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DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020

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THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

DECEMBER 2019/JANUARY 2020

WELL, here we are coming towards the end of the year, with another General Election to send us into the third decade of the 21st century. Yes, third decade. Doesn't seem all that long ago when we preparing to welcome in the new millennium.

So, what a wet few weeks it has been, with river levels high, the roads flooded, fields full of water. Maybe the heavens are getting rid of all their moisture in readiness for a blazing hot spring/summer. We can but dream.

I am sad to report the very last Ladies Club meeting in this edition - it hasn't been a great couple of years for clubs in the village, with the Whist and Mahjong versions also going to the wall. At least the Gardening and Carving Clubs are still going strong.

Anyway, it just leaves me with the task of wishing all readers (and potential contributors!) a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Melekalikimaka. **Dom**

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SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB

WITH GILL RIGNALL - 01522 595736

■ FINAL FLING

► Since its formation 25 years ago, the Ladies' Club has raised a considerable amount for charity.

This was raised by various events: coffee mornings, a book stall, an Autumn Fair and a fashion show to name a few. We also collected small coins for our charity. Members chose the charity each year. Charities which benefited include LIVES, Candles and the local branch of Childline.

Over £2,000 was donated to LIVES and, when the Sudbrooke LIVES group was formed some years ago, this paid for equipment.

Outings included a visit to Harrogate flower show. The Christmas dinner took place in local restaurants and coaches were provided. More recently, the Christmas meal with entertainment was held in the village hall and we went out for our summer dinner instead. This then evolved into an afternoon tea or lunch. We have had a pre Christmas lunch at the Elite restaurant for some years. We have enjoyed many varied speakers. Judy Theobald and

Jennie Storr entertained us on several occasions. Other highlights were the Police dog section, Hearing and Guide Dogs. Members showcased their hobbies on another occasion. Craft and flower demonstrations were also popular.

Lasting friendships have been made and the club has been a lifeline for newcomers to the village.

Diminishing numbers have made it uneconomic to continue the club in its present form. Our November meeting was the last meeting in the hall. We had our pre-Christmas party with a quiz, chat and refreshments.

We went to the Elite restaurant on December 5 for lunch and gift exchange.

Members wanted to continue to meet informally so will meet for lunch on the first Thursday of each month. The first lunch will be on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 12.30pm at the Cherry Tree Cafe.

Many thanks to all members and committee members for their enthusiasm in keeping the club going for so long.

A BIG THANK YOU

As we draw towards the end of 2019, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our distributors who have been working tirelessly to deliver **Sudbrooke News** this year. Without your help with this very important job, our excellent monthly magazine could not get delivered to something like 775 homes in the village. A very merry Christmas to you all, a prosperous New Year and I hope I will be able to rely on your continued great service to the Sudbrooke community during 2020.



Andy Cottam, Distribution Manager, **Sudbrooke News**



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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 2019

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 3 October in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors Bob Waller (Chairman), Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

■ 92 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

- ▶ Report of brambles overgrowing footway on Church Lane, Sudbrooke. This had previously been reported to LCC Highways. Clerk to report on Fix My Street and Parish Council to monitor.
- ▶ Thanks were extended to the Lincoln Rapid Relief Team who had done a sterling job of cutting back a length of verge on Wragby Road - doubling the width of the footway in some places.

■ 93 APOLOGIES

- ▶ Councillor Peter Heath - That reason given be accepted, unanimously Resolved.

■ 94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- ▶ None declared.

■ 95 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINUTES

- ▶ That the notes were a true record and be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

■ 95 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ Police Alerts received and circulated.

■ 96 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ None received

■ 97 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DC Bob Waller reported as follows:

- ▶ That construction of the roundabout on the A46 would be delayed for several months due

to a delay in acquisition of land.

- ▶ A By-election to be held for Torksey Ward.
- ▶ One of the team of three senior officers at WLDC had retired and Councillors were reviewing whether it was more favourable to continue with a team of three in lieu of a Chief Executive.

■ 98 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ a) Parking problems, Beresford Drive: The parking on the verge was continuing and PCSO Jackie Parker to update the Council.
- ▶ b) Upgrading of CCTV at Village Hall: A site meeting had been held attended by Councillor Stuart Hewson, a member of the Village Hall Committee and representative from installer/servicer of the current equipment. The fitting of additional cameras and updating of HD CCTV recorder was agreed. The Village Hall Committee to pay for the internal cameras, the Parish Council paying for external. Shared cost of recorder, labour and wiring. Councillor Hewson would formulate a CCTV Policy to be agreed by both the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee.
- ▶ c) Christmas tree event - Dec 1, 2019: The tree had been ordered, lights serviced, mince pies ordered, heaters available for mulled wine. Councillors Andy Cottam and Mrs Barbara Bingham would investigate music/choir. Clerk to apply for licence. That the Risk Assessment from last year be used for this year's event unanimously Resolved. The Village Hall Fundraising Committee had stated they would provide entertainment etc. at the Village Hall which was welcomed by the PC.

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■ 98 MATTERS OUTSTANDING continued...

- ▶ d) Work to be carried out by Rivers Trusts: Nothing further to report.
- ▶ e) Planters outside Village Hall and proposed entrances to village: Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham had set up the planters at the doors of the Village Hall; Preschool were keeping them watered. That application for permission for siting of planters on Church Lane (by Sudbrooke Sign), Wragby Road/Scothern Lane junction, outside shop/hairdressers and on verge by the seat outside the Hall be applied for unanimously Resolved. It was hoped that sponsorship from local businesses could be sought to fund the planters.
- ▶ f) Overhanging hedge - Wragby Road: LCC Highways Officer had cut back some of the offending branches enabling the path to be walked but assurances had been given that severe cutting back would take place within four weeks.

■ 99 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FOR PROVISION OF BOLLARDS NEAR TO THE FIRE EXIT AT REAR OF KITCHEN

- ▶ This was discussed at length and felt that it was not practical to site bollards in this area. However, it was suggested that a hatched yellow marking be incorporated in the area to indicate that it be kept clear. The Village Hall Committee be advised of this and that the full cost of this project should need to be met by the Committee unanimously Resolved.

■ 100 PROW 160 AND 817 CLOSURE AMENDMENT TO APRIL 6, 2020

- ▶ Concern was expressed that a further notice of closure of these public rights of way had been received and that with few properties on

the development being sold, closures could continue for many years and that permanent closure must not be allowed. That clarification be sought from LCC on what criteria is required for extended closure of the PROW's unanimously Resolved..

■ 101 PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- ▶ a) Regular inspections - to consider appointment of Play Equipment Inspector and frequency of inspections: It was noted that Mr R Gadsby was not now able to carry out the inspections. Ed Morton of EKM Ltd, was available to carry out monthly inspections of each play area in Sudbrooke at a cost of £20 per site. That EKM Ltd be instructed to carry out the inspections as above unanimously Resolved.
- ▶ b) To consider the annual RoSPA Play Equipment Inspection Reports and work required: The reports had been received with advice of minimal work required. That the reports be forwarded to EKM Ltd, being the only local Play Equipment installer and repairer, for a quotation of the works unanimously Resolved.

■ 102 SUDBROOKE FOOTPATH 159 - DIVERSION OF ROUTE

- ▶ Concerns had been raised that over the last couple of months an electric fence had been sited up to the field boundary of this footpath which now housed cattle. Large stiles had also been erected and footpath marker posts been removed. LCC Footpaths Officer had stated that the footpath was to be diverted through the woods, this currently not being walkable, marked or safe for users. That a meeting with the Senior Footpaths Officer be requested in order to clarify this matter unanimously Resolved.

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■ 103 CONSIDERATION FOR TRIMMING BACK LOWER BRANCHES OF TREES ON FOOTPATH OF JUBILEE GARDEN

► That a quotation be obtained for this work and Councillor Ian Russell liaise with the contractor unanimously Resolved.

■ 104 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT LALC CONFERENCE AND AGM – 15 OCTOBER 2019

► No Councillor available to attend.

■ 105 PLANNING MATTERS

► a) Neighbourhood Plan: The Examiners' draft report had been received for comment, a reply which was required by October 4. That Councillors discuss this immediately following the meeting to formulate a reply for Councillor Bob Waller to forward to the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at WLDC unanimously Resolved.

► b) Park Development: Nothing further to report.

► c) Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review: Response to question raised by Sudbrooke PC at Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee - Councillor Stuart Hewson had attended the meeting on September 23, 2019 at Sleaford to question why Sudbrooke had been raised from a 'Medium village' to a 'Large village'. It was stated that the question was not fully answered at the meeting, but that a draft Local Plan would be produced in November and if there was no change to the village status the Parish Council would then challenge the decision again. Cllr Waller would contact WLDC to ensure that the PC is kept fully updated on any further developments and copied into further communications

► d) TPO Works - 041264 & 041265: Fell one ash tree badly damaged by strong winds and

two dead yew trees within W5 of TPO Order Sudbrooke 1950 - Scout Camp, West Drive. No objections by Parish Council, but it is suggested that replacement trees are planted in more open areas within the grounds perhaps towards the lake field boundary.

► e) TPO Works - 041245 - Fell one oak tree within W1 of TPO 1950 - The Pheasantries, 4 West Drive: Comments - Sudbrooke PC have viewed the tree and object to the felling of it prior to an arborist's report being produced.

► f) Planning Training - Reepham: Cllrs Cottam and Hewson reported on the planning training organised by Reepham PC and stated that it had been very informative and useful.

■ 106 SUDBROOKE NEWS - REQUEST BY EDITOR FOR REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR ITEMS FROM OUTSIDE VILLAGES FOR PRINTING IN SUDBROOKE NEWS

► Members discussed this item fully and unanimously Resolved that items from outside the village could be included at the editor's discretion with no charge in order to produce a 24 or 28 page monthly magazine. The Vice Chairman would discuss with the editor that it may be helpful to him to bring forward the deadline date each month for copy.

■ 107 FINANCE

► Accounts for payment:

Arboret - Tree report
net £80.00, VAT £16.00, Gross £96.00
Mrs C Myers - expenses September £61.09
Cllr S Hewson - mileage to Sleaford £22.50
Glendale Countryside - September cut
net £515.56, VAT £103.11, Gross £618.67
e.on - Standing Order £18.00 per month -
electricity for stone - Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan £76.00
Salaries £819.46
That the above payments be made, Resolved.

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■ 108 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:-

► The Carving Club had treated all posts and the sign with woodworm and wet rot treatment. Unfortunately Mrs Evans was unable to carve the gate posts for the Stuart Curtis Sports Field.

► Mr Lee Coulson would be undertaking a sole Litter Pick of the village during week commencing October 21. Thanks were extended to Mr Coulson for this.

► A suggested date for the Spring Litter Pick was March 21, 2020. All agreed

■ 109 CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

Chairman reported as follows:-

► That Scothern had attained second place in the Best Kept Village Competition.

► Sudbrooke's comments were awaited.

► Agenda items for next meeting - Future of Tennis Courts, Estimate for the Precept 20/21.

► Consideration of either regular maintenance or removal of the hedge fronting the village hall.

■ 110 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING AND CIRCULATED

► *Circulated to residents email list

*Sep 11: Welton Family Health Centre News ep

Sep 16: WYPF - Annual Pension Fund report

Sep 16: LALC Weekly News

Sep 17: Email from LALC - Making Tax Digital

Sep 18: Community Lincs bulletin

Sep 18: LCC - Minerals and Waste - Statement of Community Involvement 2019 - Notification of Adoption

Sep 19: Invitation to Rural Housing Conference

Sep 23: Notification from Village Hall Committee of security and recycling and Hall.

Sep 26: Invitation to seminar on stopping 'Loan sharks'

*Sep 27: Notification from Transport Group, LCC of new bus timetables

Sep 30: Scothern Clarion

Sep 30: LALC Weekly News

■ 111 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► Thursday 7 November, Village Hall.

ACTIVE SENIORS PROGRAMME

The final sessions for 2019 are as follows:

■ Friday 6 December 2019

CHRISTMAS BREAK

■ Friday 10 Jan 2020 and then each Friday.

The times and venues are as always.

10am-10.45 Sudbrooke

Usually Pickle Ball, a slow form of tennis in the hall using soft sponge balls.

11am-11.45 Scothern

These games are always seated and indoors and can be, boccia (a form of bowls with soft

balls), indoor curling, target bowls or balloon badminton. Everyone has a lot of fun for the 45 minutes of the session. There are plenty of rest breaks too!

Come along and have a laugh. You do not have to attend both sessions if you don't wish to. It's very low impact and not serious, plus you get to have a chat with other friends at the same time. Just wear some comfortable trainers or plimies.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Julian Gunnell
07771 790665

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOV 7, 2019

► **Upgrading - Village Hall:** The CCTV at the Village Hall will be upgraded, adding more cameras both inside and out. The cost will be shared between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee.

► **Work to the beck:** Planting of trees by volunteers of the Rivers Trust will be carried out during November around the beck area in the Stuart Curtis Sports Field.

► **Public Right of Way 160 and 817:** The applicant had stated that both sections were still closed, but they were intending to open 817 and the section of 160 from the junction with the A158 for pedestrians by the end of October (weather permitting).

► **Footpath 159:** The Parish Council had received numerous complaints regarding this footpath as the electric fence had now been removed and cattle placed in the field creating a danger to pedestrians. Stiles had been built which also created problems for those with reduced mobility.

Since the PC meeting, the landowner has stated that as a gesture of goodwill to the village the footpath would be returned to how it was, there will be a kissing gate at either end and no stiles, the electric fence

will be moved back from the field edge and there will be no cattle in the field until next May.

► **Dates of Parish Council meetings for 2020:** Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 14 (Annual Parish Council meeting), Jun 4, Jul 2, Sep 3, Oct 1, Nov 5 & Dec 3. The Annual Parish Meeting will be Thursday 9 April. Residents are reminded that they are very welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, there being an item at the commencement of the meeting when Parishioners can speak/comment.

► **Hedge cutting Sudbrooke to Scothern School:** Sudbrooke and Scothern Parish Councils are sharing the cost of cutting back the hedge between both villages.

► **Anglican Church Services:** The Clerk reported that she had been asked to publicise the local Anglican Church Services. These would be on the parish website, notice boards and circulated on the residents email circulation. The list also contains contact details for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

► **Date of next meeting - Thursday 5 December 2019 - 7.30pm - Village Hall.**

THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY EVERY MONTH

THE VILLAGE HALL BAR OPENS AT 7.30pm, WITH THE QUIZ STARTING AT 8.15pm

FULL LIST OF DATES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT EDITION

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP

JUDGES COMMENTS ABOUT SUDBROOKE

Section Max points	Criteria	Points given	Comments
A 25 points	Overall appearance and condition Absence of litter, unauthorised / unsightly refuse, absence of graffiti / vandalism, dumps on verges, general condition of roads and paths.	18	Overall appearance in the village itself is good, but let down badly by the state of the village hall and its surroundings.
B 10 points	Green Spaces 1 Maintenance of natural areas for wildlife (such as bird boxes / feeders, bat boxes) and wildflowers.	9	The Jubilee Garden is an attractive area which enhances the village.
C 10 points	Green Spaces 2 The general appearance of public greens, trees, ponds, streams, dykes, parks, hedges, gardens, and allotments.	7	Good, many mature trees but dykes needed clearing.
D 10 points	Public Domain/Street Scene Condition of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, children's play areas.	5	Footpaths clear in the main but play area at the Hall disappointing – gates left open, litter scattered – no excuse since bins available. Hard surface court poorly maintained.
E 15 points	Public Premises 1 Condition of town halls, community centres, public halls, sport facilities, playing fields, schools and playgrounds, market places.	10	See above – broken exterior light, rubbish round base of walls not cleared.
F 15 points	Public Premises 2 Condition of shelters, public seats, notice boards, bus stops and signs, telephone boxes and car parks. Cleanliness of public toilets, road signs.	14	In good condition overall.
G 15 points	Private Premises Collective appearance of private gardens, hedges, fences and walls.	14	Most private gardens were very attractive- particularly where we think members of the Gardening Club might live. We expected more hanging baskets because of the competition but those in evidence were very good.
H 15 points	Religious Premises Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and their notice boards.	13	Generally in good condition, but there were weeds between some graves. Church yard notice board well cared for.
I 20 points	Business Premises Collective appearance of business property including inns, farms and farmyards, workshops, post office, shops and caravan sites.	19	Good .
J 15 points	Overall community effort Evidence of community spirit and activity and initiative in the care of the parish and its environment.	13	Impressed by the magazine and efforts to involve the community. The magazine illustrates the activities in the village. This shows in floral displays and wood carving. Pleased that the village can now support a shop and post office. Just a pity about the village hall.
	Total	122	
	Additional comments or relevant advice		Impressed by the care taken in the application form. Notice board at entrance to the Hall interesting – perhaps more could be made of the village's history

SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY - 01522 754686

■ NOVEMBER WALK

► How lucky we were to have a bright sunny day for our walk starting from the Post Office in Nocton village.

We had prepared for very wet conditions, but by keeping to quiet roads and good solid bridleways we had a remarkably 'dry' walk.

Most of our six-mile walk was through or around Nocton wood which has a delightful mix of mostly deciduous trees.

There is an abundance of old oak trees with their yellowing leaves looking magnificent in the sunshine.

The dykes and ditches were of course in full flow and many of the fields had standing water.

We made our way up Car Dyke towards Wasps Nest (a few buildings) and were surprised to see how much water was held in Nocton Delph (right). It looked like a vast lake as far as the eye could see. Reassuring therefore, to see workers from the river authority checking on the water levels and sluice gates.



■ DECEMBER WALK

► A local walk of approximately six miles that will start and end at our village hall so cars are not required.

Depending on ground conditions we shall do Reephams, Barlings and Langworth or Scothern, Stainton by Langworth and Langworth.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at

9.30am and are advised to wear a waterproof coat, wear suitable footwear and bring a drink and a snack.

We walk on the first Saturday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us.

■ GENERAL INFORMATION

► Some useful information about the group:

* We run the group informally. There are no subscriptions to join nor formal rules to follow.

* Individuals arrange their own insurance cover if they think it is necessary.

* We walk on the first Saturday of every month.

* We meet at Sudbrooke village hall at 9.30am and usually aim to return before 2pm.

* The area we usually walk in is mid-Lincolnshire from the Wolds across to the Trent valley.

* We walk for approximately three hours and take a light refreshment break mid-way through the walk.

* On average we walk approximately seven miles.

* Walkers use their own cars to travel to the starting point. There are occasions when the walk will start and finish at the village hall avoiding the use of cars.

* We publicise our walks in **Sudbrooke News** and the Parish website. We also use email to contact walkers directly.

For further information please contact Mike Halliday on 01522 754686.

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



LATEST NEWS UPDATE

► I hope you are all well and looking forward to the festive season, where does the time go? At the end of October, we had a by-election at Torksey.

This happened as the sitting councillor resigned due to business interests. The seat was held by the Conservatives, albeit with a reduced majority, this was due in part by the strong Brexit Party vote. The result means that the political balance at the Guildhall remains the same.

► Sudbrooke's neighbourhood plan has passed the examination stage and is now waiting for the referendum the date set for the vote is Thursday 13 February.

It has had to be put back due to the General Election. Voting cards will be issued by WLDC in due course. The referendum has to achieve a majority for the Neighbourhood Plan to be formally adopted by WLDC.

I hope as many residents as possible vote - it is the future of your village. A lot of hard work by the Parish Council and the NP Steering Group has gone into getting the plan to this

stage. The final version of the plan will soon be available on the PC and WLDC web site. I hope residents will read it and vote for its adoption.

► The West Lindsey Community Awards for 2020 is now underway, with nominations accepted until March 6.

As an individual you can nominate someone for an award. If you know a person or an organisation that does something special for the community, goes an extra mile to help others in an unpaid capacity you can nominate them.

The seven categories are

- Young Citizen of the Year
- Good Neighbour
- Contribution to Sport
- Contribution to Wellbeing
- Contribution to the Environment
- Contribution to Arts and Culture
- Contribution to the Community.

If you have any questions you can contact me or go on line to www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/community-awards

In closing I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year

READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ DOG FOULING ISSUES

Dear Editor,

As usual at this time of the year there is an increase in the amount of dog fouling that is not being picked up by the dog owners around the village.

As well as being a health hazard people, especially children, will collect the fouling on footwear etc. It is also unsightly.

The dog fouling gives the responsible dog owners in Sudbrooke a bad reputation.

I appeal to all dog owners to collect the produce of their dog's rear-end and place it in one of the many bins that are provided around the village.

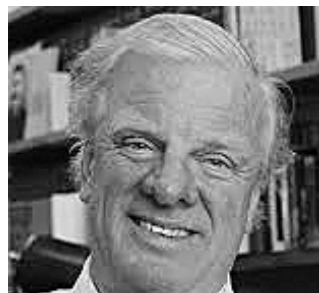
You will find that a torch will assist in this during the hours of darkness.

If you really can't be bothered to collect your dogs fouling then please keep your dog in your own garden.

D Hodds

GENERAL ELECTION 2019 SPECIAL

The public go to the polls on Thursday 12 December



SIR EDWARD LEIGH
CONSERVATIVE
 Occupation: MP (Barrister)
 Lives: Stainton Le Vale



PERRY SMITH
LABOUR
 Occupation: Retired
 Lives: Gainsborough



LESLEY ROLLINGS
LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
 Occupation: Regional co-ordinator
 Lives: Pilham, nr Gainsborough



MARY CAVILL
INDEPENDENT
 Occupation: Retired
 Lives: Hemswell Cliff



2017 GENERAL ELECTION FACTS AND FIGURES

SEATS WON

Party	Leader%	Seats	+/-
Conservative	Theresa May	42.4	318	-13
Labour	Jeremy Corbyn	40.0	262	+30
SNP	Nicola Sturgeon	3.0	35	-21
Lib Dem	Tim Farron	7.4	12	+4
DUP	Arlene Foster	0.9	10	+2
Sinn Fein	Gerry Adams	0.7	7	+3
Plaid Cymru	Leanne Wood	0.5	4	+1
Green	Natalie Bennett	1.6	1	0

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

1885	Joseph Bennett	LIB
1886	Henry Eyre	CON
1892	Joseph Bennett	LIB
1895	E Muschamp Bainbridge	LIB
1900	S Fitzroy Ormsby-Gore	CON
1906	Leslie Renton	LIB
1907	Leslie Renton	LIB
1910	George Jackson Bentham	LIB
1918	John Molson	UNI
1923	Richard Winfrey	LIB
1924	Harry Crookshank	CON
1956	Marcus Kimball	CON
1983	Sir Edward Leigh	CON

2019 PARTY CANDIDATES BREAKDOWN

PARTY	NO. OF CANDIDATES	PARTY	NO. OF CANDIDATES	PARTY	NO. OF CANDIDATES	PARTY	NO. OF CANDIDATES
Conservative and Unionist Party	638	Social Democratic Party	20	Workers Revolutionary Party	4	People Before Profit Alliance	2
Labour Party	631	Liberal Party	19	Green Party in Northern Ireland	3	Christian Party	2
Liberal Democrats	629	Alliance Party of NI	18	Women's Equality Party	3	Socialist Party of Great Britain	2
Green Party of Eng and Wales	472	Social Democratic & Labour Party	14	The Independent Group for Change	3	Veterans and People's Party	2
Brexit Party	275	Democratic Unionist Party	17	Gwlad Gwlad	3	Peace Party	2
Independent	187	Ulster Unionist Party	16	Justice & Anti-Corruption Party	3	Yeshua	2
Scottish National Party	59	Sinn Féin	15	Young People's Party	3	Mebyon Kernow	1
UKIP	44	Aontú	7	Alliance for Green Socialism	3	Putting Cumbria First	1
Plaid Cymru	36	Animal Welfare Party	6	Socialist Equality Party	2	Scottish Libertarian Party	1
Yorkshire Party	28	Libertarian Party	5	Scottish Family Party	2	Speaker	1
Christian Peoples Alliance	27	Advance Together	5	Scottish Family Party	2		
Monster Raving Loony Party	24	Renew Party	4	British National Party	2		
Scottish Green Party	22	English Democrats	4	North East Party	2		

SEATS AT DISSOLUTION

Conservatives	298	Liberal Democrats	21	Change UK	5
Labour	244	DUP	10	Plaid Cymru	4
SNP	35	Sinn Fein	7	Green Party	1

BOUNDARIES

1885-1918: The Municipal Borough of Lincoln, the Sessional Divisions of Epworth, Gainsborough, and Lincoln, and the parish of Bracebridge.

1918-1950: The Urban Districts of Crowle and Gainsborough, and the Rural Districts of Gainsborough, Isle of Axholme, and Welton.

1950-1983: The Urban Districts of Gainsborough and Market Rasen, and the Rural Districts of Caistor, Gainsborough, Isle of Axholme, and Welton.

1997-2010: The District of West Lindsey, and the District of East Lindsey wards of Binbrook and Wragby.

2010-present: The District of West Lindsey, and the District of East Lindsey ward of Wragby.

GAINSBOROUGH CONSTITUENCY: PAST ELECTIONS

2017	2015	2010	2005	2001					
CON: Edward Leigh LAB: Catherine Tite LIB: Lesley Rollings GRE: Victor Pearson Majority Turnout	31,790 14,767 3,630 1,238 17,023 51,757 (67.7%)	CON: Edward Leigh LAB: David Prescott UKIP: John Saxon LIB: Lesley Rollings GRE: Geoff Barnes LI: Geoff Barnes Majority Turnout	25,949 10,500 7,727 3,290 1,290 505 15,449 48,261 (67.3%)	CON: Edward Leigh LIB: Pat O'Connor LAB: Jamie McMahon UKIP: Steven Pearson BNP: Malcom Porter Majority Turnout	24,266 13,707 7,701 2,065 1,512 10,559 49,251 (68.3%)	CON: Edward Leigh LIB: Adrian Heath LAB: John Knight UKIP: Steven Pearson Majority Turnout	20,040 12,037 11,744 1,860 8,003 45,681 (64.6%)	CON: Edward Leigh LAB: Alan Rhodes LIB: Steve Taylor Majority Turnout	19,555 11,484 11,280 8,071 42,319 (64.2%)

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

WITH JOHN & IRIS WHITAKER - 751198 AND CORAL EVANS - 750031

■ FUTURE MEETINGS

► By the time you are reading this article, members should have enjoyed our Christmas meal at The Carpenter's Arms in Fiskerton and be looking forward to sharing precious time with family and friends celebrating the festive season and all the associated traditions.

Looking a little bit further ahead, perhaps your New Year's resolution will be to become more involved in village life and to learn more about the joys (and disappointments) of gardening. So, if you have a new garden and don't know what to plant; an old garden and don't know how to prune; or you would like to meet people with a similar interest... then the Gardening Club could be just what you are looking for in 2020.

Why not join us at our first meeting in the Spring which is a Speaker Evening to be held on Monday 9

March at 7.30pm, to be held in the Village Hall. We are fortunate to have acquired the services of the current local chairman of the Hardy Plant Society, together with his wife, who will be taking us through an illustrated talk of the history and activities of the HPS.

April 20 is the date for the Village Spring Show and entry is open to all village residents, children, grandchildren who spend time in the village, and Gardening Club members - all are welcome to enter exhibits as per the show schedule which will be published in the March edition of the magazine.

However, if you would like a copy before then in order to get a head start in deciding what you can enter, please contact John and Iris (01522 751198) who will personally deliver one to your home.

■ GARDENING JOBS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

► There are always jobs to be done in the garden, even during the bitter winter months, but it is most important to keep warm and dry.

Hopefully all your tender plants have been protected and paths and patios have been kept clear of fallen leaves, thereby reducing the risk of accidents on slippery surfaces.

If you didn't manage to cut back your herbaceous perennials then don't worry about it, as uncut stems can be cut and composted when growth resumes (typically in April) - look out for the tell-tale signs of green shoots

emerging from the base of the plant.

We all deserve a rest at this time of year, so sit back and enjoy the winter interest of attractive seed heads and foliage rimed with frost and

be pleased that invertebrates such as ladybirds, banded snails and spiders may have found protection in all your dead stems and foliage.

Should we get a really severe spell of cold weather, then remember to leave water and food out for the birds and, most importantly, make sure that your feeders are cleaned regularly.



Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes to you all from your village Gardening Club Members.

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

National Village Halls week will take place from January 20-26, 2020. Village halls are being asked to hold an open day on Saturday 25 January 2020.

Sudbrooke Village Hall will be open from 11am until 2pm on that day.

User groups are invited to put on a display to showcase their activities. This is not a fund

raising event but designed to raise awareness within the community. The bar will be open.

Please address any enquiries to me via the Village Hall letterbox.

Honorary Secretary
Gill Rignall



Stringing Nettles

We are an informal and friendly group from local villages who get together to learn to play musical instruments have a sing and a laugh! We also enjoy performing at local events, so if you think we might fit the bill, please give us a call. At the present our group consists of ukulele, guitar, percussion and a couple of learning harmonica players – we have a teacher who is able to tutor the playing of many instruments. Spare ukuleles and guitars are available if you would like to come along for a free 'taster' session, we meet Wednesdays from 12.30 p.m. till 2.30p.m. at Nettleham Hub.

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A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

With my children growing up and thinking about jobs and boyfriends etc., I can understand them not wanting to come away on holiday with us anymore, and our holiday requirements were becoming different from what they used to be, so we did away with motorhoming and stuck to more conventional package holidays for a while before returning to a motorhome in 2004 with a much more upmarket version.

It was a six-berth Autotrail that I'd ordered from Brownhills at Newark, and I went to see it at Grimsby where it was being built. We ordered numerous extras like a diesel heater, air conditioning and an upgrade to the chassis to allow us to carry more weight.

With the kids all gone and my electrical contracting business firmly in the hands of my son, I started to look around for somewhere a bit different to go to, and then it came to me. Auschwitz! We'll go camping to Auschwitz. Or Oswiecim as it is known in Poland.

A town in southern Poland, and about an hour's journey to another campsite on the same road, camping Smok, and only 10 minutes on the bus into Krakow. A plan was coming together! Camping Smok could accommodate us, so I was all set. All I had to do was persuade the wife that a couple of days at Auschwitz was a good idea.

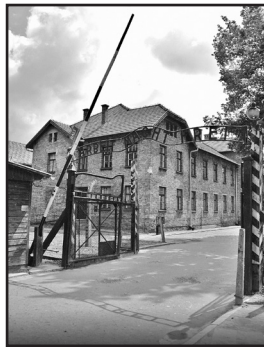
You'll be aware that over that distance the sat nav can lead you a bit astray, so I pulled a tatty map of Europe out and to my delight discovered that once I had found the right road I wouldn't have to change roads till I got there, easy peasy. Stuffed with maps and guides we set off for Poland, through Belgium and Germany. We stopped overnight in a lay-by with a load of lorries crossing, the Rhine near Aachen. Arriving at Oswiecim we made enquires where to stay and found to our surprise the parking area for motorhomes was very close to Auschwitz's main gate. We



parked in a tiled area and connected up to water and electricity (entirely free of charge) and put the kettle on, before going out for a stroll in town to pick up some bread and milk, whereupon we rather nervously settled down for the night (well I'd never slept by a prisoner of war camp before). Especially one as infamous as Auschwitz!

The next morning we went to the visitor centre and booked in for the tour, including Auschwitz II or Birkenau), a 3km bus ride to the West. We had the whole day to be given a guided tour of the two camps and our female guide was very thorough. I can't tell you my initial thoughts as I walked through the gates on which the infamous lie 'work brings freedom' is fashioned in metal, the most notorious place (arguably) on earth.

The first place we passed was the area set aside for welcoming all new arrivals to the camp, and a band was forced to play to add to the charade! It was a crazy attempt to make people feel relaxed as they shuffled in to the hell hole that awaited them. I'm told that the only difference to the Auschwitz of today is the many trees that have grown up in the complex. I think that this camp was a work camp, but of course many people died too. Our guide shown us around the many brick blocks that had built by slave





A TALE BY TERRY MAYO



labour to house about 20,000 prisoners, but only 18 were part of the exhibition. Before the camp was taken in to Third Reich, it was occupied by the Polish army. The blocks were laid out in typical army style, functional, but depressing. Each building was turned into some aspect of camp life, just plain horror in the extreme.

Too much to describe here (and anyway the facts are well recorded), I'll just talk about room 3. Most of the Jews condemned to extinction in Auschwitz arrived convinced that they had been deported for 'resettlement' in Eastern Europe. In particular, Jews from Greece and Hungary were deceived in this way: the Nazis sold them non-existent plots of land, farms, shops or offered them work in fictitious factories. For this reason the deportees always brought their most valuable possessions with them. The distance between place of arrest and Auschwitz was up to 1,500 miles away. The journey was made in sealed goods wagons with no food. Crowded together like cattle, deportees would often travel for a week or even 10 days before reaching their final destination.

Therefore it was not surprising, when the bolts were drawn on arrival at the camp, it was frequently the case that some of the victims- above all old people and children- were already dead, while the rest were in a state of extreme exhaustion. On display in this room are numerous enlargements of original photos, belonging to an album of about 200 pictures,

taken in 1944 by an SS guard. Also on display is a map showing the lay out of the Auschwitz 'factory of death', the spots where mass crimes were committed are marked.

Other rooms were given over to exhibits taken from the inmates before they were led to the gas chambers. A whole room was filled with peoples shoes and suitcases with their names on. Another room had little else but their spectacles.

Another cabinet was filled with human hair. Between blocks 10 and 11 a 'death wall' had been constructed between the blocks. The wooden blinds on block 10 were installed to prevent observation of the executions taking place here. 1000s of prisoners were shot or hung here. Block 11 was an extreme punishment block and I won't dwell on it save to mention one room, cell 22. A yard square, four people were detained, stripped naked, and left to die.

We left the complex and headed to the Birkenau camp, the extermination one. Oswiecim was an ideal location from a Nazi point of view, a railway centre, and it was a simple matter to divert the tracks straight in to the camp. People were unloaded here from the train, and with a flick of the SS officer's stick, the decision was made whether folk went one way to the gas chamber or the other way to be worked to death.

At its height, 5,000 people a day were led to the crematoria. The Nazis blew them up as the Russians arrived in 1945, today they're a pile of rubble. A few of the 270-odd accommodation blocks were still intact and we were invited to look inside. The men slept in bunks of about eight each, and three tiers high. There were about eight of them down each side. So about 400 men in a wooden block. Running down the centre was a row of open toilets. The women's blocks were similar. It's difficult to imagine how it could happen, and it was taking place as I was starting primary school!

We had an uneasy night's sleep in our motorhome back in the parking area, and left for Camping Smok in the morning.

THE CHURCH DIARY

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■ TIME FOR CONTEMPLATION

► This morning I was looking on the internet for something and was bombarded by adverts for advent calendars.

Now don't get me wrong, I do like an advent calendar and I do like the treats that sometimes go with them. However, these particular advent calendars rather defied their original purpose - which was to mark the season in which we are 'coming towards'... Christmas.

A quick search on advent calendars presented me with 24 boxes each containing jewellery, costing thousands; a different pod of coffee for each day; 24 different mince pies; a different bottle of beer for each day, and so it went on.

Well, how about we buck that trend. Whatever is in your advent calendar - enjoy it - but how about you stop for a few minutes each day and pray. Here are some suggestions:

- 1st: on World Aids Day - we remember those who live with HIV and Aids and those who have lost loved ones through the illness
- 2nd: that we might experience the peace of the Prince of Peace
- 3rd: that we might ponder the meaning of Jesus, just as Mary did
- 4th: for our farming communities who have experienced such a difficult few months
- 5th: for those who won't be spending Christmas in their own homes
- 6th: for those who are dreading the thought of Christmas
- 7th: for those who are working long hours for little reward
- 8th: take a moment to think of a person you



are thankful for

- 9th: take a moment to think of something you are thankful for
- 10th: that we might have the humility to accept that sometimes we are wrong
- 11th: for those living amidst conflict and threat
- 12th: that we would understand the privilege of democracy
- 13th: for our newly elected Members of Parliament, of whatever political Party
- 14th: for grace to accept the things we cannot change
- 15th for refugees still seeking a safe place to be
- 16th for all of us who have made bad choices in our lives and who reap the consequences of them
- 17th for patience when we face long queues at the supermarket and can't find a parking space
- 18th for all those who work in our hospitals - give thanks and pray for them
- 19th for all those who work in our communities providing care
- 20th: the strength to resist temptation - whatever it looks like for us...
- 21st: that we might be filled with the joy of the season
- 22nd: that we might be able to pay forward a kindness done for us
- 23rd that this Christmas might be about giving rather than receiving
- 24th: that we might welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives

May this Christmas and New Year be filled with joy, love and peace.

WELTON PATIENTS' AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

The Autumn Fayre, held on October 26, can only be described as a resounding success! We raised the magnificent sum of £2718.68 for PDA funds the raffle contributing £1491 of that total. Despite the appalling weather there was a large turnout of supporters and the final figure raised was almost £500 more than last year.

There is a full list of raffle prize winners on the PDA notice board in the health centre and thank you to Dr Lumley for drawing the raffle. The rabbit was called Milly, the cake weighed 4lb 4oz, there were 166 sweets in the jar and the holdall contained a large bag of assorted flower bulbs

The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 7 November with very few people present no doubt partially due to the flooded roads to be navigated to get to the meeting.

The PDA officer's reports highlighted another successful year: raising over £6,000 and carrying 1,868 patients a total of 26,191 miles. The funds

raised are used to subsidise the transport service and provide equipment for the surgery which is for the benefit of all registered patients.

Nadina Prestedge (Practice Manager) was able to announce that the practice had finally had the go ahead for the extension into the former Library building. Work is expected to start in the New Year and be completed in April 2020.

As no-one had put their name forward to join the Committee all officers and Committee members were re-elected.

The final piece of PDA news is that we have been chosen as Co-op Community Champions for the period March 8 2020 to 6th June 2020. We will be sharing the proceeds with Welton Pre School.

Each time you shop at Welton Co-op, using your dividend card, during that period the Co-op will put an amount 'in the pot'. They also hold various fund raising events plus money from carrier bag sales, collection boxes and event days.

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

DECEMBER

Sun 8	Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion
Mon 9	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 12	Sudbrooke	2.30pm	Tea Service Communion
Fri 13	Stainton by Langworth	6.30pm	'The Greatest Gift'
Sun 15	Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Advent Praise
	Sudbrooke	6.30pm	Carol Service
Mon 16	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Morning Prayer
Sun 22	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Holy Communion
	Langworth	4pm	Carol Service
Mon 23	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 24	Sudbrooke	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Wed 25	Stainton by Langworth	9am	Christmas Communion
Sun 29	Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion

JANUARY

Sun 5	Stainton by Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
Mon 6	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 7	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 9	(01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sun 12	Barings	9.15am	Holy Communion
Mon 13	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 14	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 19	Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.45am	Epiphany Praise
Mon 20	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 21	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer

SUDBROOKE SENIORS

We are a group of people aged over 55 years who meet each month for coffee and a chat. New members are always welcome so why don't you come along and join us.

There will probably be someone there that you know!



WHERE? Sudbrooke Village Hall

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It seems to have rained for much of the past three months and the areas in and around Sudbrooke have taken their fair share of a battering as these pictures show, with floods in all



parts of the village. Rivers have been bursting their banks as levels rise and even the slip road on the Wragby Road resembled a lake...

