interesting activities throughout so thank you all.

During December we have 2 meetings the first is the Chairman's Challenge This year I set a challenge to all of the members to take some pictures with an unusual "slant" the competition entitled "Shoot from the hip" asked members to take pictures in a way not usually approached by a photographer and that is to be spontaneous and just press the shutter with the camera in their hand or hung around their neck. Well on the 6th December we will be able to see the results and I can image already that there will be some "Different" images than usual.

Our second meeting on the 13th December will be our Christmas social at The Old School Dunholme a good night to have a chat and a bite to eat.

If anyone is interested in joining us in 2013 please get in touch for further details, wishing everyone a great Christmas and a Happy New Year see you all on the other side.

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