

SUDBROOKE NEWS

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BECK-BREAKING WORK



Habitat improvement
project undertaken in
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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SO, how does John Whitaker do it? What does he feed his vegetables and flowers that make them grow so big and tall? Just take a look at the proud grower posing with his huge sunflowers on page 15. Some of the massive veg at the Autumn Show were also his.

I'm sure there was a picture of John in the book Jack and the Beanstalk, patting the enormous plant, with a wry grin on his face and thinking to himself, 'not one of my biggest, but it'll do'.

There was another terrific turnout at the Autumn Show (pages 12-13), while there has been plenty of work going on in and around Sudbrooke, improving habitat areas around the beck (page 3) and cleaning up the pathways (page 24).

Terry Mayo takes us back to his childhood this month, reminiscing about enjoyable trips to Norfolk and a marathon cycling trip around England. Let the wind blow. **Dom**

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Diggers and Dolphins help Lincolnshire Rivers Trust make improvements to the beck in Sudbrooke



The end of July marked the beginning of our Sudbrooke habitat improvement project, which started with Five Rivers Environmental Contractors, carrying out some amazing river restoration for us on Sudbrooke Parish Council's stretch of Nettleham beck alongside the playing field.

Without human intervention, rivers naturally meander and include stretches of both fast and slow-flowing water, these meanders or 'wiggles' increase the length of the river and create pools and riffles which, over time produce diverse habitats for a variety of wildlife.

Before the work started, the channel was very straight and uniform in shape with steep banks, far from ideal for aquatic life. Using a mini digger, the banks were regraded, and the bottom of the channel was narrowed with the installation of berms (low level shelves) and natural wood deflectors to help to reintroduce the 'wobble.'

Once the diggers were done all that was left for us to do was plant some native aquatic vegetation along the banks and the newly created berms. Luckily, we had our regular team of trusty volunteers on hand to help, along with some of the Sudbrooke Parish Councillors and a team of corporate volunteers from Brewin Dolphin in Lincoln, who were happy to spend a day outside getting their hands dirty.

The weather was kind to us and, incredibly, we managed to plant over 1,000 plug



plants. Once the plants take hold, not only will they look beautiful, they will also provide food and habitat for a variety of creatures and the plant roots will help to stabilise the banks, reducing erosion. The remaining excavated soil was used to create a bank along the far end of the playing field which we will endeavour to plant with trees and wildflower seed mix later in the year.

As always, we want to say a great big THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers for their time, enthusiasm and energy. We also want to thank Sudbrooke Parish Council for giving us permission to carry out the project, their support and cooperation, the Environment Agency Team for their advice and expertise and IGas Energy Community Fund

for funding the plants.

To find out more about our projects or to find out how you can become a volunteer please see our website www.lincsrivers.org.uk, follow us on Social Media @lincsrivers or get in touch lincsrivers@gmail.com.



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 2019

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 4 July in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull, Mrs C Myers (Clerk), Mrs B Solly (Treasurer)
PCSO Jackie Parker until 7.50pm

■ 53 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

Items had been brought to the attention of the Parish Council as follows:

- ▶ The stream to the rear of the shop was overgrown - Clerk had already reported this to Witham Third Drainage Board
- ▶ High stiles had been erected on the field path from Main Drive to Scothern - clerk to report to LCC.
- ▶ Large amount of litter in new sports field - a resident had done a litter pick on the field.
- ▶ Laughing gas canisters found in car park of Village Hall - reported to PCSO Jackie Parker.
- ▶ Request for seat(s) in play area at rear of Village Hall
- ▶ Enquiry about 'Next Door Sudbrooke' - Residents advised to be cautious before supplying personal details on-line.
- ▶ A tree on the verge on Manor was hanging over the footway and required cutting back - clerk to report to LCC Highways in the first instance.
- ▶ Following surface dressing to several roads in Sudbrooke it was noted that the edge of the roads required sweeping - Clerk to notify LCC Highways.

■ 54 APOLOGIES

- ▶ CC Mrs Sue Rawlins, DC Bob Waller. That the reasons given be accepted. Resolved

■ 55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Councillor Mike Turnbull declared an interest in Item 13b on the agenda - planning application 139534 - as a neighbour of the applicant.

■ 56 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6

- ▶ That the notes be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

■ 57 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ Report received from Police as follows:
Jun 4 - Fox Covert - Sus Circs: Male in a Silver Renault van came into the cul-de sac, left and then returned. Appeared to be taking photos of properties.
- Jun 13 - Scout Camp - Other Offences: Fire was lit by a cabin - minor damage.
- Jun 13 - Fir Tree Close - Sus Circs: Male seen acting suspiciously around the lane.
- Jun 20 - Park Close - Abandoned call: Silent 999 call.
- Jun 23 - West Drive - Theft: Rear plates stolen from vehicle - damage to bumper - plate found in neighbour's garden.
- Jun 24 - St Edwards Drive - Traffic Offence: Vehicle not stopped at traffic lights and cut straight in front of another vehicle.

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■ 57 POLICE MATTERS continued

Jun 26 - Holme Drive - Concern for Welfare: Person not answering their door. All in order.

Jul 4 - West Drive - Forced entry to garage.

■ 58 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

► No report received.

■ 59 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

► DC Bob Waller had sent a report as follows:

I am waiting for confirmation from our County Councillor Sue Rawlins, regarding the date for our on-site meeting with a senior manager from highways at LCC to discuss Church Lane/Sudbrooke Lane.

I also want to discuss the possibility of passing places on Heath Road in Scothern and the lack of communications between highways and the utility companies regarding road works/surfacing.

Church Lane is an ongoing problem with potholes constantly on the agenda. In addition, oversized vehicles disregard the weight restrictions and are causing problems to the road surface which is why it was closed for a few days last month.

On the plus side, the visibility around the first corner on Church Lane has been greatly improved, thanks to the owner of the land removing trees and bushes and gifting the land to LCC who will maintain it.

The main concern of residents of Scothern during the last few days has been the suspension of the bus service to the

village. This was done without the knowledge or consultation with residents, Parish Council, District Councillor or our County Councillor.

Despite valiant efforts by residents and the councillors, it appears that it is a 'done deal' as a cost saving exercise. I believe that we may have one more avenue to explore. Sudbrooke is a lot bigger than Scothern and both villages are growing. Sudbrooke does not have a bus service. With the support and agreement of both Parish Councils, I believe it is worth putting forward a proposal to Stagecoach that an existing service could be re-routed through the two villages on a trial basis. I have put this proposal forward to Scothern PC and would like Sudbrooke PC to discuss.

News from WLDC - the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review Issues and Consultation period runs until July 18. The consultation contains a number of proposals for how the plan might change with some new policies. You can view this and submit responses online through the WLDC website. There are currently eight Neighbourhood Plans at various stages of development. Unfortunately, Sudbrooke is being delayed by the inability to appoint an external examiner prior to the public referendum. The appointment is like going out to contract and offering the work to self-employed examiners.

It is unusual that no examiner has chosen to accept this work. Pressure is being put on WLDC to try to resolve this matter as a matter of urgency. A lot of work has been done over the last three years, we must not lose the momentum now.

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■ 60 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

► a) Fun Day/Sports event, June 30, 2019: Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham reported that the summer weather shone for all the eager participants who did their very best in all the events, noting that there are a lot of talented children and parents in our village. Cllr Bingham thanked Emma Chapman and her family and friends who organised the venue and races.

► b) Pruning of Beech Trees - Beech Tree Corner: WLDC had stated that the District Council does not provide a tree inspection/assessment service, only looking at trees in relation to processing a valid tree application for the purpose of deciding if the work applied for is appropriate. Under common law a 'duty of care' to those around the tree should be taken by the owners to minimise risk of injury to people or damage to property.

That the Parish Council arrange for an inspection report of the trees at a cost not exceeding £80 unanimously Resolved.

► c) Siting of Village sign: Notification from contractors that this would be sited on July 22, 2019.

► d) Fitting of gate at sports field: Notification from contractors that this would be sited on July 23, 2019.

► e) Parking problems, Beresford Drive: PCSO Jackie Parker had agreed to look into this.

■ 61 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES FOR REVIEW

► a) Grants Awarding Policy - Reviewed:

with amendment unanimously Resolved.

► b) Model Publication Scheme: Reviewed without amendment unanimously Resolved.

► c) Payment of expenses to Councillors: Reviewed with amendment unanimously Resolved.

► d) Media Policy: Reviewed without amendment unanimously Resolved.

■ 62 SEAT TO REAR OF VILLAGE HALL

► a) The seat situated to the rear of the Village Hall had been checked and was showing extensive rot. Consideration was given to it being replaced with the same style seat as recently purchased and it be sited in the play area. This was unanimously Resolved.

■ 63 FLOWER TUBS FOR SITING IN VILLAGE

► Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham suggested, in the first instance, that the Parish Council purchase a large planter to be sited at the front of the village hall window. This was welcomed by the Council. Councillor Mrs Bingham agreed to look at the cost and report back to a future meeting.

■ 64 NEW SPORTSFIELD, SCOTHERN LANE - TO CONSIDER FORMAL ENTRANCE

► Consideration was given to a formal entrance for pedestrians at the new sports field at a gap in the hedge beyond the car

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■ 64 NEW SPORTSFIELD, SCOTHERN LANE - TO CONSIDER FORMAL ENTRANCE *continued*

park approximately one metre wide, this being marked by two posts, but without a gate. It was hoped that the Carving Group could inscribe on the posts 'The Stuart Curtis Sports Field'. Unanimously Resolved.

■ 65 PLANNING MATTERS

► a) Park development - report: Following a request the Traffic Management Plan had still not been received. The Clerk was asked to request this again.

► b) Application 139534 - 7 Woolley Road - Convert garage and erect single storey extension: Comments - Sudbrooke Parish Council has viewed this application and considers this extension will impose on the neighbouring property, by leaving them a narrow 'corridor' to their back door. The Parish Council fully supports the neighbours objections, which it is hoped will be taken into consideration when determining this application - unanimously Resolved.

NB Councillor Mike Turnbull declared an interest as a neighbour of the applicant and took no part in the discussion.

► c) Application 139576 - 73 Holme Drive - Single storey porch and car port extension: No objections, unanimously Resolved.

► d) Application - 139466 - Old Station Yard, Langworth - erect industrial unit: To ratify comments sent to WLDC - 'Whilst there are no objections to this application,

comments are made that this is a large unit with access onto the main A158 and next to a busy level crossing. Intended and frequency of access to and from the A158 are not clear from the plans. The safety aspect needs to be carefully considered.' Unanimously Resolved.

► e) Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Review - Issues and Options Consultation and Call for Sites: The Review classified Sudbrooke as a large village, being a change from the medium village.

It was considered that an in-depth review of the Local Plan was required in order to complete the Issues and Options document. That Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham, the Chair and Vice Chair form a suitable reply unanimously Resolved.

► f) Renovated property - Manor Drive: Concern had been expressed by some neighbours about the group of residents living in the property. PCSO Jackie Parker agreed to meet the residents along with the local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator.

■ 66 FINANCE

► a) Park development - report: Following e.on electricity monthly charges - July, £18.00, August £18.00, September £18.00
 Employment costs - July £819.26
 Glendale Countryside Ltd - June cut - net £1229.56, VAT £245.91, Gross £1475.47
 West Lindsey District Council - Parish charges for elections £168.61
 Mr D Picksley - management of **Sudbrooke News** £300.00
 Parish Magazine Printing £221.63

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■ 66 FINANCE continued

Greenfield Groundskeeping Services - June play equipment inspections £100.00
 Greenfield Groundskeeping Services July play equipment inspections £80.00
 Information Commissioner - Data Protection renewal £40.00
 M J Tomlinson - Internal Audit £50.00
 Mrs C Myers - expenses June £92.94
 Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee - hire of hall 4.7.2019 £17.00
 Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee - hire of hall 6.6.2019 £17.00
 Park and Village Hall

Net £2210, VAT £442.12, Gross £2,652.72

That the above accounts be paid unanimously Resolved.

► b) Consideration for Treasurer to pay invoices between meetings other than those covered by Regulation 4.6 in the Financial Regulations - Unanimously Resolved.

■ 67 CLERK'S REPORT

► The Clerk reported that the plaque had been fixed to the Memorial Seat sited outside the Village Hall and a photograph of the new seat sent to the family. The Clerk had provisionally booked four places on the LALC First Aid Course to be arranged later in the year.

■ 68 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

► Agenda item for next meeting - Christmas tree event

■ 69 CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

► *Copied to residents email list
 Jun 7: News from the ICO
 *Jun 10: Welton Family Medical Practice News
 Jun 10: LALC News 169
 Jun 10: LALC Weekly News
 *Jun 12: Police Alert - Shed and garage burglaries
 Jun 14: News from Community Lincs
 Jun 17: LALC Weekly News
 *Jun 22: Police alert - Burglary in Nettleham
 *Jun 22: Police alert - Burglary in Scothern
 *Jun 24: Nettleham Medical Practice Newsletter
 Jun 25: LALC Weekly News
 Jun 25: Enquiry re 'Sudbrooke Next door'
 Jun 26: Enquiry re land ownership, West Drive
 Jun 28: Local bus updates - none relating to Sudbrooke
 Jun 28: Notification from Community Lincs that they will be merging with Lincoln YMCA
 Jul 2: LALC notification re Broadband vouchers
 Jul 2: WYPF Pension Matters
 Jul 4: Email from resident stating that he was hoping that the Rapid Relief Team would undertake some verge cutting on the pathway on the A158.

■ 70 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► 7.30pm Thursday 12 September 2019 in the Village Hall, Sudbrooke.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEP 12, 2019

▶ **Parishioners items:** The Parish Council had been contacted by some residents about their concerns when 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. Contact would be made with the Footpaths Officer at Lincolnshire County Council and the landowner to request that the electric fence be moved inside the field boundary.

▶ **County Councillor's Report:** County Councillor Sue Rawlins stated that roundabouts on the A46 were to be improved at a cost of £2.5million.

▶ **Planters:** Two planters have been purchased to be sited either side of the entrance at the Village Hall. Thanks extended to Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham who has initiated this project and kindly paid half of the set up costs.

▶ **Work to the beck on Stuart Curtis Sports Field:** A considerable amount of work has been carried out over the summer to the beck running alongside the sportsfield - perhaps have a wander down and have a look - the beck has been reprofiled by the

Canals and Rivers Trust to provide an improved habitat for wild life 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.

▶ **Remembrance Sunday/Poppy Wreath:** The Parish Council supports Revd Canon Penny Green in conducting a gathering at the Millennium stone on Remembrance Sunday. The Parish Council has also agreed to pay for the Poppy Wreath.

▶ **Christmas Tree event:** Switch on of the tree scheduled for Sunday 1st December 2019 with mulled wine and mince pies at the tree.

▶ **Date of next Parish Council meeting - Thursday 3 October 2019:** Residents very welcome to attend and speak at the beginning of the meeting in Parishioners Items.

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■ AUGUST WALK

► A perfect day for walking with sunny periods and a light breeze.

We decided to repeat the popular seven-mile Temple Bruer walk, but in reverse direction which does give a different perspective to the walk.

As we approached the Knights Templar Preceptory Tower, it was disappointing to see it surrounded by building development of some kind. Not sure if the development is confined to a nearby farm or is for separate housing, but it may well affect this historic site.

A particular delight was one of the long bridleways we walked along which had clearly been planted on each side to encourage wild life. There were berries of every description plus some apple trees.

■ OCTOBER WALK

► Next walk was Saturday 5 October. This is our annual coastal walk.

A circular walk of approximately seven miles starting from Cleethorpes Pier passing through the Fitties and coastal dunes. It's an easy walk on flat terrain.

At the end of the walk we shall have a late lunch of fish and chips at Papas restaurant on the pier. Inevitably we shall be later than usual returning to Sudbrooke.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9.30am and are advised to take a waterproof

coat, wear suitable footwear and bring a drink and a snack.

Everyone is welcome to join the walk.

■ GENERAL INFORMATION

► There have been a few enquiries recently about the walking group so it may be helpful to provide some 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 midway 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.

READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ A LOVELY SCENE

Dear Editor,

It would be much appreciated if dog-owners would guard against their pets using resident's

front gardens as toilets. Replacing dead plants is an expensive business. Many Thanks

Name and address supplied

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



LATEST NEWS UPDATE

► Well, summer has gone and autumn is here with the nights closing in and the temperature dropping... I have even seen Christmas decorations and goods for sale in some local shops!

◆ The work on the proposed roundabout on the A46 (Dunholme and Welton Junction) has been further delayed due to difficulties in acquiring the necessary land. Lincolnshire County Council needs to purchase the land to create a 60m roundabout at the Lincoln Road - Welton Road A46 T-Junction and improve and widen both roads.

It is hoped that the work will start in the spring of 2020, when completed it will make that particular junction a lot safer for all concerned.

◆ A scheme has been introduced where you can now buy a car parking permit for use in any West Lindsey District Council-owned car park. The permits are a more convenient way to pay for parking in Gainsborough and Market Rasen.

It will reduce the hassle of finding change for it every day or paying by phone and if you pay for parking a lot throughout the year it will save you money. Contact customer service on 01427 676676.

◆ West Lindsey District Council has signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant and I have been given the responsibility for delivering on this programme. Having had nearly 30 years' service in the army, I am passionate about the work of the AFC.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that the Armed Forces community - those who have served or have served and their families are treated fairly, an acknowledgment of the unique challenges service people and their loved ones face every day. Enshrined in the 2011 Armed Forces Act, the Covenant applies across the UK and the Government has a statutory requirement to report to Parliament on the progress in upholding the Covenant.

If you wish to know more or have knowledge of a personnel who may benefit from support, then please contact me.

◆ In the next few weeks, WLDC is due to announce the date of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum for Sudbrooke. This will be run in the form of an election and all residents will be notified of the date, time and procedure for voting for or against the Neighbourhood Plan.

A lot of hard work by the Parish Council and the NP steering group (all volunteers) has gone into getting to this stage. It has taken nearly three years.

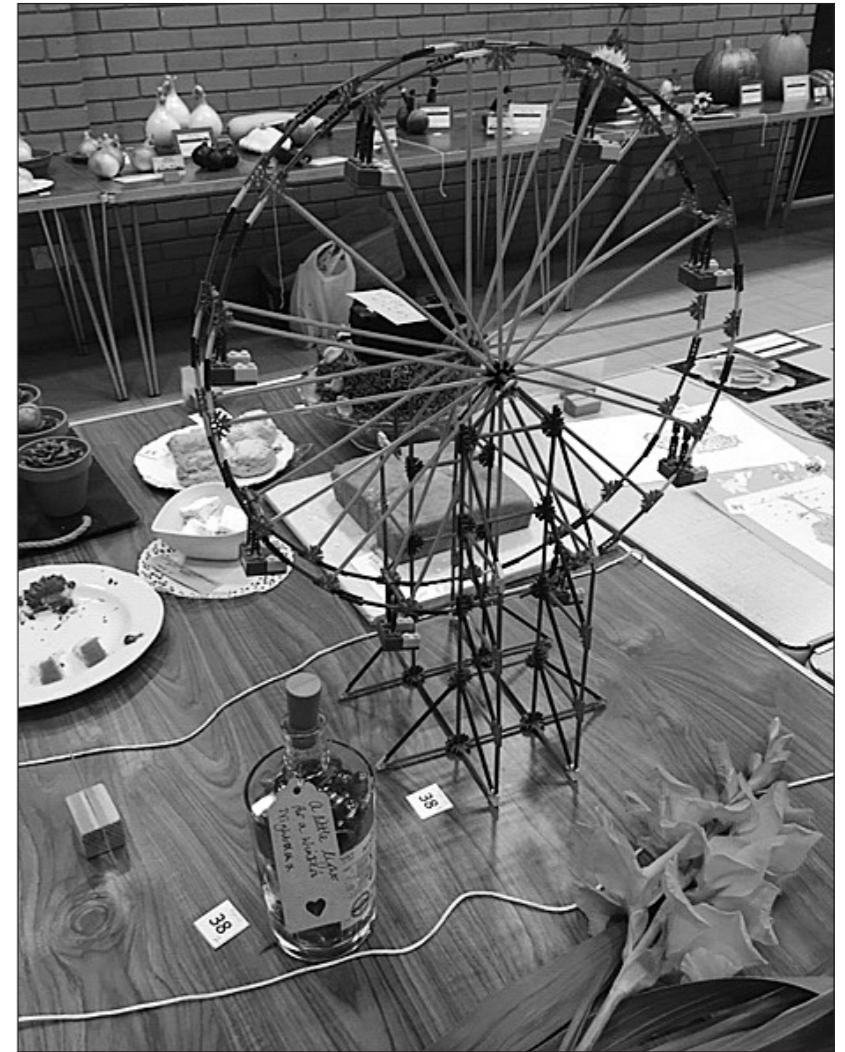
I hope that you will take the time to vote in this referendum and I also hope that you vote in support of the Plan.

We need a majority vote in order to get the plan formally adopted by WLDC. If adopted it will provide the village a strong and formal "voice" on many matters concerning the future of the village - not least on further housing developments.



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB AUTUMN SHOW

A picture montage from the very successful evening last month



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ AUTUMN SHOW

► Although we had our greatest number of entries yet (213) into the Autumn Village show, we still made a loss of £8.66. But onwards and upwards we say, as the Village Hall looked amazing with a fabulous array of flowers, vegetables, arts and crafts, jams and cakes. With so many entries our judges, Angela and Mike Catchpole, had to work extremely hard and we had to delay opening the doors for viewing.

We don't want to increase entrance fees for exhibits, so if you came and enjoyed the evening then please do tell your friends and neighbours to come along to the Village Spring Show on Monday 20 April, 2020, so we can keep this Sudbrooke tradition going for many years to come.

This year's Fruit and Vegetable Section was keenly fought and John Whitaker just pipped Roger Tharby by a mere five points. There were parsnips two feet long and onions the size of melons, and all of the Three Vegetables in a Box would be very welcome in any top chef's kitchen. The Flower Section was also a fight to the finish and ended in a draw between Coral Evans and Iris Whitaker.

A different year and kind weather meant that there were a lot more flowers available this year in the garden, so there were plenty of vases of flowers for the judges to peruse and, in many classes, it was a difficult job to select a first, second and third.

The Craft Section was very varied and included some wonderful cross-stitches, a beautiful hand-made quilt, a crochet blanket, hand painted china, entries from the Wood-carving Group and a superb water colour of Goltho Church before it was sadly damaged by fire. Iris Whitaker and Freya Hadley were winner and runner-up in the Cookery, Handicraft and Photography Section, whilst

John Whitaker rounded off his evening of success by being declared the Overall Show Winner.

The Junior Section was won by Tom Gosling, whose eight entries included a revolving Ferris Wheel that he had built and some home-made Turkish Delight... well done Tom. Eight-year-old Phoebe Rose had been busy baking scones after school, and Vaughan brought along some beautiful dahlias plus a selection of onions and shallots he had grown. Another of this year's junior entrants, 13-year-old Georgina Hadley, was awarded the Best in Show trophy for her fabulous cake which, when cut into, depicted the orange and yellow colours of Autumn below meticulously piped chocolate icing, garnished with green fondant leaves. A real work of art created by a very talented young lady who obviously enjoys her cookery, and a worthy winner of a much coveted trophy. Well done everyone!

■ TALLEST SUNFLOWER COMP

► Well, the results are in and the winner is... John Whitaker, with a sunflower towering three metres and 51 centimetres. John says that the secret is regular watering! Our youngest entry came from James and his plant measured two metres 56 centimetres and was placed sixth - well done James.

If you would like to take part next year, you can plant any giant sunflower seed or ask for one from the Gardening Club. Once the sunflower has a flower at the top then it probably won't get much taller, so contact Coral on 750031 and she will measure it, take your photo alongside it and include you in the gallery for the Autumn Village Show.

Now is the time to start selecting and planting those spring bulbs in readiness for next year's Village Spring Show, on Monday, 20 April.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ HANGING BASKET COMP

► Mandy from Scothern Nurseries, who are our sponsors for this event, came along and presented the prize and shield to Beryl Fielding who received it on behalf of this year's winner, James Bass of 16 Northfield Avenue.

Our runner-up, Mike Powell of 18 Sibthorpe Drive, also received a prize from Mandy, who congratulated all six finalists for coping so well with the extremes of temperature, strong winds and heavy rain - such a combination makes it very difficult to keep hanging baskets in top condition.



■ SPEAKER EVENING - "WORLD OF FERNS"

► With Neil Timm (well known owner of the Fern Nursery at Binbrook) Monday, 14 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for this open event, when Neil will talk about all aspects of ferns, their natural history, economic uses, folklore and of course all about growing them in our gardens.

We have been told that "there is a fern for every place in the garden" and there will be plants for sale on the night. There is an admission charge of £2.50 per adult, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. A raffle will be held and a mystery prize will be presented to a lucky member of the audience - we look forward to seeing you there.

■ TASKS FOR OCTOBER

► Autumn is definitely approaching and it's a beautiful time of year with the trees and shrubs changing colour. The RHS top jobs for the month include: dividing established rhubarb crowns to create new plants; cutting back perennials which have died down;



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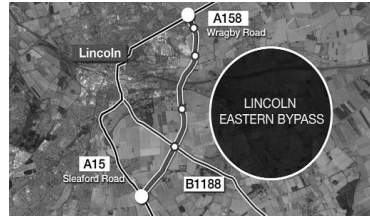
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A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

I suppose everyone is back from their summer holidays now, and wondering how they are going to pay for it. Have now and pay later! My father wouldn't entertain such a system, it would always be paid for first, long before the due date, and then he was able to relax in the full knowledge he had it covered! Not that it was anything exotic mind you! The first holiday I can remember going on was for a week in a guest house in Gorleston-on-Sea near Great Yarmouth. Wasn't nearly as romantic as Corfu.

I remember one horrible wet day, dad pleading with the landlady to let us stay in the house for the day, but she was adamant she wasn't going to let us. I think we rode up and down on a tramcar all day till the lady let us in into our room, soaking wet and tired out. It didn't get much better as the week dragged on, so dad obviously decided that things would be different the following year, and he had in mind one of the new holiday camps!

We four children had to start saving our money early if we wanted anything to spend when the time came. At no time in his life did my father ever give us any money, and we knew not to ask for it. Many years later when I bought my first bike (frame), I had to save for it before I got it (from my paper round). We didn't get pocket money as such, but were paid for work we did, and it was written down in a book, totted up, and we were paid on Saturdays. Some of the jobs were regular and

some weren't. We took it in turns to do them, and one interesting job was to be on fire making duty. It involved getting up before anyone else, very early in the morning, and first of all raking out the ashes. If you were lucky there were still some embers which could be resurrected, all you needed was a shovel of small coals and a lot of puff. Otherwise you would have had to carry all the ashes out, and start again with some squashed up newspaper, some chopped up sticks of firewood, followed by a select amount of coal, and a box of Swan Vestas to get it all going.

If it failed to get going, all was not lost. A sheet of newspaper stretched across the fireplace would allow the fire to 'draw' and encourage it to burn (if the newspaper didn't blaze first). This could well set fire to the rug, but that didn't happen very often. When you were sure it was going you could relax, and then put the kettle on, to make a cup of tea for my hard-working mum.

Can't remember what we were paid for doing that job, but it was about 2/- a week, the only other regular duty was the Sunday dishes, there seemed to be masses of those, we took it in turn to do them for about a shilling.

Accidents were pretty rare, but we did have one or two over the years. We had an electric stove, and a portable gas ring on a long rubber hose, the latter turned on and off with a low level tap. One day mum bent down to turn a pan of milk that had just boiled, off, and as she





A TALE BY TERRY MAYO

got up she knocked it flying. Boiling milk went everywhere, and she let out such a scream I can still hear it! She took the scars to the grave with her.

All of us children had our fair share of accidents growing up. I remember tripping over the dog once and diving through our French window, which in those days didn't have safety glass, and I still have the scar to show for it.

Other jobs like gardening, running errands, cleaning the car etc, had a value, all written down in mum's little book. Having saved up for my my bike, and gradually building up my bike into something I could be proud of, I discussed the possibility of taking off into the wide blue yonder with my two friends, on a cycling extravaganza.

We joined the YHA, and planned our trip, taking in the delights of our lovely country. Motorways had not been invented, so it was easier to plan a route, and roads were not so busy. We planned to travel down the left side of the country, across the bottom, and back up the middle, returning to Leicester about five weeks later.

All our clothes were put into a saddle bag and what we were wearing. Cyclists today don't seem to wear yellow oilskin capes with 'sou'westers', but we used them when delivering newspapers, and that's what we took with us. The front of the cape spread across the dropped handlebars, and the rear of the cape came down the back, so we were well protected from the elements. We had to buy a sheet sleeping bag each (16/-) which protected the blankets and pillow (YHA rules). Neither had cycle helmets been invented!

With no electronic gizmos for navigation, a paper map was all we needed, and full of enthusiasm we prepared for our journey. We didn't go far on our first day, Leicester to

Stratford-on-Avon taking in all of the Shakespeare sites. At 15 years old and unprepared for a long ride, we had to go easy on ourselves, but we had youth on our side. Two days later we set off for the Cotswolds, and on to Minehead youth hostel before tackling Exmoor. The next challenge was Porlock Hill, at 1 in 3, the A39 here is the steepest road in

England. Then beautiful exmoor stretches out to our next hostel at Instow, near Barnstaple, the furthest west we would travel. Now my memory gets pretty hazy. We went over Dartmoor and on to the south coast, and then east to Southampton, finally turning north up through the New

Forest to make it back to Leicester. We didn't look after ourselves very well. I reckon I turned my underpants inside out and back to front before I got them washed by my mum! But when I left I was 15 and when I got back I was 16.

We did get to our holiday camp the year after our Gorleston foray. It was at Hopton-on-Sea, just down from Gorleston. Not exactly Butlins, it only maxed at 150, but we loved it. Accommodation was in little wooden huts built in a square shape round the edge of a field, with a tennis court in the middle. Outside the square was a wooden eating hall, where three meals a day were provided, and there was a concert hall where we gathered in the evening for entertainment.

I think the entertainment was on a DIY basis, but everyone mucked in and we children had a whale of a time. Fancy dress competitions were held, knobbly knees contests, we had it all! There was even a table tennis room and a billiards table in another building. And only a mile away the beach! To be honest looking back, I still recount those good days as I talk to my brother and sister, when just after the war we had so little, but such happy times.



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THE CHURCH DIARY

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HALLOWEEN HALLELUJAH

► We are heading into Autumn, there is a chill in the air and we are moving quickly towards October 31. It may be that this year it will be notable for the fact that it is Brexit Day, or maybe it isn't (I am writing this in the week that Parliament was prorogued, so who knows what comes next!).

However, most often we remember the date of October 31 because it is Halloween. But what is Halloween and where does it come from?

Well it originates from a Christian Festival and more traditionally is called 'All Hallows Eve' ie, the day before All Hallows, a day on which the church remembers those who have died, including saints, martyrs and all the faithful departed. So, it is the day preceding the day of remembrance of those who have gone before.



In latter years it has become a more secular celebration, an opportunity for children to dress up, go trick or treating, carve pumpkins... some love it, some hate it. Whether you love it or hate it - let's just be kind to one another.

In the meantime, for those pumpkin carving - here is a prayer to say as you are doing it:

Cut off the top 'Lord open my mind and fill me with your wisdom and guidance',

Scoop out the yucky bits from the middle 'Lord take away the messy bits and fill me with your love',

Carve out the eyes, 'Lord open my eyes to see all the beautiful things you have made',

Carve out the nose, 'Lord help me to be a sweet fragrance for you'

Carve out the smile, 'Lord, help me always to speak words of light, love and kindness'.

CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

OCTOBER

Thu 10 (01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sun 13 Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion
Mon 14 Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 15 Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 20 Langworth	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sudbrooke	10.45am	Morning Praise

Mon 1 Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 22 Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 24 (01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
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THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT

OCTOBER 11

NOVEMBER 8

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■ LATEST NEWS

► There was a good turnout for our September meeting. Karen Crow, who is a Ghost Walk Leader, talked to us about the Lincoln Ghost Walks.

The walks have been going for 25 years in the oldest and most beautiful part of the City. They take place from Wednesday to Saturday throughout the year apart from during the Christmas Market.

At Halloween, participants dress up in Halloween costumes to add to the atmosphere. There is a second route with newer stories of ghostly sightings. The walks start in Castle Square and have attracted up to 178 people in one evening. There is also an open top ghost bus ride. Sites where ghosts have reportedly been sighted include the White

Hart Hotel, various pubs, the Sabraon Barracks and the Lawn Hospital site.

Karen is an excellent and humorous story teller and the meeting was very enjoyable.

NEXT TWO MEETINGS:

► Thursday 17 October: Members' evening. This will be an opportunity to discuss ideas for the future of the club, which is unlikely to continue into 2020 in its present form. Everyone welcome.

► Thursday 21 November: Pre Christmas party.

We meet in the Bramham Lounge at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome. Guests are asked to contribute £2. <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/> Further information: 01522 595736

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

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birthday parties. The modern commercial style kitchen makes the hall even more attractive as a venue for large functions when catering is required.

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Further information: Sudbrooke Parish Council website: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/

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The Rapid Relief Team again came to Sudbrooke to help to make some of the worst parts of the pathway along Wragby Road wider by cutting back the verge. In some places it nearly doubled the width!
A huge thank you to the Team.

