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Welcome to February's Sudbrooke News.

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I will be updating the baby sitting list in a couple of months. If you **want to be listed**, or **continue your listing**, please let me know, otherwise I will let names lapse.

It has been a difficult period in recent weeks with the treacherous weather conditions. Quite understandably there were a few last minute changes to our services, e.g. refuse collection. Chris Myers, Parish Clerk, has suggested an e mail "round robin" to "contact residents on important matters" so information can get out at short notice. A great idea, please see page 13 for details.

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Nick

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VICAR'S LETTER

The Vicarage, Langworth Tel. 01522 – 754233

A new venture just launched is the "Tea Service" – an informal gathering on two Thursday afternoons a month. More details can be found at the foot of this letter.

We are now in the Season of Epiphany – a word which means "to make manifest" or "reveal". It is the season when we remember the Good News of Jesus revealed to the wider world when the Magi / Wise Men / Kings visit him and take the news back to their homeland. The Magi brought with them gifts symbolically appropriate to the future of Jesus :-

1. They recognized in the Baby of Bethlehem a newborn king – hence the Gold
2. Frankincense – for Deity
3. Myrrh – for a future death, as myrrh was used for anointing a dead body.

As the little verse goes :-

"Solemn things of mystic meaning :
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows."

Our January Family Service includes the distribution of Christingles. These 'decorated' oranges are also highly symbolic and appropriate to the Epiphany season, as they represent the taking out of Gospel good news to the wider world (just as the Magi did).. The first recorded use of a Christingle was in December 1747 during a children's festival in Marienborn, Germany (near Frankfurt). It was much simpler than today : a candles, tied around with a red ribbon. These candles were to be placed in a front window in homes and lit as a symbol of the light of Christ shining in the darkness and the flame of love he had kindled in human hearts. Today's Christingles often have the following features, each one pointing to an important truth about Christ :-

1. The Candle represents Christ himself, the light of the world. Some point to its colour – white – as a symbol of Christ's purity, the one without sin.
2. The Orange corresponds to the world – God's creation and where we live.
3. The red ribbon stands for the blood of Jesus shed upon the Cross. Tying it round the orange expresses the fact that he died for all - God's love being for everyone.
4. Cocktail Sticks denote the four points of the compass and the seasons of the year – emphasising (with the items affixed thereto) the universal nature of God's love, while at the same time pointing to his faithful provision of our daily

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

needs and the way he nurtures and sustains life, so :-

A) Fruit (usually raisins) and nuts (often 'monkey' nuts) for God's creation, God's daily provision, and to remind us of the wonder and beauty of the natural world around us.

B) Small Sweets can signify the numerous extra blessings over and above our daily needs that God pours into our lives. Some also suggest that they represent the sweetness of knowing and following Jesus.

5. Cloves, pushed liberally into the orange at random, can be used to represent the people of the world – also with their bitterness they can represent the wounds and suffering of Christ on the cross.

Tin foil, or a milk bottle top, can catch the candle's drips (unless a small party candle holder is used) – but it is also the place where the World of the Orange joins together with the candle of the Light of Christ and the foil reflects that light.

The overriding symbolism of the Christingle is that the light of Christ is not just for a few but for all - his love reaching out to every person and into every part of life.

Yours in Christ, **Robert Spaight**

Tea Service

You are invited to come along to a new venture which
combines afternoon tea and a chat
with a short mid-week service.

We meet at 2:30p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays
of every month at 2, Chestnut Close.
(See the Church Diary for dates.)

For further details please call
Eleanor or Chris Clarke on 753119

CHURCH DIARY

FEBRUARY		
Thursday 3	7.30 Sudbrooke PCC	The Vicarage
Sunday 6	5 before Lent	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Thursday 10	2.30 Tea Service	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke
Sunday 13	4 before Lent / Epiphany 6 (BCP)	
	9.00 BCP Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	10.30 Family Service	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
Tuesday 15	7.30 Stainton PCC	Walk Farm, Newball
Sunday 20	3 before Lent	
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	3.00 Family Service + Baptism	St. John Stainton
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Wednesday 23	7.30 Barlings PCC	The Vicarage
Thursday 24	2.30 Tea Service	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke
Sunday 27	2 before Lent	
	9.00 Communion	St.Edward Barlings
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Communion	St.Hugh Langworth
MARCH		
Sunday 6	Next before Lent	
	9.00 Communion	St.John Stainton
	10.30 Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
	6.00 Evening Prayer	St.Hugh Langworth
Wednesday 9	Ash Wednesday	
	7.30 a.m. Communion	St.Edward Sudbrooke
Thursday 10	2.30 Tea Service	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke

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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SADBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE

**PRESENT: Councillors Miss R Dobbs, I Russell, N James, S Curtis,
P Rignall, Mrs L Etheridge County Councillor Mrs S Rawlins,
4 members of the public, Mr P Walton LALC,**

APOLOGIES: Councillors B Bartram, M Dickie

75 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A report had been received stating that trees were shielding the street lights in Courtfield Close. This matter would be reported to the Highways Department.

It was also reported that the drain to the rear of Maple Drive/shop was overgrown. This would be reported to Witham Third Drainage Board.

76 ADDRESS BY PETER WALTON, TREASURER OF LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS AND MEMBER OF WLDC STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Mr Walton gave an informative address on the work of the Standards Committee and its future changes which would involve its abolition by 2012.

Mr Walton also confirmed that there would be no cap on parish precepts for the next financial year.

77 POLICE MATTERS

There had been 8 reported incidents and 2 crimes recorded during October.

78 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

CC Sue Rawlins reported on budgets and funding at the County Council and informed the meeting that the County Council will lose 80m over the next four years.

79 PROPOSED VILLAGE SIGN

It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Mike Halliday and Helen Link to speak about the proposals for a village sign.

It was evident that much time and work had been taken over the proposals which involved the carving group and thanks were extended for the efforts

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Cont'd.....

made. However due to the cost implications it was stressed that it may not be possible for the Parish Council to provide funding for some time, this having to be precepted. However the Clerk would approach the Community Foundation for Lincolnshire to ascertain whether any funding was available for the project. The matter would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

80 SADBROOKE NEWS

Mr Wharton, resident of the village, was thanked for attending the meeting and Standing Orders were suspended for him to speak.

Members of the Parish Council agreed to fund all printing costs of the November edition of the magazine.

81 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC Stuart Curtis informed the meeting that the numbering had now been applied to the street nameplates on Park Close.

82 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2010

These were signed as a correct record.

83 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

a) Skateboard Park – It was understood that there was no progress to date on this.

b) Christmas Tree event –Councillor Martin Dickie had asked for more volunteers to assist with the erection and removal of the marquee.

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council insurers had been a) notified of the event, b) that the tree was included on the insurance from 27th November – 8th January, c) the lights to the millennium stone were now on the insurance schedule.

c) Rowan Tree, Sibthorpe Drive – Councillor Stuart Curtis had notified the Highways Department of the condition of this tree and they had agreed to deal with it.

d) Overhanging trees around bus shelter, Wragby Road – Trees are still overhanging the highway verge from a resident's garden and shielding the bus shelter, creating a dark area. WLDC have been consulted regarding TPO's on

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the trees and confirmation received that branches overhanging the highway verge can be cut back.

e) Access to Scout camp – The Scout Association had been contacted regarding the use of the West Drive as access to the camp. It had been established in the conveyance of the land to the Scouts in 1958 from Miss Gilbert the Association legally assumed all the access rights to the land, which are stated on the document as being West Drive from both east and west, and also by Main Drive (through the Park Gates).

The Association had stated that all users of the site are asked to approach from the east end of West Drive and this would be re-iterated. It was added however that the Association would not support the erection of a directional sign on the A158 as they did not wish to advertise the location of the scout camp.

f) Lincolnshire Playing Fields Association AGM – 17th November 2010 – This was noted.

84 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that items previously referred to the Highways Officer were now being dealt with.

85 ANNUAL PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT

This had been received and Mr Pitt, Play equipment Inspector, asked to carry out any necessary work.

86 REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT

It was agreed to defer this matter until the next meeting.

87 PLANNING

Central Lincolnshire Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation – Councillor Stuart Curtis spoke on this. The Clerk would circulate further information/questionnaire between Councillors for comments.

88 FINANCE

a) Precept 2011/12 – The Precept meeting for members will be held at 7.00pm prior to the next full Parish Council meeting on 2nd December 2010.

89 CHAIR PERSONS COMMENTS – None

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES Cont'd.....

90 CORRESPONDENCE

*Review of planning decisions

*Letter from parishioners re planning application 125970

*circulated between Councillors

91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 2nd December 2010

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF SADBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2010 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SADBROOKE

PRESENT: Councillors B Bartram (Chairman), M Dickie, P Rignall,
N James, S Curtis

APOLOGIES: Councillors Miss R Dobbs, I Russell, Mrs L Etheridge,
Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer)

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the meeting in the severe weather conditions. It was agreed that all items on the agenda, except the following, be deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.

92 CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT – 5th DECEMBER 2010

It was reported that due to the heavy fall of snow it was not known when the Christmas Tree would be available from Doddington. It was also not possible to collect the Santa Sleigh from its storage due to the condition of the roads.

It was agreed unanimously that, due to Health and Safety risks, all activities associated with the Christmas Tree event would have to be cancelled, the Parish Council would take all steps to recover any costs already incurred.

93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th January 2011. Councillor Bernard Bartram gave apologies due to work commitments.

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Report of Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2011

7 Councillors were present, the Clerk and the Treasurer.

Dog Fouling - Concern was expressed about the increase in dog excrement around the village during the recent bad weather.

Possible Skateboard Park – It was agreed that this was not going to be possible at present as the cost would be in the region of £80,000.

Christmas tree and Millennium stone lighting – The Christmas tree and illuminated millennium stone had looked splendid this year. Thanks were due to Pat Wright, Oliver Wright, Roger Adams and Dave Garnham for fixing the lights on the tree in difficult conditions. Diary date – this years Christmas tree event – 27th November 2011!

Precept 2011/2012 – The Precept for the next financial year was set by the Council at £15,980, slightly less than the previous year which was £16,000.

Village Sign – The Clerk was investigating the possibility of a grant for the sign.

Parish Council election – May 5th 2011 – A reminder was given that the Parish Council is due for election this May, anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk.

Date of next meeting- Thursday 3rd February 2011

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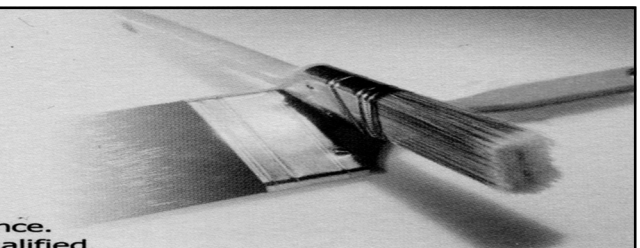
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Contacting residents on important matters

The severe weather caused us all problems but one which I encountered was trying to contact as many people as possible in the village to let them know that they could dispose of any rubbish if they wanted to at the village hall on a Saturday morning during December, having heard about the collection only on the Friday! With people only going walking if necessary displaying notices in our 5 notice boards was not much use.

I have several email addresses of residents who have contacted me for various reasons over the last few years and I managed to dig them from the archives. I was able to send an email to these residents to let them know of the arrangements and asking them to spread the word to any neighbours who would be interested. Several people have remarked that it was useful. As it turned out the rubbish collection was well used and a worthwhile effort.

It has been suggested that I compile a list of residents email addresses who would want to be contacted in the event of something important arising, one which springs to mind is road closures, I would then send notification out to all those on the list.

I can keep the email addresses of those that I contacted about the refuse collection unless anyone wishes to be removed. Any other resident wanting to be included please email me on myers1@ntlworld.com. I shall not make email addresses known to anyone else and will send any out as 'blind copies' so that no addresses are visible.

Chris Myers, Clerk to Sudbrooke Parish Council

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I write to reveal some facts about the Oak tree at the gated entrance to Main Drive which may interest your readers as it did me. I wondered if the title of the estate "Sudbrooke Holme" was selected in any way because of the Oak tree.

This is a variety known as Holm Oak (No, not a spelling mistake, Holm Oak) "Quercus ilex". It is an evergreen and unique among Oaks in that it retains its shiny green spiky leaves in winter like holly. The bark is black. It is a vigorous grower and to keep it in shape requires regular pruning. The finest specimen of this Oak is in Kew Gardens and is huge.

It was introduced into this country around the late 1500's. It is a Mediterranean species highly thought of by The Greeks. The one in our village was planted there when Sudbrooke Holme was landscaped by The Ellison Family.



Angela Marsh

PILATES

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Sudbrooke Wood Carving Project

The Sudbrooke carving group have started up again after the Christmas break. Thankfully the seats are still there after being covered by all that snow!

On the news front the group have recently be awarded a community grant that has enabled us to purchase some carving tools of our own. This is great news. This means we can encourage even more residents of Sudbrooke to come and take part in this village community project. It is never too late.

To this end new complete beginners taster sessions will be starting from Sunday 20th February onwards for 4 Sundays. These sessions will be geared totally for those who have felt they would like to give wood carving a try, just to see if its for them but are not sure and for those who felt they would have

Liked to have come along before but just couldn't make it. What ever the reason do come and see.

Try out the tools, see what you can do. No cost involved. All are welcome. (however over 13 please for safety reasons)

All Taster Sunday sessions from 20th Feb until 13th March are 2pm to 4pm. There are also general carving sessions on Sundays at the same time as above and on Mondays from 10am to 12noon. (All sessions subject to the weather)

If you would like to know more please ring me, Helen on 01522 595802 or just pop along. 36 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke.



Helen Link



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Are you concerned about our environment?

How do you feel about planning issues?

What about public transport?

Local housing?

Are you interested in local government finances, and where all our money goes?

What can we do about anti-social behaviour?

Do we need more local amenities?

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Sudbrooke Parish Council is due for an election this May.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council contact the Clerk NOW on 01522 823802

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Change of Venue for our Meetings

Our new meeting venue is: The Welton Sports and Social Club. Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.45 pm, with the exceptions of January and August.

Our first meeting is on Tuesday 18 February.

Anyone who is interested in joining The Royal British Legion, or would like some information on The Charity is welcome.

We would like to thank David and his staff at The Falconer for hosting our meetings for the past two years - they all made us very welcome.

Tony Davis 860363

District Councillor Initiative Fund

The above fund has now been fully taken up and I have sanctioned grants to the following organisations:

**Sudbrooke Pre-school
Scothern Pre-school
Sudbrooke Lives Group
Sudbrooke Carving Group
Scothern Scout Group
Girl Guides**

**Stuart Curtis
District Councillor**

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 22ND MARCH 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

All residents of the Parish of Sudbrooke aged 18 years or over are entitled to attend the AGM to elect a new Management Committee for the forthcoming year. All existing organisations in the Parish are entitled to nominate a representative member to serve on the Committee. Please let me know whether your existing representative will continue to serve.

**Gill Rignall
Honorary Secretary
Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee
01522 595736**

NEW YEAR'S EVE 2010

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the New Year's Eve party a success. Donated raffle prizes were much appreciated. Particular thanks go to Stuart, Lyn and guests who helped before, during and after the event. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Gill and Paul

GARDENING NEWS



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Litter Pick---October 23rd.....

A very big thank you to everyone who turned up on a damp morning to help with our autumn litter picking event.

I was extremely pleased to see about 25 people turn up (including some new faces) at the Village Hall to enjoy a cuppa before being allocated their area for clean up. As more people participate it makes the job just that much easier.

I would especially like to thank Lyn and Dave Etheridge who assisted my wife with refreshments and also Mike Halliday for putting up signs around the village.

Around 28 bags of rubbish were collected but it was disconcerting to find 10 of those were from around the village shop area. PLEASE KEEP THIS AREA TIDIER, there are litter bins around the shop and other parts of the village so please use them.

Most unusual item collected this time was a single almost new wellington boot!! I am now looking for a man with one leg and very muddy feet.

We have put some more crocus and daffodil bulbs around the village so I am really looking forward to spring again when I personally think the village looks stunning and I hope we can all strive to help keep it litter free.

Bernard Bartram
Vice Chairman. Sudbrooke Parish Council

The Old Codger.....



I left school at the age of 14. Had I been born a month later I would have had to stay on another year as they had just raised the school leaving age to 15. I must say that I considered myself lucky to leave and start working and earn some money. I didn't feel deprived of further education and over my lifetime I don't really think it has done me any real harm. I don't regret the fact that I don't have 19 A Levels and a degree in Media Studies because

McDonalds had yet to arrive in the UK and even if they were here, I wouldn't have fancied prancing about in a red uniform which proclaimed "I'm loving it" as I falsely smiled and asked "Would you like fry's with that?"

Is it really compulsory to have been educated to that level and then have spent 2 gap years touring the far flung reaches of the poverty stricken world to get employment at the minimum wage in McDonalds?. I somehow feel that my own time spent in the University of Life in the real world did me more good and certainly cost my parents far less than is today's education norm. There was in those days very little unemployment and jobs were easy to obtain and employers had to try hard to recruit staff. They had to convince applicants that their future in that apprenticeship or particular trade was going to be well paid by standards of that time and an attractive prospect. How times have changed...!!

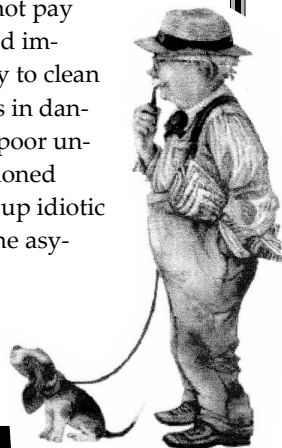
Today there are several hundred applicants for every job and most youngsters wouldn't even know what an apprenticeship was. In order to keep the unemployment figures down the Government have raised the minimum school leaving age to 18. Then they encourage young folks to go on to University. Not to study subjects which would be useful to society such as Physics, Engineering, Science, Biology, Chemistry, etc...but offering Egyptology, Sociology, Media studies and the life of David Beckham and other current modern idols. I wouldn't be surprised if they raised the basic leaving age to 65. That would certainly make the figures look more attractive and show that the Government were able to reduce unemployment.

It's not just unemployment figures that can be manipulated. If you want to prove that train times have improved and that far less trains are late. Simple !!!... print times of arrival 10 minutes later than you would normally take. Then you can arrive early and no one will ever complain. Even if you take 10 minutes later...you will be on time !!

Crime figures have been easy to reducefirst you reduce or remove foot patrols by police officers. If you place the officers in vehicles it is a lot more difficult to speak to them and report minor crimes which would often have been reported to the PC on the beat. Next you close Police Stations. Either close them altogether or else minimise the hours they remain open, so that anyone wishing to pop into their local Police Station to report crime would have to travel several miles often in heavy traffic or across difficult terrain in all weathers. That way only the more serious crimes merit the trouble. The fact that many thousands of what, nevertheless are crimes never get reported, suits the statisticians purpose well. They can prove that crime figures have been reduced. That's the name of the game and it takes University Educated Senior Officers to come up with that solution and prove how successful they are .

Is it me ??or does it go to prove that you can make figures prove anything you like to suit your purpose ?. Speaking of students, the Government has decided that as this country is in desperate immediate need of money because of the National deficit they will raise student feesyou might think ...what a good way to raise cash ...until you read that the students will not be paying anything until they finish their three or four year courses and even then only when they are stupid enough to reveal that they are earning over twenty five thousand pounds a year. Then they will pay by instalments. What a brilliant way to raise IMMEDIATE cash(Of course those who leave the U.K. will not pay anything)....In view of the fact that these proposals have created immense student unrest and cost the country huge sums of money to clean up the damage caused by student riots as well as the fact that is in danger of bringing down the Coalition Government, this seems to poor uneducated Old Codger like me sheer lunacy. But then as I mentioned above I didn't have a University Education to be able to dream up idiotic plans like this ...I think that lunatics have not only taken over the asylum ...They are running the Country as well.

Come on someone !....Tell me I am wrong !!



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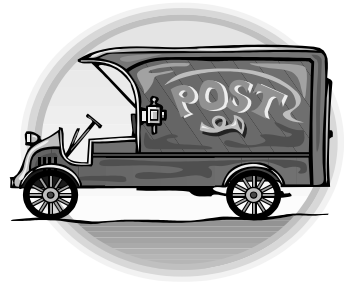
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CHRIS JENKINS "AERIALVIEW" 11 Brinkhall Way , Welton .

Dear Old Codger



Knowing how you enjoying delving back in the past I thought you and your readers might enjoy sharing my memories

It was 7am on Xmas Day early in the 1960's. Picture the scene as a lone police officer was slowly riding along a winding silent residential road on the outer limits of Bushey in Hertfordshire on a police solo motor cycle dressed in uniform exactly as shown in the popular TV series "Heartbeat ".... You know !....Black "Corker" helmet with a silver badge. Polished high leather gaiters and motor cycle boots, and jodhpurs topped by a thick black heavy waterproof coat. The bike was the standard Police Triumph 500cc maroon Speed Twin with panniers and large radio unit with 4 foot aerial mounted over the rear wheel and large telephone handset on top of the tank. In the centre of the handlebars was a large speaker .

It was very cold, well below freezing, and the trees alongside the road were dripping with icicles and a thick white haw frost covered the grass, trees and pavement. There was no other traffic about and it was absolutely peaceful and silent ...a perfect Xmas Day morning with smoke occasionally winding from the chimneys of the houses on the new executive type, modern fashionable detached houses on the newly built estate which had been built on the outskirts of London about a mile or so from Elstree film studios where many TV programmes were filmed and later many Block Buster films such as the James Bond series etc were made .

The officer was patrolling the outer limits of his beat which covered a large semi rural area. He was putting a few miles on the speedometer of his machine to keep his Sgt happy and with the prospect of popping back to the Police Station and having a hot cup of tea and warming himself on the roaring coal fire in the front office. With a skeleton staff on duty no real emergency calls were anticipated. The radio linked to New Scotland Yard occasionally burst into life and there would be a message to some unit elsewhere. But God was in his Heaven and Peace was on Earth.

Suddenly, to his amazement the officer saw on the pavement ahead of him and heading towards him a tiny 3 year old child seated absolutely naked on one of those tiny red "Triang" three wheeled metal pedal cycles. The girls tiny little legs were whirring round propelling the tricycle forward apparently oblivious of the cold and the frost covered pavement. There was not another moving

thing in sight. The officer quickly stopped his machine ahead of the child and stepping in front of her gently bent down and halted her progress. It would have made a wonderful camera shotthe huge policeman, warmly clad with his breath smoking in the cold, bending over the tiny child holding onto the handlebars of her machine to prevent her pedaling off.

"Hello! Did Father Christmas bring that for you? Where do you live ? I bet Mummy and Daddy don't know you are out here in the cold. Where do you live Darling ?" the policeman said. The child shook her head and tried very hard to push forward on her machine clearly not wanting to waste time in conversation and keen to be on her way. At that moment there was a loud shout up the road and about 50 yards away a man and woman came running. Both were dressed in nightclothes and dressing gown and slippers. As soon as they reached the little girl the mother of the child swept her up and wrapped her snugly into her dressing gown and cuddled her and smothered her with kisses. Both mother and father were now laughing very happily.

It was then that the officer looked hard at the two parents and instantly recognized them as two of the characters from the popular TV series "Emergency Ward 10 ". In those early days of TV it was equally as popular as any soap program of today. The father was the Actor James Anderton who played a Doctor and his wife was Jill Brown who played the part of a wonderfully attractive nurse. They were filming the series at the nearby Elstree studios and appeared every week on television. Apparently they had bought a house on the new estate.

Laughing uproariously the father told me that their daughter had opened up her Christmas presents a few moments ago and been very excited on seeing her tricycle. She had tried to get her parents to take her outside so that she could ride it. Everyone was still in night clothes having just got out of bed . "You are not going out there in your pajamas " he told herWELL !!...She was a GOOD girl !! She heard what Daddy had said. So she had slipped off her pyjamas and out she went with her new toy. For a few minutes she had not been missed by her parents and you can imagine the panic as soon as they realized what had happened .

They thanked the officer and after inviting him to a hot drink, which was declined, they went back to their nearby house still laughing and cuddling. The PC returned to his Station with a wonderful story to tell his colleagues and a memory to last him a lifetime of Christmases. It has never been forgotten and recounted a hundred times. It is true !!....I know !...I was that Officer !!.

Sadly a couple of years later I read in the papers that Jill Brown had died from Cancer. She was so young and very lovely and it seemed so tragic . James Anderton went on to a illustrious and long career in films and TV and can still be seen today. Several years later he married another famous TV star Pauline Collins and they have appeared together in many well known TV series such as

Upstairs Downstairs etc. I wonder what became of the little girl ? I will never forget her. She is my eternal memory of a very happy Christmas. From a time when P.C. referred to that nice friendly jolly old chap in a smart blue uniform who walked the streets and kept the Peace near you .

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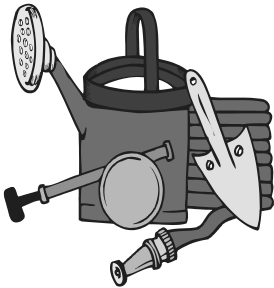
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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB



December meeting

Members were treated to a splendid Christmas party generously hosted by Barry and Margaret Reeves. Good food, wine and a convivial atmosphere more than compensated for the appalling weather outdoors. The seasonal quiz was won by Pam Peace, Barry and Margaret Reeves.

Prior to the festivities starting, members agreed the following programme for 2011:

Monday 14th March, John Moss to talk about garden recovery, shrub pruning, speciality bulbs and annuals for colour and cut flowers. At the village hall from 7-30pm.

Monday 11th April, Sudbrooke Spring Show at village hall.

Monday 9th May, meeting to be hosted by Mike and Margaret Halliday.

Monday 13th June, meeting to be hosted by David and Sandy Bowles.

Tuesday 12th July, day out at Normanby Hall Country Park.

Monday 8th August, AGM meeting to be hosted by Mike and Sheila Cannon.

Monday 12th September, Sudbrooke Autumn Show at village hall.

Monday 10th October, Steven Lovell to give a talk at the village hall.

New members are always welcome, please contact myself or any member for details.

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COUNTRY WALKS



January walk

With a welcome thaw in progress, the early morning drizzle gave way to bright skies making it ideal walking conditions.

16 walkers turned out determined to sweep away the festive lethargy and burn off a few calories.

The walk from the village hall passed through Reepham and the countryside bordering Fiskerton and Langworth and was about 7 miles long.

The final destination was the Cherry Tree café where walkers endeavoured to replace lost calories.

Next walk is Saturday 5th February.

The walk is around the Nocton area and is approx. 6 miles long on mostly good terrain. Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am prepared for car-sharing. If you wish to walk and need a lift, please turn up at the village hall. Walkers are advised to wear suitable footwear, take a waterproof coat, a small snack and a drink. Everyone is welcome to join this free and healthy activity.

Future walk is Saturday 5th March

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9-30am prepared for car-sharing. The venue is to be agreed and will depend on ground conditions.

Mike Halliday Tel 754686

SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB



Our **December meeting** was the Christmas party, which was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the Committee for organizing this evening.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in Sudbrooke Village Hall. There is a guest speaker at most meetings and we try to provide something to interest everyone throughout the year. We have a book stall and small coin

collection for our charity fund.

Following the establishment of a LIVES First Responder Group in Sudbrooke the February meeting may be of particular interest. You are welcome to attend the meeting and non members are asked to contribute £2.

Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 17th February 2011: Sudbrooke LIVES Group-Mike Johnson, Coordinator.

Thursday 17th March 2011: speaker to be arranged.

Further information: 01522-595736

Gill Rignall

February 2011

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NETTLEHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE

GP Changes

Dr Ian Lacy will be retiring from the practice at the end of June 2011 after 24 years. He will be sorely missed by everyone at the practice and by many patients. We wish him the very best in his new ventures.

Online Appointment Booking

If you have visited our website recently you may have noticed that you can now book some routine appointments online. We have only just added this facility and at the moment have only permitted a small number of appointments to be booked this way until we have chance to monitor the uptake and receive feedback from patients.

If you would be interested in using this service, you will need to register for online access by coming into the practice and bringing a form of photo ID (passport or driving licence). After two working days you can collect your unique username and PIN for this service. If you are already registered to order repeat prescriptions online, you do not need to register again and can start to book appointments online.

Green Issues

The practice has been looking at ways to reduce its carbon footprint. During the last year we have moved to a company which securely shreds all of our paper waste and then recycles it. We also had two sun tubes installed in the new waiting room at Nettleham. To complement these, we have chosen to have solar panels installed on the roof at Nettleham to produce electricity which can be used by the practice during the week and then any residual sent to the National grid.

Training Dates

The practice at Nettleham will be closed from 1pm on the following afternoons for GP and staff training.

Tuesday 15th March 2011

Tuesday 17th May 2011

Tuesday 21st June 2011

Helen Lunn
Practice Manager

Patient Participation Group

During 2010, the Patient Participation Group has raised funds that have

enabled the practice to purchase a TV and DVD player for the waiting rooms at Cherry Willingham and a TV for the Nettleham waiting room. Thanks to all patients for their continued support.

Meg Rawden – Chairperson

Voluntary Driver Scheme

2010 was another successful year for the scheme with a 250% increase from the 10 months of 2009 in the amount of appointments we covered where transport was required by patients. Due to its popularity in 2010, we have been able to reduce the price of the fares. We hope to continue with this level of service throughout 2011.

Alan Price – Co-ordinator

WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

Happy new year to everyone and thank you to all who sent cards and gifts over the festive period – all were greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

Shortly after the announcement that the practice was changing computer systems mid January we hit a technical hitch which has resulted in this now being postponed until later in the year.

At the time of writing we still have 'flu vaccinations and urge those in the "at risk" groups to come forward. This season started really slowly this year but is now gaining momentum. Our "flu order" for 2011/12 will be placed shortly and although a long way ahead, a reminder for those eligible to make sure of an early appointment this year to ensure timely protection and prevent a last minute panic as the winter progresses.

Drs Barton and Barber have agreed to run the Lincoln 10k this year with our own Patient and Doctors Association being the chosen recipient of sponsorship. Forms will be available in reception shortly for anyone wishing to support this event.

Sallie Stead
Practice Manager

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WELTON & DISTRICT PATIENTS AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

We are holding a Jumble Sale, to raise funds for the Transport Scheme, on Saturday 9th April in Welton Village Hall starting at 1pm. In addition to jumble and 'nearly new' clothing there will be bric a brac, toys and games, a raffle to be drawn on the day and light refreshments will be served. If you have anything which you think we may be able to use, please hold on to it! We are hoping to have 'collection points' in Welton, Dunholme, Scothorn and on Stonecliffe Park. Further details will be given in next month's magazine or alternatively goods can be brought to the Hall from 11am on the day. All help on the day would also be gratefully accepted.

The Spring Lunch will be held on Friday 6th May. (Note the date in your diary) Full details of menu, cost etc will be in the next magazine and tickets will be available from late March.

Finally I would like to thank all of those people who made donations to the PDA over the Christmas period. These are, as always, very much appreciated. If you have any questions about the items above, please give me a call on Welton 862570

Janet Goddard

DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB



For all of the club members the competitions get off to a start with our usual "Open Competition" on the 3rd February, this competition gives all of our members the chance to get out their favourite images and enter them into this the first competition of the year.

Our second meeting February 17th "Projected Images" (Show and tell) requires all members to bring along a selection of 6 images to share with other members and explain how they achieved the end result

If you want to join us at the Camera Club please don't be shy either come along on the night at the

Old School Centre in Dunholme or get in touch for a brief explanation about the club.

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BACKWARDS GLANCE AT SADBROOKE NEWS

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All full of results and activities that had taken place or were about to take place. With pride of place going to Cherry this month where 9 pupils were awarded Certificates of Merit by The Institute of Directors for their impressive and wide ranging business study report on their chosen subject, Marks and Spencer. This high merit is rarely awarded but it was the second year running that the school has been honored for it's work with Industry and Business. As a result of this award double the recipients were invited to attend the Institute of Directors Conference in 1992. The new Stage was now all set for productions and is reputed to have one of the finest and best equipped sound and lighting systems in the County. At the opening production one of last years pupils, now attending Cheetham School of Music. Jon-Thomas Carr will be giving a piano recital and a list of plays and other events due to be held over the next year are eagerly awaited.

Work was started on The Multi-purpose Sport and Play area. A grant was being requested from the Sports Council who asked for a statement of intent and developments for the next three years (I note the words Multi -purpose ...not just tennis !!). Now it is an established feature in the village I would personally very much like to see it being used for other sports as well such as Netball, Basket ball ,Volleyball, Hockey etc . Surely this was the proposed intention when it was planned. Pity these events have so far never taken off. It's a great shame it's so under used. Come on somebody !..Pries them away from the computers and let's see some teamwork activities).

Work was commenced on the cycle way between Sudbrooke and Ellison Boulter's School.



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