

SUDBROOKE NEWS

JULY 2020

'WE'RE BUSIER THAN EVER'



VILLAGE GARAGE OPEN AGAIN

Barber's back in the mechanical groove after having to close their doors for the first time in 80 years

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

JULY 2020

IT'S summer time and the living is easy, someone once said. I think a lot of people would beg to differ as we continue in these strange times where most of the children can't go to school, trips to the shop are a lesson in social avoidance and some people are still furloughed from their jobs

Anyway, we're almost back to normality with the magazine and for the first time since March, we're delivering to all the households in the village, so if you've been missing your fix of the **News**, then I'm sure you will welcome the July edition through your letterbox.

And it's an action-packed edition. You'll find features on the volunteers and helpers of the support group, an interview with Mark Barber about his garage, a piece on a village super sleuth, the second part of 'The Car', a reader's trip to Cyprus, plus a lovely poem written by one of our younger residents. And all this for free. Strange things happen. **Dom**

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUDBROOKE PC REPORT - BY CHRIS MYERS, PARISH CLERK

The Parish Council has continued to operate via email as per the Contingency Planning made due to Lockdown. It has worked well, with all members, Clerk and Treasurer, keeping in regular contact and responding quickly in order to make prompt decisions for our parish.

All the decisions made since March 23 will be ratified at a Parish Council meeting on July 2, commencing at 5.30pm in the Village Hall car park. Social distancing will be observed and residents are welcome to attend.

Decisions made during June are as follows:

- ▶ 1) Jun 1: To publish separate editions of **Sudbrooke News** for July and August 2020.
- ▶ 2) Jun 3: To repair chain link in gate at MPSA at a cost of £220.00

▶ 3) Jun 8: Planning application 140764 - Plot 2 Church Court, Church Lane - erect one dwelling - No objections

▶ 4) Jun 22: Request for residents to purchase of land (public open space) adjacent to property in Beresford Drive - Members unanimously agreed that the land should remain POS.

▶ 5) Jun 16: New Model Code of Conduct Consultation - That the Clerk collate comments from Councillors and complete the consultation survey.

Many residents have benefitted recently by being kept updated on various local issues by being on the Parish Council residents email list. Any resident not already on the list and wanting to be included please email me on Sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

■ By Peter Heath, Sudbrooke Parish Council chairman

It has been a trying time since I last wrote to you. We have had a devastating pandemic, which has affected all our lives and it is still dragging its heels. Gradually, the Government is loosening the bounds about which we have been forced to live. One of the fantastic outcomes of the lockdown has been the response by all to support our community, our volunteers have been ready to lend a hand to collect prescriptions, collect for food banks and provide an access point for the generous gifts of eggs from the Wilkinsons farms. I hope that all in our village have benefitted from these.

It is not all sweetness and light, though. Our Parish Clerk has included a photograph of fly tipping along some of our footpaths. I fully understand the desire to find things to do while in lockdown and tidying up the garden is one of them. However, dumping the rubbish in public or private spaces is unacceptable, as well as illegal. The recycling centres have reopened and it's the matter of a few minutes' work to log on and get a slot to take YOUR rubbish to the centre. If that is too difficult then hire someone licensed to remove it.

For other law-abiding members, if you see or know of this then report it to customer services at West Lindsey District Council on 01427 676676. There is advice on West Lindsey's website about how to respond to finding fly tipped waste.

Stay Safe.



BUSY BARBER'S ARE BOOMING



BARBER'S GARAGE has been a Sudbrooke institution for over 80 years and they are now firmly up and running again after having to shut the business for the first-ever time during the enforced Covid-19 lockdown.

The forecourt lay empty, cars were not being worked on or sold or having fuel pumped into them, as a deathly silence fell across the place reinforced by the lack of cars zooming up and down the A158.

But after a six-week period of inaction where the doors were wedged firmly shut, normality has returned for owner Mark and his crew, with the familiar sounds of the clanging of tools, revving of engines and mechanic banter echoing from out of the premises, with the large blue doors of the garage now open again most days, with OPEN signs proudly displayed.

"We opened about four or five weeks ago - we had been shut for six weeks," says Mark, who took time out from repairing a motor to come and speak to **Sudbrooke News**.

"We couldn't do anything at first as the work had dropped off, as had fuel sales, due to the road

being shut for a time. Then when we went into lockdown and we had to furlough staff.

"It's been the first time we've been shut since I've been here and probably since my dad and grandad had the business, and we've been here since the 1930s.

"The premises was bought and the business was established in 1939 and I can't ever recall having to close like we did.

"We had a week where there were just the two of us, but now we are back fully staffed as we were too busy to cope with the loss of a worker (I have three full-time mechanics and then myself)."

While the coronavirus pandemic has conspired to close many businesses and make people redundant (some after spells on furlough), with more tales of woe

expected within the next few weeks and months, it is testament to Barber's Garage that they managed to ride through the rocky early storm and survive the month and a half on the sidelines and now Mark reports that his business is booming once more.

"I can't ever recall having to close like we did and we've been here since 1939"

AFTER A FIRST-EVER CLOSURE

“We are definitely back up to normal levels if not a bit busier,” he reveals.

“We had always been busy, but it seems a bit manic at the moment. We have a good database of customers who are quite loyal and while the Government said people had six months’ grace on their MOTs, people still want it doing anyway as it’s a bit of a grey area. Cars have been stood during lockdown and they want them to be checked to be safe.

“Having six weeks off did not affect us financially, but possibly mentally as I just wasn’t used to it. I never even have a week off work, never mind six. But it was all fine. We’re now all back up and running and it does not seem to have hurt us at all as we have got good customers. We rely on them and they rely on us.

“Fuel sales have been very steady since reopening. Fuel prices have dropped quite a lot and the supermarkets are selling it very cheap – we can’t compete with them, though.

“We do it as a service as we have always done it. It’s one of those things that if you stop, you upset your regulars, but there’s not much money in it for us.

“It’s been a long time since we sold petrol at £1.10 per litre. We’re quite cheap, but we couldn’t even buy fuel at what the supermarkets are selling it for. They buy it in bulk and it is a different grade of fuel (*one that Mark admits is not terribly good*).

“A lot of people come to me saying their cars are not running properly and I just say to them ‘try a different fuel supplier’.

“It does make a difference.”

While Mark has seen the difference on his forecourt and in his garage and MOT area, he has also seen an enormous amount of cars back on the A158, with things most definitely getting back to normal, with traffic volumes being ramped up over the past few weeks, thanks to a period of

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stunningly good weather. And it promises to get even busier on that stretch of road, as the lure of the coast proves too much for some people to resist.

“There’s

a colossal number of cars coming past now, it’s crazy,” he says.

“A lot of people are on furlough and they are going away for the day, aren’t they?”



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SUDBROOKE COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

WHEN the country asked the people of the UK to step forward and volunteer to help out the NHS during the coronavirus crisis, one Sudbrooke resident raised his hand, got involved and has spent the last three months helping out his fellow villagers, by offering a personal driving service, collecting food bank donations and delivering the eggs every week.

Dave Cook has only lived in Sudbrooke for four years, but has become a vital cog in the local wheel of progress and not only has he distributed over 10,000 eggs to the various collection points, he has also helped cart over a tonne of donated food to the Lincoln Food Bank since the scheme started in the village.

But how did he get started on the volunteering front?

He explained: "When lockdown came about, I put myself forward to do some volunteering work in Sudbrooke, Cherry Willingham, Fiskerton, Reepham and Langworth, as I wanted to get involved with some local community help.

"We (along with his wife Pam) put ourselves forward for picking up the vulnerable and isolated people to maybe go to a doctor's appointment, to hospital or if they needed some shopping doing or collecting. Then the food bank idea was put together so I put myself

forward for that and then I agreed with Ailsa (Wilkinson) that I'd drop off the eggs while I'm doing the food bank collections, tie everything in together.

"Along with the thousands of eggs being delivered, we've also collected over a tonne for the food bank... and that's just Sudbrooke.

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"On a Saturday, we go round to Ailsa at Wilkinsons Farm, pick up whatever they've got and then we drop them at the food bank collection points around the village.

"At the same as dropping them off, we also pick up the food bank donations, sort them out and on the Monday we whip them down to the Lincoln Food Bank, which is located down the High Street."

Dave has been impressed with how the residents in the village have brought into the idea of helping each other out, donating food and generally being there for each as the Covid-19 pandemic swept across the globe.

"There have some great things that have come out of this period of lockdown and I

certainly think the community has been pulled together more.

"We've been here for just four years and living here is great, there are a lot of lovely people in the village. It's been really good the way people have come together through this pandemic.



SUDBROOKE COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

“There’s a lot more awareness about the community now.

“Me, personally, I have met people through volunteering who I would normally never meet in the village, so some good has come out of a bad situation”

Dave is hoping that once life returns to some sort of normality again, that not only will the community spirit continue to shine, but also that the food bank donations can be continued... and he has already plans in place.

“Let’s hope we keep this community awareness going,” he said, “and I am quite



willing to carry on with the food bank collections and delivering the eggs and whatever have you.

“I think what we’re looking at going forward, is a central collection point, maybe at Arvind’s shop.

“I thought of the model the Co-Op are using – when you go to the till, there’s a little box at the side for the local food bank collections.

“The idea could be when you’re in the shop, you’d see the box and think ‘I’ll just buy an extra tin and stick it in there.’

“It all helps.”

PARISH COUNCIL RESIDENTS’ EMAIL LIST

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REMIND YOU OF ANYONE?

Here at **Sudbrooke News Towers**, we couldn’t help but think that one of the presenters of the BBC2 reality show, *The Great British Sewing Bee*, bore a striking resemblance to a well-known face here in the village.



Esme Young, right, has been a presenter of the popular show for four years now and we wonder whether she knows that her doppelganger is living right here amongst us? If anyone thinks they know who we are referring to, please write in and see if your answer matches ours!



IT'S SIMPLY EGGCELLENT

The story behind these →



One of the most prominent features of the Covid-19 lockdown has been eggs. And literally thousands of them.

Ever since restrictions were sprung into place in late March, locally-produced hens' eggs have become a regular addition to many a kitchen in Sudbrooke, due to the generosity of the Wilkinson family, who have donated weekly batches from their well-stocked chicken farm sheds, to the residents of the village.

The trays of bright white eggs – of which many have been delicious double-yolkers – were a welcome sight for those unable to venture out to shops and supermarkets as the lockdown grabbed hold, with driver Dave Cook delivering over 10,000 of the shelled delights since the scheme began.

“We always have an excess amount,” revealed Ailsa Wilkinson, “as the hatcheries reject double-yolkers and eggs that are too small.

“Double-yolkers are rejected because the chicks are difficult to get out and the survival rate is much lower as the twins are much smaller than usual chicks.

“We normally give them to a gentleman we know, to take to the market, but he went into self-isolation. We were about to bin a load when Steve (husband) rang me to ask if I knew who anyone who wanted them.

“I spoke to Anna Fane, who organises the food banks, to see if she wanted any as I was not

about to start randomly knocking on loads of

peoples' doors. She told me that, at the time, there was an egg shortage – I didn't realise – and she said it would be a good idea to give them to the village, so that's what we started doing and have done so ever since. We just thought it was a nice thing to do. And someone even made me a cheesecake with some of the eggs, which was lovely.

“We have even been privately contacted by people wanting them, which we are happy to do, while we also give them away to the homeless.”

Alongside the food bank collections, plentiful trays of eggs have become a welcome sight for those in need of a shot of protein, alongside their cornflakes and cup of tea.

And so far, after three months' supply, the number of eggs given too the village has easily surpassed the five-figure mark.

“There are 200 eggs in a box and Dave picks up five boxes most weeks,” explained Ailsa. “Sometimes there are more, sometimes less, it depends how many eggs the hens lay. Some weeks there are only around 400-600, but then other weeks there are more. It will peter out at some stage because as the hens get older they lay less double-yolkers.”

And as lockdown begins to ease off, will the egg supplies dry up?

“No,” replied Ailsa, “we will carry on supplying them for as long as the village needs them.

“We know we haven't possibly been the most popular people in Sudbrooke at times, but I hope this humanises us a little. We are just human beings like everyone else.”

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SUDBROOKE PRESCHOOL

WITH OLWEN EDWARDS - 01522 754047

■ OPEN AGAIN

► Sudbrooke Preschool were pleased to be able to open their doors once more on June 22, but currently offering a reduced service to our children.

It has been a difficult and busy time, the few weeks prior to opening, having to assess the demand, manage staff, write risk assessments and coronavirus policies, but it has all been worthwhile to see our lovely little people back.

The children have been absolutely amazing, adapting and conforming to new routines with no problems and settling in to a different looking preschool.

We have had to remove many of their familiar furnishings and toys, and are constantly cleaning things, but the children



have just taken it in their stride! They are constantly surprising us with their knowledge of coronavirus! Before we know it, the last four weeks of term will be over and many of our children will move on to school.

The staff would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children the very best in their new schools.

We hope that come September, we will be able to run the preschool as normal.

If any parents are interested in enrolling their child for September, we currently have spaces available for all our sessions.

These are

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9-12 and 12-3 and Thursday 9.15-1.15. Give us a call during session times on 01522 754047 or on 07842 705473 at other times.



PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



■ REMAIN VIGILANT

► The weather is gorgeous and some of the lockdown measures are being relaxed, so there is a hint of light at the end of the tunnel, but we must not think that the virus has gone away. So please for everyone's safety keep following the guidelines.

At West Lindsey DC, we have now returned to the full cycle of committees, albeit using Microsoft Teams. With the use of modern IT, I can see a lot of advantages by having 'virtual' meetings. Saving time, money and cutting down on car usage, for example.

It would also enable members of the public to watch the meetings when they are webcast through the links on the WLDC web site. We are looking to see if we can still have certain virtual meetings when the situation returns to normal.

Across the district, 32% of employers have applied for and received financial support to offset the impact of Covid-19. This has resulted in avoiding some redundancies and safeguarding jobs. The average take up across the whole of the county is 25%. This funding will be closely monitored as we better understand the economic impact as we recover from the current situation.

Prior to some shops opening on the June 15, and with many other establishments due to open in the first week of July, risk assessments are being carried out and signage is being displayed that meets a certain standard.

We at WLDC are liaising with respective organising groups and have provided a 'patrol arrangement' that offers support across the district. It is good to see the town centres in

Gainsborough, Market Rasen and Caistor coming to life again.

Locally I think I speak for many in saying what a splendid job Arvind and his team have done at the village shop, making sure that it is fully stocked and precautions are in place to keep customers safe.

■ BUDGET ALERT

► A public consultation process regarding the Budget for 2021 started on June 15 and runs until the July 27. WLDC is urging residents and businesses to have their say.

It is your opportunity to understand the current financial situation and share your priorities. The information from the consultation will help to shape the budget for next year, which has so many uncertainties arising from the current situation.

Full details can be found at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budget2020 and a YouTube video has been prepared to showcase the challenges, its services and some of the successes in order to inform residents prior to taking part in the consultation.

The video can be viewed by visiting <http://youtu.be/8AU2HpgfgSI>. You may have seen in the press that some councils in the country will really be struggling due to the economic impact that Covid19 is having.

I am pleased to say that due to our commercial activities and other strategic plans that have been implemented over recent years we are in a healthier position than other councils. That is not to say that hard decisions may not have to be made in the future.

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LOCKDOWN DIARY

Sudbrooke resident's Alan Giles is back with an update on how he's coping with life now that the lockdown is easing. Is he calming down a bit or does he still have an axe to grind with issues in the village? Read on...

I see the 'swinging tree' has finally come a cropper in the woods then. What a shame that was. It provided one of the few bits of 'apparatus' the local kids could actual play on during these countless weeks/months of inaction.

With the playparks out of bounds, for what must seem like an eternity for the village youngsters, the woods – or what's left of them – provided a rare glimpse of play for action-starved children, but then the tree had to go and collapse, didn't it, ruining their fun.

Looking at the poor old tree before it was chopped down, I am surprised it lasted as long as it did, as it looked totally rotten inside.

I saw a few kids playing on the swing that had been erected on one of its branches (and very well constructed, I must say too)... but what I want to know is, whose fat dad had a go and weakened it to such an extent that it collapsed?

Speaking of the woods, I also notice that the barrier has now been removed from the track leading from the A158 through the park gates to the new development. I'm sure that will upset some people too!

I also heard of some police rushing to the

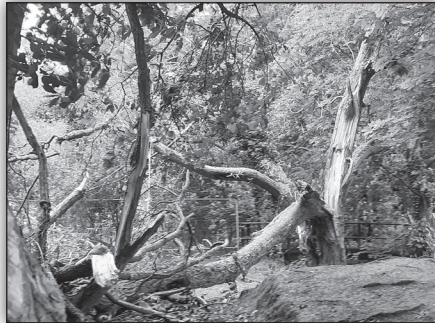
scene of a boy racer demonstration down Manor Drive the other week too, after cars were reported using that bit of road as a racetrack? Heck, whatever next?

So, lockdown restrictions are being relaxed, but is anyone else like me, in that you're not quite sure what you can or cannot do and who you can or cannot have round to your house, inside or outside? I'm baffled by it all, really.

And how are cinemas and pubs, and I suppose most shops, allowed to open when swimming pools and gyms are not? Very strange.

It would seem that the powers-that-be, would like a country of drink-swilling, coach potatoes, rather than a healthy load of individuals. And swimming, ie. being in water, is one of the safest places to be where Covid-19 is concerned.

It's a bit like how some sports like swimming, badminton and cricket, for example, are still left twiddling their thumbs, while football – at least in the top two divisions – have been given the green light to return. Must be a financial thing – there's not much of it to be earned in swimming, nor cricket really, while there's loads of dosh swoshing around the Premier League and Championship. Call me a cynic, I know.



THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

Welcome to the July edition of the Sudbrooke News Quiz, to help keep the brain cells ticking over until we can all meet again at the Village Hall for the Monthly Quiz Night.

- 1) What is the other name for a Sea Cow?
- 2) Which woman, once married to Maurice Gibb of the Bee Gees, was the first British female singer to appear behind the 'Iron Curtain'?
- 3) What is the Japanese word for 'way of the sword'?
- 4) Who is the only person to have been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe?
- 5) Who first coined the phrase 'Cogito ergo sum' (I think, therefore I am)?
- 6) What kind of cooking utensil is a chinoise?
- 7) Which Australian Tennis Player has won the most Wimbledon Men's Singles titles?
- 8) Which famous WW II aircraft was known as the 'Wooden Wonder'?
- 9) Brown, Spiny, Norway and Black are all examples of which kind of animal?
- 10) Edward Nigma is better known as which character from the Batman films and TV shows?
- 11) In which English city would you find the 'Cumberland Basin'?
- 12) The unsuccessful US invasion of Cuba in April 1961 is known as what?
- 13) Anthony Hopkins, Trevor Howard and Charles Laughton have all played which historical figure in film?
- 14) UB40 had a hit with Red Red Wine, in 1983, but who originally wrote the song?
- 15) Who is the current Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport?
- 16) July is our seventh month, but which month was it in the Roman calendar?
- 17) The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond stakes is run at which racecourse?
- 18) A modern problem, Nomophobia is the fear of what?
- 19) The meteorological term 'Southern Oscillation' is better known as what?



Answers on page 25



THE CHURCH DIARY

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■ CONTRASTING TIMES

► A wet rainy day in June - that's when I am writing this - in stark contrast to the beautiful weather we have had in May and in the days before this one.

We need rain, we need sunshine - life is full of contrasts - we only have to look at the last few weeks! For some people, the last few weeks have been characterised by long hours, intense working environments, thinking through new ways of working; for others it has been a time of waiting, a time of having to receive help rather than give it; for some its been full of sadness and trauma, others have enjoyed more time with the family.

I will reflect on this as a time when we learned the names of more of our neighbours. When we saw kindness offered. I hope this continues - that when we get back to work and play and everything else, we are not distracted from the things that we have discovered are really important - particularly being kind to one another.

And so it continues... things are beginning to return to us. More contact with people, and at last we can open church for private prayer - with limitations.

As from Friday, July 3, Sudbrooke Church will be open from 9am-3pm every Friday for private prayer.

If you would like a quiet few moments, pop in. You will need to follow all the usual guidance - use hand

sanitiser, sit two metres apart from anyone else.

In addition to this, you will also be aware that Churches can open again for worship from July 4.

As I write this we are waiting for Government guidance, so we are not yet in a position to plan a way forward.

There have been other things too haven't there, apart from a worldwide pandemic? Other disturbing things. Racism. Shocking scenes of violence.

Things have come to the fore that we get distracted from in the normal course of life because we move on so quickly - this time we can't be distracted from the hate and the hurt experienced by Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities across the world and in our own country, and our own city and communities; the pandemic has highlighted issues of race and justice and we must be a part of addressing them and making change.

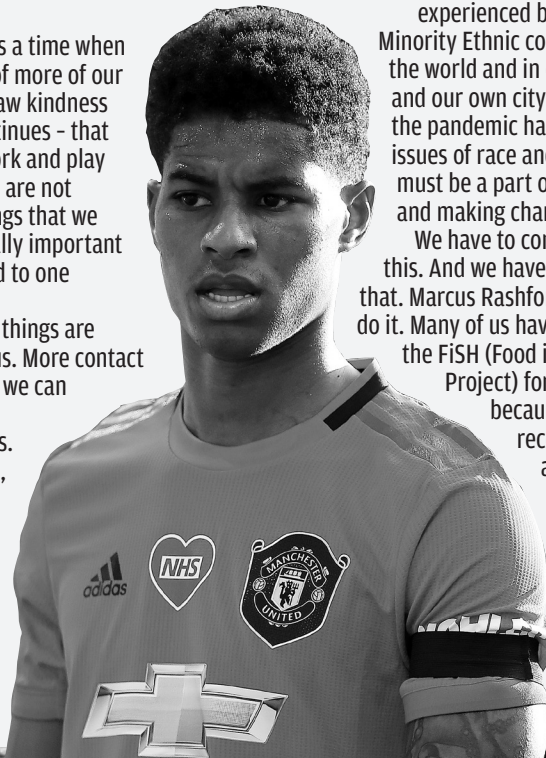
We have to come together on this. And we have shown we can do that. Marcus Rashford showed we can do it. Many of us have been supporting the FiSH (Food in School Holidays Project) for some years now because we have

recognised the need and tried to help in a small way.

Marcus spoke up with an authentic voice and people listened, and right was on his side. Well done that man!



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TRAVEL FEATURE

FEELING THE HEAT IN CYPRUS

THE recent spell of hot weather has our intrepid writer recalling the time when he ventured out to Cyprus, with his family for the first-ever occasion.

WHERE better to enjoy your first taste of a foreign holiday than Cyprus, that beautiful jewel of an island in a tiny corner of Europe, where guaranteed sunshine awaits and dreams are fulfilled.

My children, Thomas and Lucy, had never travelled overseas before and after surprising them with news of our trip just a few weeks before flying out of Luton, the sense of awe and wonderment on their faces as we touched down in sunny Paphos was a joy to behold.

Having booked the holiday months in advance, it had been difficult keeping it a secret. I had dropped a few hints, but they were none the wiser upon my revelation. From their reaction to the news, I knew had chosen the right place.

My previous trips to the land of warmth, Keo beer, mad drivers and geckos, were spent in hotels, but this time we had a fantastic villa in Coral Bay for the week, replete with obligatory swimming pool. Never mind the children, I was excited too.

To get around for the week, I had arranged car hire with Easy Rent A Car, while back in the UK. The husband and wife team of George and Kula had been recommended to me by the Cyprus Tourist Organisation and they didn't disappoint... despite the fact they provided me with an automatic.

For a manual car driver, this took some getting used to, especially in Cyprus, where most drivers are pretty crazy, they don't stop at red lights and they see zebra crossings as means of human target practice.

We didn't have to pay anything up front and were told to 'drop by in a couple of days into our holiday



to sort out the paperwork'. It was a hassle-free arrangement and there were no hidden costs or extras sprung on us.

Our destination was Villa Chriso, one of many sumptuous abodes in Jamesvillas' extensive catalogue. Obviously the standout feature was the Roman-style pool out the back, with views of the Med, while banana, lemon and fig trees dotted around the garden, with the odd gecko peeking out of the undergrowth, gave an air of tropical-ness to proceedings.

We eventually reached our

destination an hour later than we should have done, but before I could even turn the car engine off, the children were already in the pool, such was the lure of the cool, refreshing water on a hot autumnal afternoon.

Every day, the inviting oasis (a little chilly for the time of year it has to be said) beckoned us in and we spent many hours splashing about as the warm October sunshine beat down us.

With three bedrooms, a sizeable open-plan kitchen/dining/living area, an upstairs balcony which



made for a great viewing platform of the setting sun, and marble-effect furnishings throughout, this felt like a special house for a special week. This little part of Cyprus felt a million miles away from the cold, dank, bleak days we had left behind in the UK.

Having your own villa for the first time, the temptation was to stay put all week and enjoy a relaxing time, chilling out by the pool, but the children wanted to explore Paphos, the 2017 European City of Culture.

It never ceases to amaze me, from one visit to the next, how much the city and surrounding areas change, with ever more buildings – mainly hotels, tourist villages and villas – being constructed, but one thing that struck was how new and impressive a lot of the 'inner city' architecture now looked.

One only has to venture to the relatively new Kings Avenue Mall, near the famous St Soloman's catacombs, built in 2013 at a cost of over 110million euros, to see how the area is positively thriving.

It's like a Cypriot version of Meadowhall, with a rather unique underground free car park. And once you're in, make sure you head to Jumbo's, a type of B&M-

meets-IKEA store, with all sorts of items for sale, from toys to household goods and everything in between.

Even the market in Ktima Paphos (the old town) has had some money spent on it and the area around there looks much nicer and cleaner now than it did when I last visited.

While Paphos may have undergone a makeover in recent times, it's still the historic areas create the biggest 'wow factor' and the city itself is classed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For history lovers, Tombs of the Kings, a large necropolis which features a series of large tombs carved out of solid rock, as well as Paphos Archaeological Park, with incredibly well-preserved Roman mosaics and restored odeon theatre, are must-see places of interest.

The Tombs of the Kings date back to the fourth century BC and are thought to be the burial sites

of leading members of society back in the day, and were even used as living quarters in the Medieval period before going into ruin and then excavated hundreds of years later.

The hollowed out tombs and majestic columns lying under your feet really were to be marvelled at and even Lucy, who had initially protested about going on the 'boring' visit admitted it had been enjoyable.... but then came the mosaics just down the road, some of the finest ever discovered in the world.

So far, four luxurious Roman villas have been found, with the Houses of Dionysus and Aion revealing truly stunning mosaic floors, depicting mythological gods and goddesses, along with hunting scenes, sea monsters and even a beauty contest.

If ancient sites are not your thing, there's a great mini golf course at Geroskipou, with a fantastic water park just down the road, hundreds of bars and restaurants throughout Paphos and Coral Bay while the best beaches are at Coral Bay, including Corallia beach, which offers great snorkelling in the clear waters.

We ended our week with one last morning swim in the pool before bidding Villa Chriso farewell and heading back to the airport, via a trip to Paphos harbour to spend our last few euros.

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POETRY BOX

RAINBOWS

Rainbows, rainbows what a pretty sight,
They are in all the windows making the streets bright.

Doctors, nurses and scientists working day after day,
trying to make the bad virus go away.

Each Thursday we stood outside our doors,
thanking the key workers, with a large applause.

We couldn't meet our friends and family in the street,
but instead we saw them on our screens each week.

Soon this storm will pass
and we'll be go back to school and play with our class

By Amelia, aged 8

CALLING ORGANISATION/ CLUB SECRETARIES!

County Councillor Sue Rawlins has some money available in her Community Fund
to assist local clubs/organisations for small projects.

Applying is a simple process – if your organisation would like further details please
email sue.rawlins@virgin.net

FRESH EGGS

Many thanks to the Wilkinsons for being so generous in their regular donations of free eggs. It is very appreciated by many residents in the village.

23 West Drive
32 St Edwards Drive
10 Maple Drive
12 Fox Covert
5 Park Close
12 Broad Dale Close
49 Windsor Close

But please don't be greedy and take more than you need...



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ BUG BOX PRODUCTION

► Gardening Club members may not have been able to meet since early in March, but have turned their attention to the summer challenge of making a bug box.

We were lucky enough to find a large quantity of similar-sized boxes on eBay and so were able to give everyone a box and then leave them to do whatever they wanted.

It's amazing how everyone has their own style - and as members could probably guess, Coral's box is pretty uniform in style with Angela producing a free-flowing end product which even has a chicken!

We're sure the bugs will like their new homes whatever they look like as long as they have plenty of crevices to hide in. We certainly enjoyed making them ... why not give it a try yourself and encourage the critters in your garden.

And if you reach for the galaxy like Coral's husband, Paul, then you may even have a Darth Vader bug box!

If you are interested in dinosaurs, how about making a dinosaur garden in an old sink or, as in this case, a discarded tyre.

■ JUNE'S ONLINE FLOWER OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

► The flower of the month was won by John with a close-up of a pristine lilac-blue flowering stem of *Campanula Persicifolia*.



Second was Coral's lovely woodland garden scene of small and tall pink Foxgloves.

Joint-third places were awarded to Paul Evans' beautiful Courgette 'Tuscan' yellow flower and Paul

Haley's delightful pink Rose (which was an unlabelled Pound-stretcher special).

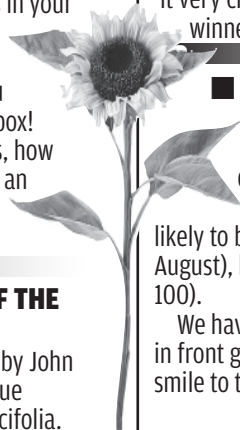
There were 13 entries this

month and our judges thoroughly enjoyed perusing them whilst at the same time finding it very challenging to select the eventual winners.

■ TALLEST SUNFLOWER

► Hope your entries for this village competition are growing strongly - don't forget to let us know when they need to be photographed (which is likely to be sometime in late July or early August), by contacting John or Iris (07887 688 100).

We have noticed several sunflowers growing in front gardens this year which will bring a smile to the faces of many passers-by.



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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■ BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

► A reminder that the initial judging of village front gardens visible from the public path will take place between July 17 and 24, and the judging of the final six gardens will take place towards the end of the month.

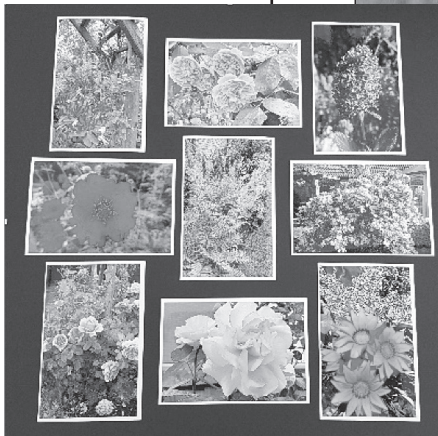
■ GARDENING TASKS FOR JULY

► Happy summer gardening! The best advice we can give is to sit down, relax and enjoy your gardens whenever the weather is fine.

Whilst you are pottering around, keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading repeat flowering perennials and you will be rewarded by a longer display of blooms.

During dry periods remember to water containers and new plants and hoe off weeds which always seem to thrive whatever the conditions. Further advice on this month's gardening jobs can be found online at rhs.org.uk/July.

Keep harvesting your fruit and vegetables and if you have a surplus of produce we're sure members of your family, friends and neighbours will benefit from your generosity.



■ STOP PRESS 1

Whilst writing this article, the first bulb catalogue of the season has just been delivered and we are looking forward to perusing this over the course of the next few weeks (probably with a nice cup of tea and a biscuit or two!), selecting some new bulbs and planting them up in readiness for next April's Village Spring Show.

■ STOP PRESS 2

One of our members was very surprised to find two of these flowers growing in an unmown area of lawn which she had purposefully left for wilding. The fuzzy little Bee Orchid flowers look like real bees feeding on three pink petals and this bit of mimicry ensures the plant is pollinated when male bees attempt to mate with the flower.



"The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses"

READERS' LETTERS

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ FOOD BANK CONTINUATION?

Dear Editor

I am just reading with interest the articles in this month's (June) edition of **Sudbrooke News**, in particular the Food Bank collections.

It is so good to see the village pulling together and would be great if we can continue it in some way.

I wonder if Arvind at the shop would consider a little collection point? The shop has been such a lifeline and if he had a collection point maybe we could buy a little extra something when in the shop and drop it in the collection point.

A win-win situation?

Dawn Abbott

■ LOCKDOWN YEARNINGS

Dear Editor

Here we go again, the lockdown restrictions have been eased (too early in my opinion) and instantly our roads are full of vehicles once more.

During the early part of the lockdown, I could walk the stretch of the A158 from the Sudbrooke Park gates right down to Scothern Lane and barely see a car. Now, as per usual, there's an endless stream of the damn things and it's only going to get worse what with the hot weather bringing out loads more people who now think it is safe to occupy parks, beaches and whatever else.

And the amount of drivers who whizz past at more

than the 50mph speed limit - and not to mention those motorcyclists who seem to treat the road as a racetrack and whose seriously loud engines you can hear from the other side of the village.

It's not just the main roads either, the country roads are humming with traffic again, making bike rides now not as enjoyable as they were a few weeks ago, and already some of us are yearning for a proper lockdown again, when nature thrived, we could go out and enjoy the countryside in tranquil silence, hear the birds in the trees, and the world seemed a better and calmer place, albeit with plentiful queuing, one of the rare downsides.

Jill Latimer

■ STOP HORISING AROUND

Dear Editor

I have read about people complaining about dog excrement in the village over the years, but what about big piles of horse manure being left on the roads? I realise horse poo is not as bad as the stuff emanating

from dogs' backsides, but still, why do the riders let their horses empty out in front of drives in the village and do nothing about it? I was on a walk the other day down Holme Drive and there was a steaming great big mess of the stuff on the road. Riders! Pick it up!

Tom Holmes

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SALUT POIROT



Sudbrooke will soon be one crime-solving sleuth fewer as one of the village's most famous residents departs these streets for the bright lights of the city.

Intrepid Belgian detective Hercule Poirot, better known as Cherry Tree Cafe owner Charlie Massey, has sold his beloved home following over 30 years' of living in the village and is moving into Lincoln, although his alter-ego will continue to pursue triumph over murderous villainy.

Charlie's Poirot impersonation has been a regular feature around these parts for years, with his little brown van often seen trundling through the countryside as he takes the Belgian investigator out for another riddle to solve at some fair or function.

Indeed, his act has just been enlarged to incorporate a robber and a policeman, with a contraption that seems to have come straight out of a wacky inventor's arsenal.

There's a robber, copper and Poirot all connected through a metal device that sees man-in-the-middle Charlie co-ordinating proceedings to the novelty tune of *Over The Wall We Go*, an early David Bowie number (honestly!), sung by actor Paul Nicholas (released in 1967).



It looks hard work as Charlie not only has to shuffle his feet in time to the music, but also make everyone's hands and arms work in unison, and one wrong move could end with the three of them in a crumpled heap, as has already happened.

"It's a bit of fun," says Charlie, although watching the clips of him practising his routine makes it look anything but fun and more like some gruelling punishment.

"I've fallen over once out in the back garden and we ended up in a crumpled heap on the ground."

He will also be adding *Open All Hours'* grumpy old shopkeeper Arkwright to his repertoire – "can you see the resemblance?" he asks, showing me a side profile of his face.

On the subject of the Cherry Tree Cafe, which closed in December when the previous occupants left, Charlie says it will be going on the market soon.

"It would make a cracking buy for someone," he insists. "It's a huge building, with a great space upstairs, then there's a tennis court and a huge car park. It would make a lovely family home, with terrific views of Lincoln Cathedral from the upstairs window, or even a creche." Now, there's an idea.



Second in a three-part feature, written by

NEXT the inlet and exhaust valves were removed and any carbon scraped off. These were then reground using coarse, medium and fine grinding paste, with the aid of a wooden rod which had a rubber sucker on the end that was attached to the valve head. By rotating the rod between your hands in alternate directions and lifting the valve every few seconds they could eventually be ground into the valve seats to give a gas tight seal. It took hours!

All the components were cleaned using Gunk which emulsified grease and oil and washed off with water or CTC carbon tetra chloride (no health and safety back then).

The camshaft was examined, cleaned and fitted, the valve tappets adjusted to the correct clearances, a new timing chain fitted and the timing marks aligned on the drive sprockets. The oil pump was also taken apart, cleaned, checked and refitted.

The engine was gradually reassembled after all the various parts had been thoroughly cleaned and examined. This entailed new gaskets for the cylinder head, camshaft cover and sump and the use of jointing compound. I remember my father instructing me how to sequentially tighten the bolts on the cylinder head to prevent it warping.

The SU carburettor was taken apart, cleaned and the jets examined and replaced where necessary. Then it was the turn of the distributor – new points fitted and the gap set with aid of feeler gauges, HT cables

replaced and then new spark plugs also with gaps adjusted screwed into the cylinder head. Fortunately the dynamo was in good shape and only needed cleaning and a new drive belt fitting (no alternator in those days). The clutch and flywheel were cleaned and checked for wear and new carbon clutch release bearings fitted. Bingo! I now had a complete engine. Now all that was needed was to get it mounted in the car.

It was pretty heavy at this stage. My father, as usual, had the answer. As he worked at a crane manufacturers, guess what? He

borrowed a three-tonne chain driven pulley block which we attached to a baulk of wood placed over the tops of the open garage doors, the bottoms wedged to stop them moving. The engine was hoisted up to allow the car, minus the bonnet, to be placed underneath and gradually lowered

onto the engine mounting blocks and bolted to the chassis after first aligning the gear box drive shaft and bolting on the bell housing complete with gear box.

All the ancillaries were then attached i.e. exhaust pipe, petrol feed, radiator, new six-volt battery etc, the sump filled with oil and petrol in the tank.

I had more or less a complete car so now came the moment of truth! Ignition on, petrol in the float chamber of the carburettor and choke fully out the starting handle inserted (remember those?). It was at this stage my father gave me a good piece of advice – hold the starting handle with your



long-time Sudbrooke resident Allan McCrone

thumb on top! If the engine back fires it will throw your hand away; if you grasp it normally, it could break your wrist!

With this in mind, I swung the engine over a couple of times and joy of joys, it fired, and ran a bit lumpy, but after adjusting the timing, the fuel mixture and throttle stop, it settled down to a steady tick of about 800

revolutions per minute. The big moment was then driving it down the road.

Selecting reverse and backing off the drive on to the road, then into first gear and off I went.

The gears were, to say the least, interesting! Three forward and reverse with synchromesh only on second and third so double de-clutching was a necessity fortunately that was how I had been taught to drive.

Looking back, I should not have driven it at all as I didn't have the vehicle taxed or insured. My father gave me a real telling off for being so stupid, but at 18 you have a lot to learn.

It soon became apparent that the brakes needed some attention and the steering seemed a bit strange? So more work.

The car was jacked up and placed on four homemade axle stands. All the wheels were removed and the brakes stripped down. One of the reasons my father selected a Morris was that it was one of the few small cars of

that period that had hydraulic brakes, most other makes had cable or rod systems which were pretty bad.

On examination it was apparent the Ferodo brake linings needed replacing, so the worn ones were removed by drilling out the rivets and new ones fitted and a chamfered leading edge filed on each brake shoe. It was found

that one of the actuating cylinders was leaking hydraulic fluid so that

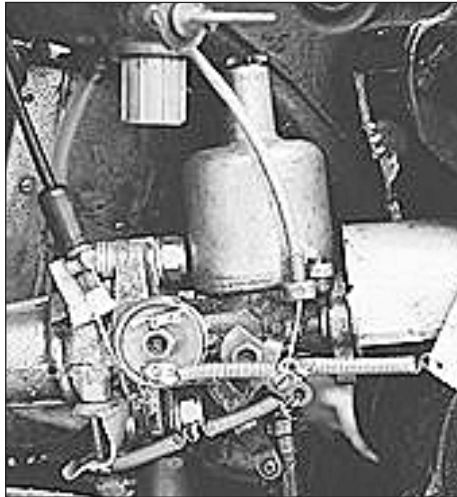
had to be replaced and new brake fluid introduced into the system and any air bubbles bled out then everything adjusted particularly the hand brake. So now we could stop. Attention was now directed at the steering. It was discovered that the king pins and bushes were badly worn, so this meant dismantling the front hubs driving

out the old bushes and fitting new ones (back to the liquid nitrogen) then reaming out to fit the

kingpins, not forgetting to drill out the grease nipple holes. The tracking and toe in reset and adjusted. So not only could we stop but steer as well.

All that now remained to be done was to go around all the grease nipples and apply the grease gun (remember those?) and lubricate all the moving parts that needed it, check the lights, windscreen wiper function and tyre pressures. *To be continued next month.*

"It settled down to a steady tick of about 800 revs per minute"



SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY - 01522 754686

■ GHOSTLY GOINGS ON

► Good to see that the Coronavirus is in retreat and some semblance of 'normality' is finally returning.

I have been thinking about the kinds of hazards we ordinarily face when out walking, such as slippery surfaces, potholes, overhanging tree branches, nettles, brambles, insect stings and so on.

I am pleased to say that in the 13 years of the walking group's existence, we have suffered no injuries apart from a couple of insect stings and the occasional foot blister.

Loose dogs can be a problem, but the most troublesome hazard are cattle grazing in fields that public footpaths and bridleways pass through. I can think of at least three occasions when we have had to make hasty detours to avoid curious cattle.

A less common hazard mentioned by one of our members was the time he did a sponsored coast-to-coast walk for the Parkinsons charity in 2017.

This is his tale...

"Walking down a steep, narrow and rocky path descending from Kidsey Pike in the Lake District, the group I was with, a dozen or so, split up, with me on my own and folks in front and behind.

On a particularly steep and uneven

section I saw an unusual figure labouring along the path below and heading in my direction. A middle aged woman, rather stout and wearing a dark full length coat and a wide brimmed hat, she used a natural stick for walking rather than the ubiquitous walking poles. The impression was that she wore period costume almost.

The path split below and we took opposite trails...

She didn't look up and no words were exchanged.

Later, as we regrouped at the lakeside, my fellow walkers and me, I remarked about the unusual lady walker I had passed and to my surprise not one of my walking group colleagues had seen her!

Bearing in mind the narrow path and lack of alternative routes it seemed unlikely that my companions, ahead or behind could have failed to pass her...

I'm a very sceptical person but have to say that I now have an open mind on the reality or otherwise of 'ghosts'

■ NEXT WALK

► When circumstances allow we shall restart our group walks with a local walk starting from the Village Hall. I shall advertise this on the

parish website if it doesn't coincide with an issue of

Sudbrooke News.



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Facilities include the main Stuart Curtis Hall and Bramham Lounge. These can both be booked with the commercial kitchen and licensed bar. WiFi and a projector screen are available. The hall is next to the playing field and children's play area and is a pleasant venue for family parties, wedding and Christening parties.

THE HALL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Enquiries will still be taken by the booking secretary

WELTON PATIENTS' AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

As things are beginning to ease a little, I am now getting a few requests for transport to out patients' appointments. We are still available to take any patient registered with the Welton h/c to any medical appointment if they have no other means of attending. Both passenger and driver will be asked to wear a mask and the passenger should sit in the back of the vehicle diagonally opposite the driver.

You will probably also have realised that PDA drivers are delivering some of your prescriptions. We will be holding a raffle later in the year with tickets hopefully available from early July and we will of course be adhering to current government regulations regarding social distancing at the time.

I am still looking for raffle prizes so if anyone reading this owns a business or is self-employed, would you consider donating a prize please? It could be something like 5 hours garden work, making a wooden

item, a days painting, window cleaning (external) etc. We have also created a crowd funding page on 'just giving' the link is here:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/welton-pda

The PDA committee gave a lot of thought to this suggestion which originally came from a patient who said that this would be a good way of showing appreciation to the doctors' practice, staff and dispensary who are doing a magnificent job under very difficult circumstances.

If you need further information or are willing to offer a prize for the raffle, please get in touch on the number below.

When the weather improves a bit there will be a sale table at 25, Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern selling items to support the PDA. If you are passing have a look as you might just find something that you never realised you needed!

QUIZ ANSWERS

any Mobile Phone signal, 19) El Nino, 20) Tottenham Hotspur F.C.
1) Manatee, 2) Lulu, 3) Kendo, 4) Bono (from U2), 5) Rene Descartes, 6) A Sieve, 7) Rod Laver, 8) The de Havilland Mosquito, 9) Species of Rat, 10) The Riddler (E. Nigma), 11) Bristol, 12) The Bay of Pigs, 13) Captain Bligh, 14) Neil Diamond, 15) Oliver Dowden, 16) Fifth (Quintilis), 17) Ascot, 18) Not having

OVER the last few months almost every aspect of our lives have been affected and altered by the Covid -19 virus and it has been a very testing time for all citizens.

We have been busy working supporting the local bus network and ensuring our LCC CallConnect bus service continued to operate over the last few months – however post lock down public transport will be very different and social distancing, hygiene and face covering measures will be in place.

For everyone who travels on public transport please consider carefully the times, routes and ways you travel. This will ensure all will have more space to stay safe. If possible we would encourage travel after peak times for concessionary bus pass holders.

Bus services will continue to change

LINCS BUS INFO

at unusually short notice and consequently timetables at bus stops will not always be updated.

We advise passengers to refer to the operator directly via their website or head office.

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Alternatively, travelline.info and travel-lineeastmidlands.co.uk helpful website for journey planning.



Help keep our buses safe



Take a window seat, avoid standing and leave space in front and behind you.

Please be patient and wait for passengers to get off before you board a bus



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Bus travel guidance

Stay safe

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If they do stop, they will normally only be able to let one passenger on for each one that gets off.



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Sudbrooke Village Support for the vulnerable and isolated during Covid-19

These services are being offered by a team of volunteers and should only be used as a last resort or if you are in the above categories.

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