

SUDBROOKE NEWS

APRIL 2020

**STAY
SAFE**

*PLEASE FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT
ADVICE, NOT JUST FOR YOUR OWN
SAFETY, BUT ALSO FOR OTHERS*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Peter Heath: 'Let's all pull together and we can get through this' - page 3

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

APRIL 2020

IN these perplexing times of uncertainty and lockdown, we bring you this month's edition online only, as we did not want to put our distribution network at any sort of risk by asking them to traipse through the streets of Sudbrooke when they should be tucked up indoors.

It's been a severely testing few months, what with the floods - and the seemingly constant rain - and havoc wreaked by various storms, but this current crisis eclipses those by a long way and is something we hope to never have to experience again in our lifetimes. Let's just hope at some point in the near future we get to see light at the end of the tunnel.

And let us give huge praise to all those nurses and doctors who live in our village - and there are a few - who put themselves at risk on a constant basis. The NHS has taken a lot of battering from critics over the years, but hopefully now those whingers can see what a fantastic service they offer and give them the respect they deserve. All this is that. **Dom**

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TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF SADBROOKE

■ By Peter Heath, Sudbrooke Parish Council chairman

The country is facing an unparalleled peace time emergency and we all have a part to play if the coronavirus is to be defeated. As a rural community on the edge of a large city, it is easy to concentrate on those near to us to the exclusion of everyone else without realising it. How many of us know our neighbours? Are they elderly, less mobile and could that be the reason that they are not seen out and about.

The challenge facing us is to protect ourselves and to ensure that those less able are not forgotten. I would suggest that you might be able to achieve both these by cautious contact with those whom you think may need a bit of help. A note through the door asking if assistance is required and if so, what. It may be that you could do the good deed of picking up a prescription from the doctors or helping to set up an on-line delivery with a local supermarket.

The simple act of kindness in recognising your neighbours will go a long way to help alleviate the distress of isolation.

SADBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Registered Charity 504143

In accordance with advice and good practice during the Covid-19 outbreak, the monthly quiz at the Village Hall will be suspended until further notice.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2020

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 6 February in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors: Peter Heath, (Chair), Bob Waller (Vice Chair), Mrs Barbara Bingham, Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull
One resident, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

■ 165 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

- ▶ a) Mr Nick Cornwell-Smith was in attendance and explained the plans for the steel safety climbing frame proposed for the Sudbrooke Scout Camp. This planning application was an agenda item for later in the meeting. Mr Cornwell-Smith was thanked for attending.
- ▶ b) Tennis Court/MPSA: In response to an article in *Sudbrooke News*, a response had been received from a resident supporting the retention of the Multi-Purpose Sports Area (Tennis Court). It was noted that a further resident had offered a used tennis net. Members agreed to meet to sweep the area when the weather improved and the donated tennis net be fixed. It was hoped that this would increase more use of the area, but further suggestions from residents would be welcomed.
- ▶ c) Beech Trees, Beech Tree corner: A resident had reported that the branches were overhanging her garden. It was noted that the Parish Council had provided an Arborist's Report on the trees which had been sent to the owners. Further advice on work to the trees would be sought from the Trees Officer, WLDC.
- ▶ d) Cycleway sign, Wragby Road: This would be reported as lying on the verge.
- ▶ e) Flooding in slipway, Wragby Road: Reports from residents had been received. However, it was pointed out that it had been reported to the LCC Highways on several occasions by the Parish Council with no response. That County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins be asked to take up the matter on behalf of the Parish Council with LCC Highways. Unanimously Resolved.

■ 166 APOLOGIES

- ▶ County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins.

■ 167 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- ▶ Agenda item 14d) ii. Planning application 140400: Councillors Bob Waller and Andy Cottam declared an interest as friends and neighbours of the applicant.

■ 168 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 JANUARY 2020 TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINUTES

- ▶ Ahat the above notes were a true record of the meeting and be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

■ 169 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ There were no reported incidents for Sudbrooke during January. It was understood that the Police Alerts would shortly cease and reports of incidents to be put on the Police Page of Facebook.

■ 170 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ County Councillor not present.

■ 171 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ DC Bob Waller outlined the West Lindsey Community Awards 2020 and encouraged the Parish Council to make nominations.

He also stated that the cost of the green wheelie bins would remain at a cost of £35 for the year.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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■ 172 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ a) CCTV at Village Hall - Policy update: A representative of the Village Hall Committee had put forward some constructive comments regarding the CCTV Policy, but this would be discussed further at the VH meeting in March.
- ▶ b) Maintenance Plan for Wildflower area, Jubilee Garden: Consideration of quotation - cost for scything and removal of debris to be included in the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the season would be £50.00. That this price be accepted unanimously Resolved.
- ▶ c) Culvert, Maple Drive: There had been no reply from LCC Highways, therefore the Council unanimously Resolved that County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins be requested to take up the matter on its behalf with LCC Highways.
- ▶ d) To consider required works to the Play Equipment as identified by the Play Equipment Inspections: A quotation for works had been submitted by EKM Ltd which was considered by members.

Northfield Park site

Key links on swing - replace all four	£80.00
Toddler unit - fix three bungs	£10.00
Spring bike - fix	£10.00
Spring horse - tighten/fix	£60.00

Village Hall site

Safety surface under the Monkey Bars	£700.00
Flat Seat swing - pair of chains	£131.00

That the above costs be met according to the quotation unanimously Resolved.

Northfield Park: It was noted that the gate now appeared to be closing correctly.
 The Multiplay platforms: Members felt that as the wear on these platforms were not considered a high risk these be monitored and included in the monthly inspection report.
 Re. the fence on the entrance path: Remove rail

and post and fill in post hole.

Re strimming the site: The Council's grass cutting contractors to carry out this work and spray nettles if required.

That all members in agreement with above unanimously Resolved.

▶ e) Request by Scothern Parish Council for support in requesting LCC clear the vegetation on the footpath between Sudbrooke and Scothern: That this request be supported and a request be sent to LCC Highways unanimously Resolved.

▶ f) Planters for Village: Councillor Mrs Barbara Bingham was currently awaiting a reply from Scothern PC as to where their planters had been purchased from. The Clerk stated that she had submitted a further plan to LCC Highways of the locations for the planters in order to obtain written permission for their siting.

■ 173 TO DISCUSS NOTICE OF LAUNCH OF LCC MOBILE FRIENDLY WEBSITE AND UPGRADING OF TOWN AND PARISH WEBSITES

▶ It was understood that those Parish Councils websites linked to the LCC website were required to update by end April 2020. The Clerk had booked a training session at LALC Offices, Dunholme in March and would report at a future meeting.

■ 174 TO CONSIDER OBTAINING QUOTATIONS FOR PAINTING OF THE PARK GATES

▶ This item was considered and members agreed to arrange a Working Group to wash down the gates when the weather improved, in order to assess the need for re-painting.

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■ 175 TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR MRS LYN ETHERIDGE

► That Councillor Stuart Hewson be elected as representative, proposed by Councillor Peter Heath, seconded by Councillor Bob Waller and unanimously Resolved.

■ 176 NOTIFICATION OF REVISED DATE OF SPRING LITTER PICK

► The revised date to be 28th March 2020.

■ 177 LINCOLNSHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD – TO CONSIDER AN ENTRY FOR WORK TO THE BECK IN SUDBROOKE

► That the Parish Council submit an entry with the Rivers Trust for work carried out to the Beck in the Stuart Curtis Sports Field, unanimously Resolved.

■ 178 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum Thursday 13 February 2020: If a majority 'Yes' vote was obtained at the Referendum the Neighbourhood Plan would then be presented to WLDC for adoption.
- b) Park Development - Reply if received: No reply received.
- c) Planning Training for Councillors held by WLDC - All Councillors were copied in to the dates of planning training and advised to contact the Clerk if they wanted to attend.
- d) To report on comments submitted to WLDC Planning re the following:
- i. Application 140421 - Land off Poachers Lane - Planning application for variation of condition 2 of planning application 136427 (Planning application for six detached dwellings with associated garages and infrastructure, including new bridge crossing, new passing

places to Poachers Lane and the provision of a new footpath link from Sudbrooke to parish boundary) to vary house/garage design of plot 3.

“Available members of Sudbrooke Parish Council have viewed this application and although the Council has been unable to meet formally and agree a corporate response those in a position to comment wish your authority to note there are no objections. This follows assurances from WLDC that the application is purely relating to Plot 3 and cannot be used to change the S106 Agreement for the construction of the footpath.”

li Application 140400 - The Sonnets, Church Lane - Vary conditions 4, 9 and 2121 of Planning Application 137732 granted 23.6.2018 to erect 1 dwelling - landscaping approve plans and hardstanding.

“Available members of Sudbrooke PC have viewed this application and although they have been unable to meet formally and agree a corporate response, but those in a position to comment wish your authority to note there are no objections. However, it is considered that a WLDC Tree Specialist should conduct a site visit to assess the need for removal of the ash tree next to the road.

Note: Councillors Bob Waller and Andy Cottam declared an interest as friend and neighbours of the applicant and made no comments.’

lii Application 140461 - Scout Camp Sudbrooke Park - Erect Steel safety climbing frame: This application would be circulated amongst members to give members more time for consideration. A response would be formulated within the required time frame.

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■ **179 FINANCE**

► a) Accounts paid/for payment:
 Secure Homes - CCTV upgrade..... £621.00
 (Cost to be shared with Village Hall Committee)
 Secure Homes - Annual Service of CCTV £60.00
 Mrs C Myers - expenses £25.48
 Salaries£819.46
 e.on - electricity account - 3 months @ £18.00
 £54.00

Scothern Parish Council 50 share of grass/
 hedge cutting between Sudbrooke and
 Ellison Boulters School, Scothern
 Glendale - removal of debris
£40.00 net, £8.00 VAT £48.00 Gross
 LALC Clerks networking event..... £3.00
 Glendale - Cutting of Village Hall hedge
£216.00 net, £43.20 VAT, £259.20 gross
 EKM Ltd - Play equipment inspections
£120.00 net, £24.00 VAT, £144.00 gross
 That the above accounts be approved for
 payment unanimously Resolved.

► b) Report from Internal Auditor: The
 Accounts had been checked by the Internal
 Auditor and a report would be submitted. The
 Internal Auditor had stated, however, that
 Councillors should be aware that if they
 claimed mileage for Parish Council work their
 vehicles insurance should state that they were
 covered for business use.

■ **180 CLERK'S REPORT**

► The Clerk reported that the broken 'Scothern
 Lane' Street nameplate had been requested for
 renewal.

■ **181 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

► The Chair stated he looked forward to a
 positive result for the Referendum. He said a
 meeting be arranged with the Enforcement
 Officer at WLDC to discuss some local issues.
 That the Clerk arrange this, unanimously
 Resolved.

■ **182 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING**

►*Circulated to residents email list
 Jan 5: Notice of Police Rural Panel meeting
 28.3.2020, Dry Doddington Village Hall
 Jan 5: WYPF Pension Matters
 Jan 13: Deadline extension for previously
 exempt abstraction activity licence applications
 *Jan 16: Welton Family Health Practice January
 newsletter
 Jan 17: Community Lincs News
 Jan 17: Lincolnshire Community Awards
 Jan 20: LALC Weekly News
 Jan 21: WLDC Scrap Fly tipping advice
 Jan 24: WLDC Details of Property Flood
 Resilience Scheme
 Jan 24: Notice of launch of Arthritis Action
 group for Lincoln
 Jan 28: Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter
 Jan 28: Weekly LALC News
 *Jan 30: Information received re Lincoln
 Arthritis Action Group
 *Jan 30: Local Church Services for February

■ **183 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

► 7.30pm, Thursday 5 March 2020 in the
 Bramham Lounge of the Village Hall.

A PENSIONER REMINISCES



An African adventure pages 18-19

SUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY EMAIL DUE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BEING UNABLE TO MEET DUE TO CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

► 1 SAFETY STATEMENT – MEETINGS

To recognise that no business, meeting, service provision is of any importance above that of public and personal safety. As such all scheduled public meetings will be cancelled for an initial four-month period (or as circumstances permit).

► 2 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS/ FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Parish Council gives delegated authority to the Clerk (in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman) to suspend any relevant Standing Order or Financial Regulation as necessary to ensure the smooth running and operation (wherever possible) of the Parish Council for no longer than four months (or as circumstances dictate) with the Clerk and Treasurer to compile and maintain a list of such suspensions and reasons which will be presented to a future meeting of the Parish Council.

► 3 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING/ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

That as the cancellation of meetings has a direct impact on the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (scheduled for 14 May 2020) the roles of the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the existing delegated Councillor responsibilities will remain the same until a suitable and safe public meeting is called and held. That as the cancellation of meetings has a direct impact on the holding of the Annual Parish Meeting (scheduled for 9th April 2020) the Parish Council will hold such meeting at a future date. It is noted that whilst the above decisions are contrary to existing legislation (as of March 21, 2020) the Parish Council has

made these decisions in order to place public safety at the forefront.

► 4 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

That the Treasurer and Clerk along with those elected members with delegated responsibility for the authorising and signing of cheque payments put measures in place with robust transparency processes to ensure effective business continuation and to minimise impact on local service delivery with ratification by the Parish Council to be made at the earliest and safest opportunity.

► 5 PLANNING MATTERS

That notification of planning applications be forwarded to members via email and their responses collated. Delegated powers given to the Parish Clerk to collate responses and submit to WLDC on a majority basis.

► 6 GENERAL INFORMATION UPDATES

To keep elected members (via email/ telephone calls) and members of the public (via the Parish Council website and notice boards (where/when relevant and practicable) updated on advice from:

The World Health Organisation

Central Government & the NHS

Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF/
Emergency Planning Team)

The National Association of Local Councils,
The Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils,
any other recognised public or national body.

► 7 CCTV POLICY FOR SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

That this be adopted with ratification by the Parish Council to be made at the earliest and safest opportunity.

March 21, 2020

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



DOOM AND GLOOM

► I have thought long and hard about what to write in this month's issue. We all know we are in a national and worldwide crisis that many of us could not of imagined. There is a lot of information relating to the coronavirus on our TVs, in the newspapers and social media. Unfortunately, especially with the latter, some of it not factually correct and is sometimes out of date. I can only suggest that we listen to what the Government is telling us and make sure that we take this seriously for everybody's sake.

I can give you an update on the measures that we are taking at WLDC and the services that are being disrupted or changed. However, I appreciate that things are moving so fast that what I tell you today (24 March) may well have been superseded by the time you read this. During the current public health situation, the Council are working to ensure that all the services operate as much as practically possible, while also carrying out our local government public service actions required by the Government in its Covid-19 approach. However, during this time response to a request or any issue may be slower than usual, as I am sure you will understand.

The number of Key Workers is being kept to a minimum, with many staff working remotely. Social distancing is being taken very seriously. All but the essential committee meetings have been

cancelled, with conference calls being used extensively. It is intended to hold the Planning committee, but with a very much reduced membership, whilst still maintaining the political balance as required by law.

Refuse, recycling, garden and commercial waste collections are still operating as normal. However, the council have suspended new bulky waste bookings. Existing bookings will be honoured and items can still be taken to household waste recycling centres. Before visiting, consider if your journey is absolutely necessary.

If you are having difficulty making your Council Tax payments, contact the Revenue Team who may be able to extend your payment plan.

The WLDC Crematorium at Lea Fields will continue to operate as normal. However, only members of the immediate family; spouse/partner, parents, siblings and children will be able to attend.

In line with the Government advice, all forthcoming events in the district are cancelled or postponed. The Lincolnshire show, the West Lindsey Community Awards, the Chairman's Charity Concert, Gainsborough Market, Churches Festival are all cancelled, as is the Active Seniors programme which is held in our Village Hall. In fact the Village Hall is closed now until at least the end of July. This list is not exhaustive and no doubt will grow as new measures come into effect. The situation will be monitored.

READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ ACT RESPONSIBLE

Dear Editor

I see Mr/Ms Name and address supplied has been sharpening his/her quill. The 'nuisance school children' are not nuisances; they are potential criminals. Some may still be minors even though they are old enough to drive. Where do their parents think they are?

Any approach to people behaving suspiciously has always been foolhardy and, in the 21st century, is downright stupid. The Fairyland of 'Once upon a time' is

gone and Mr/Ms NAAS should wake up to this. Thankfully, vigilante action by members of the community who know no better has not been encouraged in this country.

If you think criminal behaviour is taking place the correct action is to dial 101, or 999 if there is immediate danger. You may say the Police take no notice, but they won't if they are never alerted to criminal behaviour.

If your correspondent is keen to support his community he could note the above.

Gil Rignall

THE CHURCH DIARY

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■ WELL, WELL, WELL...

► Unprecedented times... how many times have you heard that phrase in the last few days? It is, however, true. It's a time when we are having to completely re-think everything, where we have to reassess what we do and why we do it, and a time to look out for those who are in need - those who are alone, ill, isolated, homeless; a time when we have to support those who will be working long hours to keep things moving; those who are working in our hospitals, GP surgeries, carers in our nursing homes, home carers, in fact everyone and each other.

The truth is, as human beings we can be great, we can rise to the biggest of challenges and that is what we now need to be. We need to bring hope and not fear, we need to use our phones to talk to people instead of staring at them, we need to be bringers of cheer, we need to look out for our neighbours and do what we can.

A colleague shared a story with me the other day. It was of an Australian sheep farmer who came over to this country to research sheep farming. He said to his British counterpart: "Why do you have so many walls, why is every field surrounded with a wall?"

The British farmer stated the obvious (to him at least): "To keep the sheep in." The Australian replied: "You need wells, not walls." That story struck me very forcibly. In the Old Testament, wells were really important. When people wanted to settle in an area they did two things - dug a well and built an altar. It was a marker, a sign of

life, a sign of hope. People gathered around wells for community. They gathered at the altar for worship, it was a sign of God's presence.

So folks, here is our challenge BE A WELL! Be a WELL of KINDNESS and COMPASSION; be a WELL of HUMOUR and RESOLVE; be a WELL of LOVE and PEACE; be a WELL of CHATTINESS and PHONE CONTACT; be a WELL of NEIGHBOURLINESS and FRIENDSHIP; be a WELL of PEACE and HEALING; be a WELL of all the GOOD THINGS YOU CAN BE.

Don't risk your own health in doing so because there you won't be a help to others. This is a long game, pace yourself. We are going to have to do things differently (and that includes church), but while being within the walls of a church may not be possible, being a well for each other and our communities definitely is.

I have not put any services in this newsletter, even though Easter is coming. That is simply because I am writing this when everything is changing every day and I don't want to cause confusion. The best way I think is that we will make decisions week by week. For those on the internet, we will update it daily. For those who are not, contact us by telephone or email and we will update you.

We will be making plans in as many villages as we can cover to provide phone cover for those who are isolating. We will try to disseminate this information as widely as possible.

Pray for your family and friends and neighbours. Be at peace friends. Put a smile on someone's face when you can.

CHURCH SERVICES AS OF TUESDAY 17 MARCH

Sudbrooke - St Edward the Confessor

Barlings - St Edward the Confessor

Stainton - St John the Baptist

Langworth - St Hugh

All public services in our churches are suspended until further notice due to the coronavirus

THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

Unfortunately, until further notice, the monthly Quiz Night at the Village Hall is cancelled due to the 'social distancing' guidelines put in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. While we cannot physically stage a quiz, we thought villagers might like to exercise their brains with a shortened version in the Sudbrooke News.

So here is the April Quiz, we hope you enjoy it...

- 1. In which decade were Zebra crossings introduced in the UK?**
- 2. What do the letters SME stand for in relation to commerce?**
- 3. What type of creature is a golden orfe?**
- 4. Which is the next prime number after 37?**
- 5. In the UK, what does a brown road sign showing an elephant indicate?**
- 6. What is the meaning of the Latin word thesaurus?**
- 7. In which year did Roald Amundsen first reach the South Pole?**
- 8. With which long running TV series was Phil Drabble associated?**
- 9. The Amex Stadium is the home of which English football team?**
- 10. Where in the home would you normally find a counterpane?**
- 11. How many points is the letter G worth in Scrabble?**
- 12. What word can mean "spread", "glue" or "jewellery"?**
- 13. 'The Edge of Reason' was the sequel to which romcom film?**
- 14. In which month is World Book Day held in the UK?**
- 15. On which instrument is a nocturne usually played?**
- 16. Which chemical element has the symbol P?**
- 17. In which English county is the town of Crediton?**
- 18. How many daughters does King Lear have?**
- 19. Which Womble shares his name with a Russian city?**
- 20. In which book of the Bible is the story of Noah & the flood?**
- 21. What was the surname of the Good's neighbours in "The Good Life"?**
- 22. Marzipan is made from which nut?**
- 23. A dosette box is used for storing what items?**
- 24. What colour is the engine Henry in the Rev. W Awdry stories?**
- 25. Saintpaulia is a popular houseplant, but what its more familiar name?**



Answers on page 20



POETRY BOX

THE CROSS

He was innocent.
 But only I knew.
 I tried to tell them,
 But they didn't seem to hear me.
 Me upon his back,
 He began his journey...

Beams of vermillion light,
 Pierced the crimson clouds,
 Turning them a nasty red.
 He hauled me up the hill,
 Heinous people booed and
 laughed wickedly,
 Not stopping until he reached
 the top.

He was exhausted,
 But it was not over.
 Blood cascaded down his body,
 A sorrowful sinister day...

He was hammered to me,
 I felt his blood-stained hands
 pressed against me,
 The nails going through them
 and into my flesh.
 I heard his suffering shouts.
 Yet the sentinel did not answer,
 Death arrived.
 It was over.
 Or so I thought ...

Finally they knew.
 The immense boulder rolled
 aside.
 He had risen!
 Joy spread across the city.

I had a part to play.
 Me.
 The Cross.

By Rohan Rai, aged 10

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Monday 30th March, 2020.

Supporting Our Community

Comprehensive Safety and Fire Solutions, is a leading provider of essential services in Lincolnshire and has part of these services we operate 3 private hire/taxis for contract work with the children services only. As these contracts have been temporarily suspended because of the Covid-19 pandemic, these 3 vehicles are being made available free of charge during these uncertain times to support the vulnerable and isolated in and around the Lincoln area. The business is based in Sudbrooke so if you are located in a village nearby and need vital transport for hospital/doctor appointments, collecting medical prescriptions or food delivery then please contact Dave Cook, Managing Director on 07932 477118 who will arrange the transportation.

Comprehensive Safety and Fire Solutions is committed to being a social and responsible business in Lincolnshire and wants to help those local people that need the support at this very difficult time. Dave Cook – Managing Director commented:

"We have three vehicles available and I'm very keen we do our bit and our best to support the vulnerable isolated in the area around Sudbrooke and the outlying villages". "All our drivers are DBS checked, have received the necessary safeguarding training and hold official badges and information which will be shown to people using the service". "We are a Lincolnshire County Council approved operator so our details can always be checked and certified".

Call us or get in touch now on: 07932 477118

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Stay Safe and take care.

Dave Cook.



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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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■ SPRING SHOW

▶ As you will be aware, in an attempt to curb the spread of coronavirus we have all been told that non-essential social contact should cease. Therefore, this year's Spring Show has therefore been cancelled and, as eternally optimistic gardeners, we shall put all our efforts into growing our fruit, vegetables and flowers for the Autumn Show which is scheduled for Monday 14 September.

■ MARCH SPEAKER EVENING

▶ Our first event of the year was a lecture on the History and Activities of the Hardy Plant Society. Graham Farquar (chairman of the Lincolnshire Group) and his wife Heather, guided us through a very interesting illustrated talk covering all aspects of the HPS from its foundation in 1957 up to the present day.

They had a vast knowledge of gardens and nurseries to visit and very kindly gave us suggestions for future outings. The Lincolnshire group was established in 1989 and has grown to become the largest HPS regional group.

Their meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month between September and April at the William Farr School in Welton, commencing at 2pm. and visitors are always welcome. You can check their website for full information at www.lincshps.org.uk.

■ FLOWER OF THE MONTH COMP

▶ There were some beautiful entries, which was won by Iris Whitaker's multi-headed

scented Narcissus. Paul Evans' lime green Euphorbia was second and placed third was Anita Grey's delicate white Hellebore.

■ HORTICULTURAL CHALLENGE

▶ Our latest task is to build a bug hotel and members were issued with a starter kit consisting of a wooden box, perforated house brick, some pine cones and a few design suggestions.

■ JOBS FOR APRIL

▶ When the daffodils start to fade, deadhead them by removing both the flower and the seed head; follow by weekly liquid feeding with

Tomorite (other high potash fertilisers are available!) for three to four weeks - this will encourage the development of next year's flower buds. If possible, allow

the foliage to die back naturally.

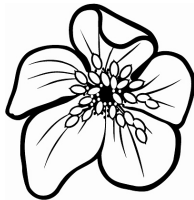
Mulch roses and shrubs with a 5-8cm layer of organic matter and this will help retain moisture during dry spells as well as reducing weeds.

In an attempt to reduce the number of slugs and snails visiting your garden, try growing plants they don't like such as Acanthus, Eryngium, Hardy Geraniums, Nepeta and Oriental Poppies.

Further advice on this month's gardening jobs can be found online at rhs.org.uk/April.

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■ THIS YEAR'S VILLAGE COMPS

Tallest Sunflower Grown in the Village or by a Gardening Club Member

► Members have been issued with seeds for this year's competition which, for the second year running, is open to all village residents (children, grandchildren and adults).

If you are interested then do please get in touch using the telephone numbers at the beginning of this article - we do have some seeds left and these will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

However, you can opt to grow your own variety and then let us know when you consider it has reached its full potential. Seeds need to be planted, either outdoors or indoors, from any time now until the end of May.

All participating sunflowers will be measured and photographed and the winning sunflower will be announced at the Autumn Village Show on Monday, 14 September.

Best Front Garden 2020

► This year, GC members will run the village competition for the Best Front Garden and we thank Scothern Nurseries for agreeing to sponsor this event.

Initial judging will commence between 17th and 24th July to select the best six gardens to go forward into the finals which will take place towards the end of the month. Our judges will be looking for:

- Absence of rubbish;
- Good maintenance of lawns, hedges, trees, shrubs and flowers where present;
- Colour and structure of planting;
- Any unusual features complimenting the garden.

All front gardens visible from the public footpath will be judged.

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■ MARCH WALK

► Members decided to avoid the sodden ground around Martin and Metheringham and opted for a five-mile walk around Whisby Nature Park, with Gill Rowley in the lead.

The forecast was for showers and strong winds, but we were very fortunate to complete the whole walk in sunshine although the wind did pick up towards the end of the walk.

The nature park is a delightful place. It is well signposted and the trails are firm underfoot.

We took the 'Blue' trail which bordered several large ponds as well as some

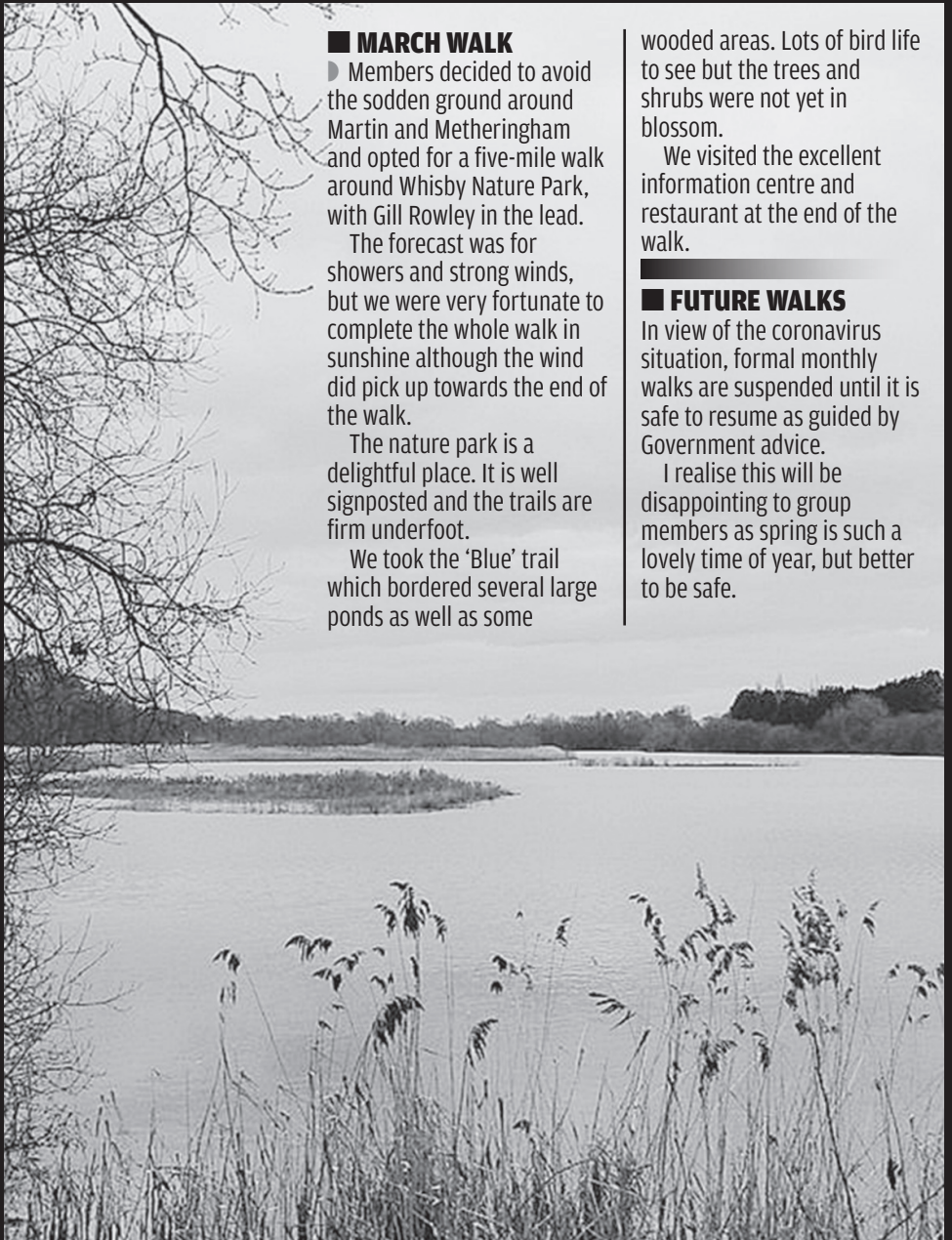
wooded areas. Lots of bird life to see but the trees and shrubs were not yet in blossom.

We visited the excellent information centre and restaurant at the end of the walk.

■ FUTURE WALKS

In view of the coronavirus situation, formal monthly walks are suspended until it is safe to resume as guided by Government advice.

I realise this will be disappointing to group members as spring is such a lovely time of year, but better to be safe.



16 March 2020

Council consults on extending dog fouling order!

West Lindsey District Council is looking at extending a public space protection order on dog fouling and nuisance dogs across the whole district.

An order was introduced by the district council in 2017 under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. It allows the Council to issue fixed penalty notices for £100 or prosecution to any dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs and dispose of it appropriately.

The Council is consulting on the extension and variation of the Dog Fouling Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). It is proposing to be able to issue penalties to dog owners who do not carry with them the right means to pick up dog fouling (i.e. dog poo bags).

Cllr Milne Chair of the Regulatory Committee said: "The Council understands that the majority of dog owners act responsibly and pick up after their dogs. However we do recognise that dog fouling is an issue across the District and we are keen to ensure that we have powers in place to deal with it when it occurs.

"We are also seeking to extend these powers and ask dog owners to ensure that they carry with them dog bag, or similar to demonstrate that when their dog fouls they can pick it up. We want to hear resident's views on these issues and welcome responses to the consultation that we have commenced."

The consultation opened on 16 March 2020 and residents have until 9am 27 April 2020 to take part.

The Council's Regulatory Committee is due to make a decision on the outcomes of the matter in June 2020.

More details on this and a list of frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/dogfoulingpspo

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A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

It is a rather special day in the Mayo household on April 2, when I should be getting a card from my old boss as we celebrate our diamond wedding (I'd better send HRH Queen Elizabeth a reminder!).

I reflect that, just 10 years ago we were making preparations to head down to Conil de la Frontera in the south of Spain prior to travelling for the first time to Africa (except for one diversion into Cairo).

We were making for Trafalgar; I'd always wanted to see the sight of one of the biggest battles in naval history where admiral Lord Nelson beat the Spanish navy knocking out 22 of Spain's ships without losing one. I always thought that Trafalgar was in London.

We stayed at the campsite for just a few days while meeting up with 10 other vans who were travelling with us. From there we made our way to the port of Algésiras and across to Ceuta, an enclave of Spain (before Spain claims Gibraltar for their own, they ought to be talking to the Moroccan government about Ceuta).

It's quite a short trip across the Med, about the same as Dover to Calais. We disembarked at Ceuta customs and entered the nightmare of Moroccan beurocracy. It gave the appearance of chaos, but gradually descended in to what could only be described as a free for all.

It appeared afterwards that the men were trying to speed your way through the complexity of border arrangements (for a price), but in reality were just adding to the confusion.

Finally we got to the female customs officer who told us the papers she wanted and we produced them all to her satisfaction. She was very nice, and asked us if this was our first visit to Morocco, and welcomed us to her country.

We waited patiently for all the others to complete their customs formalities and we were on our way.

Our first stop was at Chefchaouen about 70 miles south where we pulled in to our first campsite in Morocco. We counted up and found we had lost one unit on the way, he'd had an accident and I never saw him again. The campsite cost £5 a night, but wasn't much more than a car park. We thought we would take a ride into town 20 minutes away, and we needed some dirhams for spending money.

We found a cash machine pretty easily, and then wandered into the market at the edge of which was a lot of noise and a flurry of activity. The noise came from a lot of chickens tied to a wire and a pulley system complete with a handle. As the handle was turned it took the heads off the chickens, so I could understand their consternation. In due time we made our way back to the van and decided on a pizza for tea.

We drove down the N13, crossing a mountain range in 12-foot deep snow (the road had just been opened up to traffic), visiting the impressive remains of the Roman city of Volubilis. It had been plundered for building materials for the nearby town of Meknès and was a world heritage site.

In its day it clearly was a magnificent sight and still had much to commend it. I was struck by the lovely tiled floors in so many of the houses, and it appeared that many of the patterns were identical to those in buildings on Hadrians Wall. Must have been taken from a catalogue!

Meknes was the next stop and probably had the best campsite in Morocco. Even had hot showers. It's a lovely walled city of nearly



READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

THINK OF OTHERS

Dear Editor

So, in these dire times we have once more seen the 'best of British' as people stockpile food, ignore the lockdown advice and generally behave in such a way that the Government have had no choice but to bring in stringent measures to slow the spread of Covid-19.

It's the 'me, me, me' people with the attitude of 'it won't happen to me' who continually let the side down and I do hope by now, with the death toll continuing to rise, that they are finally realising just how serious this disease is and it's more than just a common cold or 'a bit

of flu'. Just think of our gallant frontline NHS workers, the nurses and doctors who put themselves at risk every time they step through those hospital doors for their 12-hour shifts some, disgracefully, without the right protective equipment. Then there's the supermarket workers, who operate the tills with barely any protection from hundreds of shoppers every day.

They don't have a choice to stay at home, they have got to go to work, treat the sick, serve 'starving' customers. So next time you ignore the Government advice, just pause for reflection and think of these people if you can.

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QUIZ ANSWERS

1) 1940s (1949), 2) Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, 3) A Fish, 4) 41, 5) A Zoo, 6) Trea-sure, 7) 1911, 8) One Man and his Dog, 9) Brighton & Hove Albion, 10) On a Bed, 11) 2, 12) Paste, 13) Bridget Jones' Diary, 14) March, 15) A Piano, 16) Phosphorus, 17) Devon, 18) 3, 19) Toms, 20) Genesis, 21) Leadbetter, 22) Almond, 23) Pills, 24) Green, 25) The African Violet

TRAVEL FEATURE with our resident travel writer

DEVON KNOWS HOW

DANIEL MAYS, he of The Line Of Duty fame amongst others, proclaims Salcombe as his favourite holiday destination and it's easy to see why as this tony resort on the South Devon coast has an easygoing charm, but with luxury living oozing from every crevice.

Some of the most expensive houses in the country are dotted around the hilly landscape, with rich men's yachts berthed in the busy Kingsbridge Estuary, but while you may find a place to sit on the extensive waterfront, feet dangling over the clear waters (just like we saw the aforementioned Mr Mays doing one evening), dreaming of owning such splendid abodes or vessels, you can also feel right at home here as the pace of life slows down.

Situated at the base of the South Hams, it is a popular summer retreat not only for the wealthy (and famous actors), but also for many families from across the country and we spent a week in a Toad Hall house, Rest Harrow.

When it comes to cottages and holiday places in Devon, and the rest of the West Country for that matter, not many companies have such a wide array of choice as Toad Hall, with properties all across the area, with something to suit most peoples' tastes.

Having spent a few previous holidays in Toad Hall cottages around this part of Devon, we knew we were in for a treat and as we stood on the rear balcony looking down on the town, with the waters of the estuary shimmering far below us, with the rolling South Hams hills stretching out into the distance, I knew we'd chosen right once more.

The four-bedroomed property is one of those 'upside down' houses, with the living quarters upstairs and the sleeping accommodation and bathroom downstairs and crucially for a place in such

a sought-after resort, it came with space for two cars, which is a massive plus, given the parking problems in this particular vicinity.

It was a downhill stroll into town, with various shortcuts if you could find them, but it was a bit of a slog getting back again as the gradient back up to Rest Harrow is pretty severe, especially the final 20 yards or so. But just think of those extra few ounces you're losing as you sweat buckets on the trek back, while your legs tremble at the prospect of the steep inclines.

There are plenty of restaurants, cafes and pubs to choose from in Salcombe down by the waterfront, with regular ferries taking beach lovers across to the picturesque Mill Bay, while boats also take passengers down to South Sands, overlooked by the National Trust property Overbecks, while sailing past the ever-popular North Sands, with its horseshoe-shaped enclaves the perfect spot for making sandcastles or taking a paddle in the cool waters.

Salcombe is also just down the road from the popular towns of Kingsbridge and Dartmouth – I recommend one of the various boat trips on offer at the latter, we chose the unique paddle steamer – while the beaches along the South Hams coast are some of the best in the country, with the ones at Hope Cove particularly good for both rock pooling and a spot of body boarding.

The waves when we there were taller than me and we've never had so much fun in the surf and we could have stayed there for the whole week!

Back in Salcombe, there was time for a little more boat watching, ice cream eating and one last game of quoits, after puffing and panting our way back up that hill again.

**FACTFILE**

Stays at Rest Harrow, with Toad Hall Cottages, start from £671 for a week. For more information, go to www.toadhallcottages.co.uk.



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