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CHRISTMAS TREE SWITCH-ON EVENT

Sunday 1 December Millennium Stone, 4.30pm

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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SO then, hands up all those who are ready for another General Election. At least they won't be banging on about Brexit. Oh, hang on a minute...

Our esteemed MP Sir Edward Leigh will no doubt be gearing up to contest his safest of safe seats, unbowed I'd imagine, at not getting the Speaker's job. Did you know there has not been a non-Tory MP in this constituency since 1923? I wonder if anyone in the village remembers Liberal Richard Winfrey, who was voted in on December 6 and then voted out again on October 29 the following year? What did he do wrong in 10 short months? They liked General Elections back then - three in three years between 1922-1924. Heck.

Anyway, in this issue we have the latest from Terry Mayo's past, our resident travel writer heads to Norfolk Woods, while we have all the latest news from the Ladies Club, Gardening Club and Walking Club, along with the usual Council notes. Aren't you glad. **Dom**

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Gainsborough MP Leigh misses out on becoming new Speaker

Sir Edward Leigh's bid to be the new Speaker of the House of Commons following Sir John Bercow's resignation, failed at the earliest opportunity as he was eliminated at the first round stage of the secret ballot.

Seven candidates - Sir Nigel Lindsay (Labour), Chris Bryant (Labour), Dame Eleanor Laing

(Conservative), Harriet Harman (Labour), Dame Rosie Winterton (Labour) and Meg Hillier (Labour), along with Leigh - put their names forward, but after picking up only 12 votes (2.1%), our MP duly bowed out of the race. It went down to a fight, after three round, in the end, between Lindsay and Bryant, with the former eventually garnering over 60% of the votes to be elected.



GENERAL ELECTION

Thursday 12 December

Forget Christmas Day, December is the time of General Election Day, when the voters of the UK head to the polling booths once more to choose their candidate of their choice.

Two years ago, we here in the Gainsborough constituency had just four hopefuls to choose from - Sir Edward leigh (Conservative), Catherine Tite (Labour), Lesley Rollings (Liberal Democrat) and Victoria Pearson (Green), which was two fewer than the 2015 election. Leigh, who has been standing since

General Election Results						
HUNG PARLIAMENT						
CON 317	LAB 262	LIB DEM	UKIP	SNP 35	OTHER 24	
-13	+30	+4	-1	-21	+1	

1983, will once more aim to reclaim one of the safest seats in the country, while Rollings has signalled her intention to stand for a third time in a row. She could be joined by Renew Party's Steven Maxson, although he may not stand due to tactical reasons.

An Election Special in next month's mag.

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Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 12 September in the Sudbrooke Village Hall. PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller (Vice Chairman), Mrs Barbara Bingham, Stuart Hewson, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

71 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Reports received as follows:

- Some residents had raised concerns regarding walking on FP159 Sudbrooke to Scothern footpath in that an electric fence had been fastened to the edge of the field in which cattle were running. The Clerk would contact the LCC Footpaths Officer and the landowner to request that the electric fence be moved inside the field boundary.
- The hedge on Wragby Road after the last house towards Langworth was encroaching on the footway. This would be reported to LCC.
- ▶ Hedge on Scothern Lane end of Church Lane had been cut by the farmer and the clippings left without removing debris. Since the report it was noted that the clippings had been removed.
- Geraniums planted at the memorial seat outside village hall had not thrived.
- Cars parked on verge outside a property on West Drive noted that these had had to be moved to allow a mobile home to be sited in the garden.

72 APOLOGIES

▶ Councillors Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull. That the reasons given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

■ 73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Bob Waller declared an interest in agenda item 16g - planning application 139843, as friend of the neighbour.

■ 74 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 4 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

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

75 POLICE MATTERS

▶ Police Alerts received and circulated.

■ 76 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported that roundabouts on the A46 would be improved at a cost of £21.5million. She also reported that there would be a deficit for Lincolnshire County Council by 2022.

■ 77 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Bob Waller reported as follows:

- ▶ That, as the Armed Forces Champion for WLDC, he was initiating a project with Army Reservists in Lincoln and the County Youth Offending Team. Whilst not recruiting for the reserve services, he was trying to help identify young people who are registered with the YOT and link them with the reservists where they will have the opportunity to access a programme that will enhance confidence, instil team work, a sense of belonging and other soft skills whilst learning a trade and getting paid.
- ▶ Fourteen Neighbourhood Plans had been adopted with Willoughton being the last one adopted at the full Council in July. Glentworth is undergoing the referendum. Spridlington and Sudbrooke are the next two expected to be

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■ 77 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT continued...

'made'. A total of 22 are in preparation. Councillor Waller then spoke briefly on Modern Day Slavery.

■ 78 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

a) Beech trees, Beech Tree Corner: Report on the trees had been received, which indicated some work required. That a quote be obtained and forwarded to owners of the trees, unanimously Resolved.

b b) Parking problems, Beresford Drive: Defer to next meeting of the Council.

▶ c) Flower tubs for siting in village: Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham showed pictures of two planters which she had purchased suitable for siting either side of the entrance door at the Village Hall and offered to pay half of the initial set up costs. Councillor Mrs Bingham was thanked for her offer. That the Council pay for the remaining 50% unanimously Resolved. It was hoped that consideration could be given for the provision of planters at the entrances to the village similar to neighbouring parishes. The Clerk would enquire of LCC Highways for permission for structure on the highway.
 ▶ d) Renovated property, Manor Drive: It was

noted that some residents appeared to be surprised that the property was being used for its purpose, but noted that the matter appeared to have settled

■ 79 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE TO UPGRADE CCTV AT VILLAGE HALL

▶ The Village Hall Committee had requested that additional cameras be fitted to the Hall to cover 'blind spots' not currently in the vision of

the present cameras. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with the company currently carrying out service to the CCTV. Councillor Stuart Hewson agreed to attend and a representative of the Village Hall would be invited.

■ 80 TO CONSIDER SUDBROOKE PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

A request had been made by a resident that consideration be given to Community Speedwatch in Sudbrooke. Members felt that it could further consider the expenditure on the equipment if a dedicated team of volunteers could be recruited. An article to that effect requesting volunteers would be published in **Sudbrooke News**. To be an agenda item for December 2019 meeting.

■ 81 REQUEST FROM REVD CANNON PENNY GREEN FOR A REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT THE MILLENNIUM STONE AND TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR THE POPPY WREATH

▶ That the Parish Council support Revd Canon Penny Green in conducting a gathering at the Millennium stone on Remembrance Sunday and that the Parish Council pay for the Poppy Wreath unanimously Resolved.

HOLIDAY TALK

Our resident travel writer reviews a holiday park in Norfolk and discovers a lodge-themed



holiday destination that ticks all the boxes as well a county full of lots of family fun

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■ 82 WORK TO THE BECK CARRIED OUT BY THE RIVERS TRUST

■ a) Update: Councillor Ian Russell had reported that a considerable amount of work had been carried out over the summer to the beck running alongside the sportsfield. The beck had been reprofiled by the Canals and Rivers Trust to provide an improved habitat for wildlife and fish and a much more interesting feature for people to enjoy. A group of volunteers, including some members of the Parish Council, planted over a thousand aquatic plants on the newly created berm (low level shelf) and sides of the channel. Later this autumn volunteers will plant trees/shrubs and wildflower mix on the new bank behind the goalposts.

b) Consideration of providing signage to the area: Deferred until next meeting of the Parish Council.

■ 83 TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT 2019

▶ That the switch on of the Christmas tree be December 1 2019. That mulled wine and mince pies be served. Raffle to be held. Licence to be applied for. Unanimously Resolved.

■ 84 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT RESILIENT COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE OCTOBER 21, 2019

No Councillor expressed interest in attending.

■ 85 OFFER OF SIX SILVER BIRCH TREES

■ a) Ne A resident had offered 6 silver birch trees to the Parish Council for use in the Parish. Members agreed to accept the kind offer and use them in the Stuart Curtis Sports Field

■ 86 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Neighbourhood Plan Update: It was

reported that over the summer, the Council, with the assistance of the Senior
Neighbourhood Planning Officer at WLDC,
Sudbrooke Parish Council had required to appoint an Examiner for Sudbrooke
Neighbourhood Plan. Intelligent Plans and Examinations (IPE) had been the successful bidder. That the actions taken be accepted unanimously Resolved. Following appointment and reading of the Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan and supporting evidence the Examiner had asked preliminary questions which due to a tight timescale, had been answered. All members had been copied into correspondence and that it be accepted unanimously Resolved.

b b) Park Development: A copy of the latest Traffic Management Plan had been received from the developers.

▶ c) Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review – Issues and Options Consultation and Call for Sites: It was noted that Sudbrooke had been identified as the only village being proposed to have its current status of a Medium village changed to that of Large village. Due to the tight timescale required for a response (18/7/2019) to this Review a response had been circulated to all members for agreement, stating Sudbrooke had previously been raised from a Small village to a Medium village with no change to the facilities or infrastructure and that Sudbrooke should not be upgraded further. That the response be made Resolved.

▶ d) To consider proposal from Reepham Parish Council to share planning training with neighbouring parishes: Reepham PC had arranged this at a cost of £10 per person to be held on October 2. Councillors Stuart Hewson, Mrs Barbara Bingham, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Councillor Ian Russell and Andy Cottam all expressed interest in attending. That the cost of £10 per person be met from parish funds unanimously Resolved.

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■ 86 PLANNING MATTERS continued...

• e) Application 139670 - 12 Windsor Close - First floor extension: No objections.

• f) Application 139534 - Convert garage and erect single storey extension: Circulated to members and comments sent to WLDC Planning: 'Due to the insufficient time period allowed, the Council has been unable to meet formally and agree a corporate response to the planning application above. However, individual councillors have been contacted by me for their views and those who are in a position to comment wish your authority to note the following objections:

The latest amendment is to build a two-metre high wall along the boundary line of the property beyond the proposed extension to the garage, considered to make an inconsiderate planning application even worse.

Under the "Relevant material planning considerations" this application falls under

1. Overshadowing

2. Overlooking and loss of privacy (to the rear of the garage)

3. Overbearing nature of the proposal

4. Design and appearance

It is considered that the application should be rejected.

Note: Councillor Mike Turnbull declared an interest in the application being a neighbour of the applicant.'

• g) Application 139843 - 23 Wragby Road, Sudbrooke: Demolition of house and construction of a new self-build replacement two and a half storey dwelling - 'Sudbrooke Parish Council object to the application on material considerations. The proposal would be overlook the neighbours property at number 25 resulting in a significant loss of privacy.

87 FINANCE

▶ a) Ratification of change of contractor for hedge cutting fronting the Village Hall - The contractor appointed to cut the hedge fronting the Village Hall had been unable to carry out the work. Due to the height of the hedge and for security purposes, the Chairman and Clerk had instructed Glendale to cut back the hedge. This had resulted in an increase in the cost due to the additional growth.

That the actions of the Chairman and Clerk be ratified unanimously Resolved.

b b) Accounts paid during August:

LALC Networking Day

Net £15.00, Vat £3.00, Gross £18.00 Emma Chapman - Sports Day £70.46 Glendale - April grass cutting

£435.56 net, £87.11 VAT, £522.67 Gross Utopia - siting of village sign £920.00. Utopia - Installation of gate and posts at Stuart Curtis Sports Field £800.00

LIVES - Replacement pads and batter for

defibrillator following use £53.00 Mrs C Myers - expenses July £28.14

) c) Accounts for payment

E.on electricity - stone lighting £18.00 Cllr I Russell - mileage to Gainsborough £18.45

Cllr S Hewson - mileage - training

Sudbrooke Village Hall - room hire (x2) £34.00 LALC - lunch on training day

£9.00 net, VAT £1.80 - Gross £1.80

Glendale July cut £483.89 net, VAT £96.78, Gross £580.67 August cut £910.12, VAT £182.02, Gross £1092.14

ROSPA - Annual Play Equipment inspections £151.00 net, Vat £30.20, Gross £181.20 Mrs C

Myers - expenses August £25.68
Salaries £819.46
Mrs B Solly - expenses July/August £85.20
Parish Magazine Printing - Jul edition £248.75
Parish Magazine Printing - Sep edition £248.75

Cllr B Bingham, planters and bulbs £35.98

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88 CLERK'S REPORT

- ▶ That there had been a report of straw debris littered on Manor Drive.
- ▶ A bad smell emanating from stream behind properties on Holme Drive. This had been reported to Witham Third Internal Drainage Board.
- The lower branches of trees require trimming back on Jubilee Garden near to footpath agenda item for next meeting
- Play area annual reports received agenda for next meeting
- The noticeboard lock at the Park Gates had broken Clerk given authority to instigate repair
- A request had been received on the day of the meeting from the Village Hall Committee to site bollards near to the kitchen door fire exit - agenda item for next meeting.
- The Editor of **Sudbrooke News** had requested that the advertising in the magazine be reviewed agenda item for next meeting
- That she would ask the organiser of recent litter picks if he could arrange an Autumn Pick.

■ 89 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

▶ The Chairman stated that his comments for the meeting would be to request that residents had tolerance towards their neighbours, accepting that all have different opinions.

■ 90 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING AND CIRCULATED

▶ *Circulated to residents email list Jul 4 - ICO News

*Jul 8 - Welton Medical Practice News

Jul 8 - Local Council Review

Jul 8 - LALC Weekly News

Jul 9 - West Lindsey News

Jul 12 - Notification from Library Service of change of vehicles

Jul 17 - Notice of WLDC Budget Consultation

events

Jul 17 - Community Lincs News

Jul 22 - LALC Weekly News

Jul 22 - Notification of change of venue of LALC AGM

Jul 25 - Notice of Annual Resilient Communities Conference October 21, 2019

Jul 22 - Handouts from LALC Networking Day July 4, 2019

Jul 26 - Report of overgrown hedge on A158 Sudbrooke to Langworth - Clerk reported to LCC Highways 1.8.2019 - ICO News update

*Aug 1 - Local bus updates

Aug 8 - WYPF Pension Matters

Aug 9 - Welton Family Health Practice News

Aug 12 - LALC Weekly News

Aug 14 - Community Lincs News

Aug 19 - LALC Weekly News

Aug 19 - Request by LALC for County Committee nominations 29.8.2019 - Public Rights of Way grass cutting

Sep 1 - Scothern Clarion

Sep 2 - Pension Matters August 2019 - WYPF

Sep 2 - LALC Weekly News

Sep 5 - WYPF - Notice of Employer Valuation results meetings 5.9.2019 - News from the ICO

Sep 9 - LALC Weekly News

Sep 10 - West Lindsey News

■ 91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

▶ Thursday 3 October 2019 - Village Hall, Sudbrooke

A PENSIONER REMINISCES

Terry Mayo recounts another tale from his younger days once more,

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON OCT 3, 2019

- ▶ District Councillor's Report: DC Bob Waller reported delays of several months with the construction of the roundabout on the A46. He also revealed Torksey Ward will be having a by-election.
- ▶ Report on matters outstanding: Parking problems on Beresford Drive; Upgrading of CCTV at Village Hall; Christmas Tree event, Sunday 1 December; Village Hall planters set up; overhanging hedge on Wragby Road.
- Department of Bollards at Village Hall: Discussed at length, but not practical. Instead, a suggestion for a hatched yellow marking to be incorporated in the area to indicate that it be kept clear.
- ▶ Public rights of way: Concern was expressed that a further notice of closure of these public rights of way had been

- received. Permanent closure must not be allowed.
- ▶ Play equipment inspections: To consider appointment of Inspector and frequency of inspections and to consider the annual RoSPA Play Equipment Inspection Reports and work required.
- ▶ Sudbrooke footpath diversion of route: Concerns over the erection of an electric fence and large stiles, while footpath marker posts been removed.
- Delanning matters: Draft report received for the Neighbourhood Plan; Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review; Tree Protection Order works in the Sudbrooke Scout Camp and West Drive.
- **Sudbrooke News:** Review of charges for items from outside the village.

READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

PARKING ISSUES

Dear Editor.

Is it not time to do something about the amount of cars clogging up the streets of Sudbrooke?

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Bob Mitchell

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OCTOBER WALK

Our coastal walk this year was to Cleethorpes and we were rewarded with a glorious day of sunny periods and long views.

We started from Cleethorpes pier and headed south towards the salt marshes, where some of the early migrant birds were busily settling in for the winter.

We spent some time walking through the 'Fitties' which is a huge holiday park with a fascinating history.

'Fitties' is a local word meaning 'salt marsh'. The area was used to train and billet soldiers in the First World War who were stationed at the nearby Haile Sands Fort.

The area was used for camping and holiday chalets between the wars and the land passed into local authority control in 1938 and was designated a conservation area in 1996.

The floods of 1953 destroyed many of the properties which have since been replaced by

more substantial smarter properties. We returned to our starting point along the coastal paths with great views of the ships making their way to Hull and Grimsby docks.

We finished the day with fish and chips at Papas restaurant on the pier.

Thanks to John and Iris for leading the walk.

NOVEMBER WALK

Next walk is Saturday 2 November. A walk of approximately seven miles starting from Nocton village hall. There are a couple of gentle slopes along country roads and field paths.

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.



THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

? QUIZ NIGHT '

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NOVEMBER 8

DECEMBER 13

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The Village Hall bar opens at 7.30pm, with the quiz starting at 8.15pm

SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB

WITH GILL RIGNALL - 01522 595736

END OF AN ERA

▶ Sudbrooke Ladies' Club was formed in January 1994, with 45 members. Judy Mackay was the first president. Other remaining founder members are Margaret McCrone, Daphne McIntyre and Jean Edmunds.

Over recent years, membership has dwindled as people have moved away to be near family and others are no longer with us. Jean, Margaret and Barbara have kept the club going with varied speakers and meals out.

It has become uneconomic to hire a hall for meetings and pay speakers.

Sadly, we discussed the future of the club at our October meeting. It was accepted that the club will cease in its present form. There

was a good turnout and members were keen to maintain friendships in an informal way.

The consensus was that we will meet for lunch on the first Thursday of the month starting in February 2020. The venue is to be decided and will be local.

■ NEXT TWO MEETINGS

- Thursday 21 November: Pre Christmas party in the Bramham Lounge at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 5 December: Christmas lunch and gift exchange at the Elite restaurant (Tritton Road).

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TRAVFI FFATURE

LUXURY LODGES SO INVITING AT NORFOLK WOODS LEISURE RESORT...

ALL was dark and a lone owl's hoot was drowned out by the noise of gurgling water as I lay in the hot tub one warm spring evening, sweat glistening on my brow.

I flicked the contraption's colourchanging lights on and my bubbling abode sparkled like some watery spaceship ready to fly me off to the stars that twinkled in the clear night sky above.

I was on the veranda of my Norfolk Woods holiday lodge, taking advantage of being able to have a few minutes' worth of moist meditation while my children Thomas and Lucy were tucked up in bed.

Such were the relaxing waters swirling around my body that I dropped off to sleep on at least two occasions, waking with a start after entering dream mode, relieved I hadn't slipned below the surface and drowned, with my wife Ann unaware of my near-death experience as she sat watching TV inside our weekend pad.

We were staying in a Houghton Premier lodge on the recently opened Darwin Escapes-owned holiday retreat, a few miles south of King's Lynn, for a few days during the hottest spell of the year so far.

Formerly the sprawling Pentney camping and touring park, it has since been transformed into a pet-friendly luxury lodge resort thanks to a multi-million pound makeover. As well as 80 lodges – 30 with hot tubs – there is also a fine-dining restaurant, indoor swimming pool, a gym and sauna, a small playpark, shop, splash park and an astroturf-lined football pitch, enough to keep children



and adults more than entertained. You can even buy a lodge on site should you have a burning desire along with a spare £90,000.

Our impressive house had three bedrooms and a communal living area, with an open plan kitchen, dining room and lounge, which led out on to the veranda, replete with aforementioned hot tub.

Only opened in February, the lodge glistened like new and came with that cosy smell of freshness pervading the air. Lovely little touches like matching white robes and slippers in the bedrooms, plus free essentials for the kitchen and a little box of treasures, added to the feeling that you were valued customers, and that nothing was too much trouble during your stay there.

You were free to stay and enjoy the various programme of daily activities or go off and explore the picturesque county of Norfolk, with numerous blue flag beaches within a few minutes' drive.

country houses by the dozen in and around the area, while the cathedral city of Norwich was less than half-an-hour away.

After perusing the menu of fun-filled activities, archery, water zorbing, swimming and body zorbing took my children's fancy, with Lucy discovering she was a dab hand with a bow, while Thomas struck gold more times than an American prospector.

It was fun watching them get entombed in a large inflatable ball – zorb – and attempt to walk on water in the pool, stumbling around like two drunkards as they tried to stay on their feet, but crashing and flipping over.

Later, as Lucy took advantage of a rare hot spring day to frolic in the splash park – just days before the nation was engulfed in monsoon season as record rainfalls besieged the country – Thomas was body zorbing on the footy pitch, where he and a plethora of youngsters were taking great delight in slamming into each other while wearing big inflatable ball-shaped suits, something akin to It's A Knockout.

We also ventured off site to the children's paradise of BeWilderwood which, I have to say, was bit of a trek from Norfolk Woods, around an hour's drive. But it was worth it.

Set among the trees, a stone's throw from the Broads, it's a veritable bounty of action-packed capers, with a series of themed adventure playgrounds situated around the 70-acre site, with rope bridges, high walkways, vertical slides, forts, wooden mazes and more, where adults are also encouraged to be children again alongside their offspring, reliving their youth as they clamber



among the crazy structures, but with less versatility and much more guffawing than their more agile counterparts.

It is also worth braving the queues and taking a boat ride from or to the entrance, but beware of the crocklebog, Mildred, who lies in the murky depths, ready to gobble up any child foolish enough to hang a limb over the sides.

With the lovely seaside towns of Cromer and Sheringham, along

with the ever-popular Wells, also within a short drive, along with Pensthorpe nature reserve, you feel well positioned to explore this stunning county.

But then, of course, should you wish to leave the car where it is and take it easy at Norfolk Woods, have a soak in the tub, go for a swim, be pampered in the spa or have a relaxing drink at the bar, then there's plenty of opportunity for those things as well.

Our stay was rounded off back in the pool, where Thomas and Lucy enjoyed a first-ever sea scooter session, where they were propelled through the water like intrepid marine divers on a quest for sunken treasure.

They didn't find any, but Norfolk Woods is undoubtedly a jewel just waiting to be discovered.

by Lee Creasey

TRAVELFACTS

A three-night break at Norfolk Woods Resort and Spa in the Houghton Premier lodge for up to six people costs from £513 off-peak, peak costs from £1159. From lodges and parks, to boats, cottages and apartments, Hoseasons offers the widest available range of self-catering holidays in the UK. For more information or to book, visit hoseasons.co.uk or 0345 498 6130.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ "WORLD OF FERNS" SPEAKER EVENING

▶ Following Neil Timm's excellent talk last month, we are feeling very inspired to achieve more pleasure from our gardens by introducing a selection of ferns into our collection of plants.

On reflection, however, we should probably have advertised this talk with an 'X' rating, as who would have thought that the flicking of hidden miniscule nipples played such an important role in the life cycle of ferns! We will say no more other than you needed to be there on the night to begin to understand the facts behind this statement.

Several village residents and friends joined us on a very rainy evening for Neil's fabulous talk and slide show, which was a very professionally prepared and delivered presentation being informative, interesting and humorous, accompanied by superb quality photographic slides.

We were guided through Neil's fern list of 47 species ranging from those easiest to grow in our gardens, including both Victoriae and Dryopteris filix-mas 'Linearis', through to the difficulties faced in growing Dicksonia Antarctica tree ferns here in Lincolnshire.

The talk was followed by refreshments and a lively question and answer session, which in itself is an acknowledgement to the quality of the presentation.

Members were delighted to be able to purchase reasonably priced,

good quality plants on the night as Neil is the owner of the Fern Nursery, Grimsby Road, Binbrook LN8 6DH which is well worth a visit if you find yourself in that area of the Wolds.

There is an interesting garden to explore and Neil currently grows around a hundred different species of ferns on site.

Neil was accompanied by a lovely lady called Sylvia, who very kindly agreed to choose her three favourite flowers from the 16 specimens entered in our Flower of the Month competition.

In first place was Ruth's beautifully delicate spray of red Fuschia. Second place

was awarded to Jayne H for her large,

gorgeously
blousey
pink
Begonia,
and in
third
place was
Coral's stunning
'Purple Moon'
Rose. The
standard of entries

was just amazing and many thanks to everyone who participated.

At the conclusion of Gardening Club business, members were asked to select a metal flowerpot and some crocks, wooden feet for the pot to stand on and five daffodil bulbs, together with a leaflet on the best way to grow bulbs in

pots.

This is our next Horticultural Challenge and the aim is to see if we can get the timing right in order to produce a lovely exhibit for the Spring Show on April 20, 2020. Fingers crossed.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ FUTURE MEETINGS

Dour next meeting will be our Christmas meal at The Carpenter's Arms in Fiskerton and then, like our gardens, we will have a bit of a rest until next March. So, if you have a new garden and don't know what to plant, or an old garden and don't know how to prune, or you would like to meet people with a similar interest... the Gardening Club could be just what you are looking for.

Why not come along to our first meeting next Spring which is another Speaker Evening to be held on Monday 9 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when the talk will be on the History and Activities of the Hardy Plants Society.

■ GARDENING JOBS FOR NOVEMBER

Winter is on its way! Tender plants will need protecting from frosts, gales and freezing rain, so now is the time to move them into the greenhouse or into a sheltered spot. Remember to leave water and food out for the birds and, most importantly, make sure that your feeders are cleaned regularly.

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

There have been problems with the wheely bins at the village hall apparently being used by residents. These bins are intended for use by hall users and have no spare capacity.

Recently, green garden waste and bagged waste have been found in the blue recycling bins, thus contaminating the recyclable waste. This means that WLDC may decline to empty the bins. Any resulting fine would increase hall costs which would have to be passed on to hall users.

Volunteers have had to remove the contaminating rubbish. As a result, green waste and bagged waste has had to go in the black bins for landfill whether or not it could have been recycled. Please can I remind residents that you should deal with waste in your own bins and contact West Lindsey District Council with any queries.

Thank you, on behalf of SVHMC



WELTON PATIENTS'AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

The PDA Christmas Lunch is being held on Friday 6 December in Welton Village Hall.

This lunch is open to anyone who would like to join us with tickets priced at £6 now available. At the time of writing this in mid October there are still some tickets left so, if you haven't already booked, please don't leave it too late. There are still quite a number of 'regular supporters' who haven't been in touch yet!

The meal will be traditional Christmas fare with roast turkey all the trimmings followed by either

Christmas pudding or trifle, tea or coffee and mints. There will be a homemade cake stall, a raffle and books and cards for sale. Any donations of cakes or raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Unfortunately Welton St Mary's choir won't be able to join us this year but we are hoping to source some alternative entertainment. Watch this space!!

My report on the PDA AGM and the autumn fayre will be in the December issue as both were too late to be included here

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Our meetings take place on the second Saturday of each month, except September when we have our Branch Outing to a place of interest.

We do not hold a meeting in December so we can all do our Christmas shopping!!

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A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

I ve been telling you about my progress from a pair of roller skates through to building my first bike, and subsequently taking it on a trip to Devon when I was 15 years old. Growing older (but not wiser) I thought it was about time I looked a bit 'cooler' and invested in a motorcycle – the only snag was I didn't have the cash, and my dad wouldn't let me have it on HP. And as I was below 18, I needed someone to sign the form!

I settled for a Cyclemaster. A powerful beast at 32cc, and within my budget. It consisted of a little two-stroke engine, all built within a normal bike wheel, and indeed fitted into a normal bicycle, so I didn't have to provide anything extra! Just remove the original 26" wheel and fit the new one. It came with an accelerator cable and a clutch cable, which both bolted on to each side of the handlebars.

It was necessary to pedal it to get it going, and release the clutch to engage the motor. A tankful of petrol cost about 2/6 (12.5 p) and had to be mixed with a smidgen of oil. I covered many happy miles on it, but it's main problem was in persuading the local talent to hop on to the crossbar, so something had to be done. And also it needed a little bit of pedal power to get up a steep hill without stalling!

I visited my local motorcycle shop in Belgrave, Leicester, run by Ken Ives, who sold me an AJ S 500ce twin bike with a sidecar on the side and my

dad let me have it on HP, mainly because it was a whole lot safer than a bike without a side car, for a 17-year-old without much sense. It was useful for taking my

girlfriend out to the pictures etc and she staved dry as well! We often NO NEED TO PEDAL
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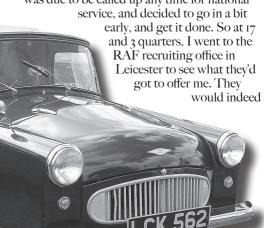
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went to the De Montfort Hall in Leicester to see the latest jazz band, be it Chris Barber, Acker Biilk etc (who we saw many years later in Singapore). We enjoyed traditional jazz a lot at the time (and frequented the Cank St jazz club on the clock tower). Our love of traditional jazz never changed, and we still attend a club at Rustons to listen to it on Sunday afternoons every month over 60 years later. It's on the Newark Road North Hykham at 12.30 till 3pm, second Sunday in the month. It's played to us by The Saratoga Jazz Band and you'd be very welcome. You can have a bar meal lunch too and a pint too.

I wasn't enjoying my job very much at the time, and at 17 and a half was getting restless. I was due to be called up any time for national



A TALE BY TERRY MAYO

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take me on for National Service, but couldn't offer me a trade of my choice, whereas if I signed on for four years I could choose. I could have ended up as a cook, a storeman etc and I liked the idea that if I was going to join the airforce I might as well work on planes (so I signed on for four years). It was two weeks before they could take me, and I needed some money, so I got a job on a local farm.

I had no experience with farm work, save from working for a few weeks on a local rose garden splicing new buds onto old stems. They asked me if I'd ever worked with horses, and following my reply of no, got me working with them! I spent two weeks hoeing weeds behind a cart horse, between the rows, but I actually enjoyed it!

My first station after "square bashing" was

Stoke Heath in Shropshire, but I had the opportunity to take my test, at Whitchurch, just down the road. Nobody took lessons for it in those days. I filled in the form and turned up on the day. My examiner gave me brief instructions on where to go, and promptly disappeared from view.

The idea was that he would observe my progress whilst lurking in the background. I shot across a halt sign, and on my way back to the test centre overtook a line of cars that I

thought were parked, but they were in a queue, and I had to drive my combo down the pavement and cut in at the traffic lights. At one point the examiner threw himself off the pavement in front of me and yelled stop, fortunately I spotted him and came to a controlled halt! Turns out he'd spotted none of my errors and gave me a pass, first time. Within two weeks I set off from Shropshire to meet up with my parents in Penzance in Cornwall. I can't remember much about the journey, but I do remember the last Yatesbury, I was thinking of getting married and began the search for a new set of wheels. It was to time to buy a car, but I hadn't passed my driving test, so I settled for a three-wheeler which I could drive with a motorcycle license. I bought a Bond minicar model F and I.

part. The winding road took me in the latter

part of the journey through Marazion, where

my daughter Alison now runs a bed and

breakfast. The old road runs right past her

I had been posted to RAF Yatesbury in

mate to share the cost of the journey with. By

Wiltshire in the meantime, on a 10-month

fitter's course, so I traded my AJS in for a Panther 600, again with a sidecar. I found a

the time I had finished my course at RAF

It had a turning circle that didn't require a

reverse gear and if you were in difficulty you stepped out lifted it up and pointed it up the other way! To start it you had to put your leg inside the bonnet, and kick the 250cc engine over. Sure to impress the fiancé! It had no heater, but at least we were dry, as long as I remembered to put the

top down. We went on our honeymoon in it to Llandudno for two days and we remained close by at RAF Sealand in North Wales until we left for Singapore in June 1961. With the

impending posting coming up I had to sell the car, but not before I drove it one time up the Great Orme just to see if it would make it. I booked in to a British School of Motoring in Chester and had three lessons for 12/6 (62 1/2p) in a Morris Minor and passed my test first time just before going to Singapore. After four years of being in the RAF, I would have my chance to work on aircraft as Stoke Heath and Sealand were nothing but workshops for

repairing radio equipment and Yatesbury a radio school doesn't exist now.

The main problem was in persuading the local talent to hop on to the crossbar



THE CHURCH DIARY

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PROVERBS

ADVOCATING ADVOCACY

Courageous Advocacy - what does that mean and why am I asking that question?

Well, simply because our church schools receive two inspections - one from OfSTED and the second, a church school inspection, and prominent in the Inspection Framework is the need for an inspector to determine 'How well

the school's Christian vision inspires the whole school community to engage in social action and to be courageous advocates for change in their local, national and global communities?'.

What is a courageous advocate? Presumably someone, who stands up and

speaks for others in a way that requires courage - which implies that it is not easy to do and requires people to make a conscious choice to do the right thing.

That might require physical courage, but most often it requires moral courage, the capacity to face criticism.

In the book of Proverbs in the Bible (which is a book full of sayings) there are some

sayings of King Lemuel (who is little known). One of them contains these words: 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

'Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.'

That seems to me to be an expression of Courageous Advocacy. To recognise who the

voiceless, the needy, the poor are in our midst and beyond and to speak up for them. That requires other things though - it requires knowledge and understanding; it requires us to get involved and do some work so that we know who we are advocating for and what we are advocating; and it requires us to walk alongside

those who have no voice so we can speak up on their behalf.

Courageous advocates don't dip in and out when they feel like it - they stay with it until the voice is heard.

Our church school inspectors are asking our schools and children to show these values - I wonder where we are on them?

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

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10.45am Holy Communion
9am Morning Prayer
9am Morning Prayer
2.30pm Tea Service

POETRY BOX

ANTHEM FOR DOOMED YOUTH

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?

— Only the monstrous anger of the guns.

Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle

Can patter out their hasty orisons.

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells; Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,— The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells; And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes

Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.

The pallor of girls' brows shall be their pall;

Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,

And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

By Wilfred Owen

TO HIS LOVE

He's gone, and all our plans Are useless indeed. We'll walk no more on Cotswolds Where the sheep feed Quietly and take no heed.

His body that was so quick
Is not as you
Knew it, on Severn River
Under the blue
Driving our small boat through.

You would not know him now...
But still he died
Nobly, so cover him over
With violets of pride
Purple from Severn side.

Cover him, cover him soon!
And with thick-set
Masses of memoried flowersHide that red wet
Thing I must somehow forget.

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 **WHEN?** The second Friday of each month at 10.30am



SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

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