

SUDBROOKE NEWS

MARCH 2014

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE...

LITTER PICK

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For more details, turn
to page 3 to see what
you can do to help
clean up Sudbrooke...

DO YOUR BIT TO KEEP THE VILLAGE TIDY

POINT-TO-POINTING



We have a
report on the
popular
Blankney
meeting held at
North Carlton
Racecourse,
Lincolnshire
Showground,
from Sunday
23 February,
pages 30-31

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

March 2014

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ANOTHER jam-packed edition, with all the usual elements, plus another excellent travel feature from a local resident and my own article about the recent Point-to-Point meeting at North Carlton, our local racecourse, which is literally a five-minute drive way - and I bet there are some people in the village who weren't aware it was even there.

Nice to see a steady stream of letters dropping into my mailbox as well, about a multitude of subjects - more the merrier on that score as I know these pages are really popular whatever the subject matter. Get in touch with another gripes you may have.

The new village sign project is progressing quite nicely and you can read Coral Evans' update on the arrival of 'the trunk', via way of Sudbrooke Scout Camp. Hope you're all entertained. **Dom**

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THEME NIGHTS

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March 14	Pub Games	April 11.....	Closed
March 21	Bingo	April 18	Bingo
March 28	Closed	April 25	Closed

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THE VILLAGE

LITTER PICK

**Saturday morning, March 15, from the Village Hall
WILL YOU PLEASE HELP...**

You may have noticed that it's time to give a good tidy up to the communal areas and open spaces in our village.

If you or your family members can spare some time to help, it would be much appreciated. With a reasonable turnout the job should be completed in approximately 90 minutes.

Litter picks are a good opportunity to meet like-minded villagers. Free tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits will be available at the Village Hall from 9.30am to 10am, during which time a short health and safety briefing will be held and equipment issued to volunteers.

*****LITTER PICKING STARTS FROM 10am*****

Further information is available from:

Mike Halliday (Tel: 754686)
or Stuart Curtis (Tel: 751874)



PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 2014

Abridged notes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 9 January in Sudbrooke Village Hall. The full set of notes may be seen on the Parish website.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

P Heath (Chairman) - S Curtis - M Dickie - B Waller - Mrs L Etheridge - P Rignall - I Russell - Mrs C Myers (Clerk) - Mrs B Solly (Treasurer) - PCSO Jackie Parker (from 8.25pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Miss R Dobbs, County Councillor Sue Rawlins

100) Parishoners items

■ Some residents had drawn to members' attention that they were not able to have clear vision in the vicinity of the shop on Holme Drive due to vehicles parking on or very close to the junction. It was noted also that vans were often parked in that area which also obstructed vision. The matter had been reported to the local Police Team.

It was understood that similar problems were being experienced near to the church with vehicles parking on the footpath, blocking it entirely in some cases, causing pedestrians to have to walk on the road.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Vicar to ask that she bring the matter to the attention of the congregation and that, although it was a few minutes walk from the church, parking was available in the village hall car park if required.

101) Police matters

■ A box of date-expired magazines had been taken from outside the shop on Holme Drive and left near Northfield Park.

■ A letter of reply had been received by the Chairman from the Chief Constable regarding the A158 closure/traffic diversions in November 2013.

102) Declarations of Interest

■ Councillor Stuart Curtis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 10 on the agenda - Planning - as a member of the West Lindsey District Council Planning Committee.

103) District Councillor's report

■ The Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit have withdrawn the core strategy following changes in Central Government policy and will now proceed with a single local plan.

104) Notes of meeting held on December 5

■ Proposed by Councillor Martin Dickie as a true record, seconded by Councillor Mrs Lyn Etheridge.

105) Reports on matters outstanding

- a) **Vandalism to Millennium stone lights** - These had now been repaired and an insurance claim had been made for the cost.

- b) **Christmas Tree Event** - This had run successfully, thanks were extended to the helpers and those erecting and maintaining the tree throughout the time it was lit.

- c) **Highway Matters** -

- d) **Damage to Sudbrooke sign/grit bin, Nettleham Lane** - The Sudbrooke sign and grit box on Nettleham Lane had been hit by a vehicle, noticeably red by the amount of paint left on the grit box. The Police had been notified.

- e) **Status of Church Lane in respect of heavy goods access** - The Chair had contacted Nettleham Parish Council proposing that both Parish Councils could possibly approach the Highways Department to see if a restriction could be placed on Church Lane (and Nettleham village) to prevent general access of HGVs in the event of a road closure on the A158. A reply was awaited.

106) Consideration of quotations for hedge cutting at Village Hall

■ Four quotations for the hedge cutting at the village hall had been received in the sums of £735, £600, £595, £740.

Members accepted the quotation for £595, from Veolia Environmental Services Ltd - the work to be carried out towards the end of February 2014.

107) Planning

■ Application 128675: Poachers Lane, Sudbrooke - It was noted that this application would be discussed by the WLDC Planning Committee for determination on January 22, 2014 and representation from the Parish Council had been invited.

Councillor Bob Waller agreed to attend the meeting and speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

NB Councillor Stuart Curtis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the above item.

108) Finance

■ a) Income

- Advertising Sudbrooke News - £198.00
- Cash from Christmas Tree event - £178.50
- Lincs CC - Grass cutting grant - £2197.66
- HMRC VAT Refund - £320.45
- Western Power - Wayleave - £10.25

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109) Correspondence

■ Letter from a resident stating that he did not feel that consultation had been carried out sufficiently for the production of a village sign.

It was reiterated that the suggestion of a village sign had first been mooted by the Parish Plan Group, and many articles placed in the **Sudbrooke News** from November 2010 requesting and suggesting designs for a sign. Unfortunately these designs had proved to be too costly to proceed until the current offer of the wood from the Scout Camp had been received. With the main work being undertaken by the Carving Group it was hoped that any remaining costs could be obtained through a small grant.

Request for grant aid from West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau. Members agreed not to make a donation.


110) Date of next meeting

■ February 6, 2014

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 Thursday 3 April 2014

West Lindsey Local Authority Building Control invites you to the Annual Parish Meeting of Sudbrooke to come and listen to a presentation about building regulations

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- What is building control?
- What needs permission?
- How do I apply?
- What will it cost?
- How can I protect me?
- Where can I go for more help?

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and you will meet one of our building control officers who has extensive local knowledge of the area

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Brief report of meeting held on February 6, 2014

Six Parish Councillors were present along with six residents, the Clerk, Treasurer and PCSO Jackie Parker.

A proposed planning application for a property on Church Lane was outlined to the meeting and this will be discussed in more detail as an agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council on March 6.

■ **Dog Fouling:** Unfortunately it was reported as there being a substantial increase in residents not picking up after their dogs - see other articles in the magazine.

■ **Police Matters:** A Report was given as follows:

17/1/14 - A car was driven into a wall of a house on Northfield Avenue; there were no injuries, but damage to the property and vehicle.

1/2/14 - A male was stopped for selling door to door without a licence.

2/2/14 - A laptop bag was taken from a porch on St Edward's Drive.

■ **Mobile Library Provision:** Notification received that the mobile library will continue to visit Sudbrooke for one hour a month with effect from May 2014.

■ **Litter Pick:** To be organised for Saturday 15 March, 2014.

■ **Sports Day:** To be organised for June 29, 2014.

■ **Village Sign:** A request had been received from a resident for the calling of a Public Meeting to discuss the production of a village sign. Members felt that the Village Sign had been discussed in depth in the past and information given in **Sudbrooke News** where residents had the opportunity to put suggestions forward. Unfortunately any proposals had had to be shelved due to the high cost involved in the purchase of materials and grant funding not being available.

Publicity has been given to the donation of a piece of oak from a tree in Sudbrooke Scout Camp to the Carving Group so that they can work on it and hopefully produce a sign for the village at relatively low cost. This will take several months of work by the Group.

19/2/2014 - The piece of oak has now been transported to the Village Hall, at no cost to the village, by Andy Carr Scout Leader and Carl Wilkinson, to which sincere thanks must be extended for their time and use of their equipment. It is a large piece sited at the front of the hall so that residents can view its progress over the next few months.

■ **Annual Parish Meeting - April 3, 7pm (Village Hall):** An Officer from the Building Control Department of West Lindsey District Council will give a short, informative address which it is hoped some residents will find useful. Residents are very welcome and indeed encouraged to attend to also hear a resume of what has been going on in the village during the last 12 months.

Village Organisations - Please submit a report or pop along to the meeting and read it out.

The meeting will last about 30-40 minutes, followed, on a lighter note, by some culinary delights produced by the Clerk and Treasurer!

Date of next Parish Council meeting - March 6, 2014, 7.30pm (Village Hall).

THE NEW VILLAGE SIGN: THE TRUNK HAS LANDED!



A BIG THANK YOU

■ Andy Carr from Sudbrooke Scout Camp was kind enough to contact Sudbrooke Carving Club and offer a large, heavy oak branch. The oak tree was damaged by a storm and deemed to be unsafe and the branch was one that had to be removed.

Sudbrooke carvers were delighted with the offer as it would enable a long carving project of a village sign or large sculpture with very little cost for the village.

Many problems had to be overcome including finding a storage location whilst it was being carved and moving the branch to the location.

After meeting with the Parish Council, it was agreed that the carving group could work on the trunk in the corner of the Village Hall car park. Andy from the Scout camp said that he could help with delivery.

At 5pm on February 12, I was very pleased to witness a very large low loader vehicle and a digger arriving at the Village Hall. With daylight fading, Andy Carr and Carl

Wilkinson skilfully manipulated the oak branch and some large oak props and transferred the oak branch onto the verge.

Carl was very skilled manoeuvring the oak branch onto the props with his digger as it was far too large and heavy to move manually.

Sudbrooke Carving Group would like to thank Andy from the Scout Camp and Carl of Wilkinson Plant Hire, Scothern, for their community spirit in both thinking of the carving group in Sudbrooke in the first place and then their considerable efforts in supplying transport and making the difficult delivery. We very much appreciate it THANK YOU.

We hope that they and the village will enjoy watching our progress on the project in the coming months. If you would like to take part and you are available on Monday mornings then do call me on 01522 750031; no prior experience needed.

*Coral Evans
Sudbrooke Carving Club*

TAKING A WALK IN THE COUNTRY

With Mike Halliday

01522 754686



FEBRUARY WALK

■ In view of the very wet ground conditions, walkers opted for the Bardney Limewoods walk and were rewarded with bright sunshine throughout the seven-mile walk.

Starting from the village hall in Bardney, walkers passed St. Lawrence's church (rebuilt after 1434 when the old parish church at the abbey collapsed).

A long bridleway skirting Southrey wood and Birch wood took the walkers to Southrey village and then across fields to Topholme Abbey.

Apart from a couple of sticky patches, the ground conditions were quite good.

MARCH WALK

■ A 7.5 mile circular walk starting at Riseholme and passing through South Carlton and Burton with splendid views

across the Trent Valley. Apart from a fairly steep section out of Burton, the terrain is comfortable.

Walkers should meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am on March 1, and are advised to take a waterproof coat, wear suitable footwear, take a snack and a drink.

If you wish to walk and need a lift, please turn up at the village hall.

APRIL WALK

■ A seven-mile circular walk from Binbrook (journey time approximately 30 minutes) with lovely views of the Wolds.

The terrain is good, but there are some gentle slopes to climb.

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SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB

With Gill Rignall

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WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

■ Sudbrooke has an active Ladies' Club. Visitors and new members are always welcome and are asked to make a donation of £2. Why not come along for a chat and meet people? We have a book stall and collect stamps and small coins for charity.

We meet on the third Thursday of most months at 7.30pm in the Bramham Lounge at the Village Hall.

We have a guest speaker at most meetings covering a variety of topics. You are all welcome to attend any meeting which you feel is of particular interest.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 20 March: Danni Fairweather - Aloe Vera.

Thursday 17 April: Members' evening.

Please see the Parish Council website for full 2014 programme:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/>

SCOUTING WITH THE 25TH LINCOLN

With Nick Cornwell-Smith

01522 753689 - 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group



SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

■ It is that time of year when Sainsbury's help many organisations and schools by giving out vouchers to be exchanged for sporting goods, equipment and computers.

This year the vouchers will be available from Sainsbury's - 29 January until 20 May.

We have been collecting for a few years and have benefitted from both groups with the provision of basketballs, indoor hockey, orienteering set, tennis net, and basic camping equipment.

This has been due to the marvellous collection of vouchers by our members, parents, family and others in the local

villages. A big thank you to you all.

Once again could I ask that if you don't know who to give your vouchers too, please consider sending them to us, the 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group.

Please collect them at the till and drop them in to me at 52 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, Lincoln, LN2 2QJ.

In the meantime you can see some of the things we get up to by visiting our new website at www.tinyurl.com/25thlincoln.

Regards, and thank you in advance.

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This is a chance to enhance your CV by giving up a few hours a month to help your local community and at the same time gain confidence in emergencies.

The group offers basic emergency care in Langworth, Scothern, Sudbrooke and Stainton.

These vacancies would suit you especially

if you are retired, a parent at home during the daytime, shift workers and anyone else with a few hours to spare looking for a new challenge. There is no fixed rota. Each member offers whatever fits in with their family life.

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We will be in the Bottle and Glass at Scothern on Wednesday 12 March at 7.30pm. If you are looking for personal and skills development then come along and find out more.

Please join us one evening and change your life as well as perhaps saving someone else's.

SUDBROOKE SENIORS

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Come and meet new friends face to face.

We meet at 10.30am on the second Friday of each month in the Village Hall for coffee and a chat.

Anyone over 55 welcome!

SUDBROOKE WHIST CLUB

With Terry Mayo

01522 595715



COME AND JOIN US

■ Why don't you come along to the weekly Sudbrooke whist group on Thursday afternoons at 2pm in the village hall.

We are a friendly crowd of mixed ability players and would love to see you. You don't

need a partner in Progressive whist, and you can be assured of a game.

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ELLISON BOULTERS SCHOOL REPORT



With Sally Newnham

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KINGDOM KIDS

■ As a regular 'helper' at Kingdom Kids, I was asked to provide a glimpse into the exciting, caring and fascinating club for Key Stage Two children here at Ellison Boulter's.

I thought it only fair to let the children have an input, so I asked them how they would describe this after-school club that always has a long waiting list!

"Fun, friendship and worship" were the words that were repeated time and time again, oh and the fact that they get, "squash and a biscuit!"

Treats aside, Kingdom Kids at Ellison Boulter's offers weekly Christian fellowship, arts, crafts and so much more. It offers an additional opportunity for Christian discussion, investigation and reflection in an environment where the children are supported by members of staff and the community who are willing and eager to help the children's spiritual journeys.

Children from across the key stage are lead by Mrs. Peachman, the R.E leader in the school, and a team of devoted and keen Year 6 junior leaders who provide support and guidance.

These children are wonderful role models and epitomise the qualities that the Ellison Boulter's children are renowned for. The adult helpers include school staff Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Carr, and we are very privileged to be able to rely on Mr. Brian Beardsell (Methodist Church) as well as Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. Levy who are parents of an ex-pupil and current pupil respectively. These amazing volunteers ensure an active

and varied programme of events each week. Many of our younger pupils love attending "Seekers", the lunchtime Key Stage One Christian group run by Mrs. Peachman, Miss. Freeman and Mrs. Kenworthy; it is heartening to see such young children engaged and passionate about the Bible and the messages contained within.

In the Autumn term, the Kingdom Kids 'journeyed' together as, week by week, they built their own nativity set, considered the birth of Jesus and what it meant to them. This term a different group of children are 'walking hand-in-hand' towards Easter and all that this means to us as Christian children in a Church of England Academy.

We are proud of our Christian values, they allow us all to come to school and feel safe, enabling us all to grow and realise our potential.

This was never more evident than a few weeks ago when a team of 12 year three and four children won an inter-school swimming competition. The children were extremely determined and demonstrated outstanding team skills, yet what impressed me the most was the friendship, encouragement and support they showed to children from other schools; cheering for the winners, regardless of the school they came from, shouting words of encouragement to less confident swimmers and being polite and well-mannered to everyone they met.

And so I shall offer the final word to the children. I asked them what advertising slogan they would create for Kingdom Kids, to which they replied: "Spreading OUR Word."

FOCUS ON FITNESS

With Tristan Lowe

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THE FORGOTTEN ASPECT OF HEALTH

A few months ago in our Northamptonshire branch, we launched our new fitness/remedial programme which we called Movement and Flexibility in response to consultations with health and medical professionals.

They all agreed on one thing; that the key to continuing and lasting health and an active physical lifestyle is the ability to keep moving - and moving freely without aches and pains or stiffness.

Building up your strength is important.

Keeping your weight within limits is important

Eating a good balanced diet is important.

But all these things fade into insignificance if you can't kneel down or you suffer from a bad back or if you're stiff when you get out of a chair.

Everyone agrees: FLEXIBILITY is the answer. But why is not talked about more?

The answer? Because it's not sexy.

You can't show your muscles off in front of a mirror, you can't admire yourself for the weight you've lost - so it tends to get forgotten in fitness programmes or tacked onto the end for a brief five minutes.

Over the years in the fitness industry I've come across literally scores of people who have

- back problems
- knee problems
- hip problems
- stiff and achy joints
- rheumatics
- poor posture

People have been to every type of specialist there is, but surprisingly,

developing flexibility to overcome the problem is rarely talked about.

So that's why it was decided to do all the investigation and study, to create a programme that would help all our clients who find that they can no longer do the things they used to, who can't move as easily as formerly, who are not as agile as they were years ago.

Some of them have specific problems- a bad back or injured knees but some of them are just feeling the effects of "not being as young as they used to be".

Or they're simply inflexible! In fact, suppleness is so important that anyone from 18 to 80 could profit from it.

The Wellbeing Fitness introductory Six-Week Movement and Flexibility Programme is designed for you to do alone with a fitness professional in one of our private studios and he or she will take you through all the movements of the body.

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- **Have you got poor posture?**
- **Have you got knee problems?**
- **Do you have difficulty touching your toes?**
- **Have you got poor flexibility?**
- **Are you less agile than you used to be?**
- **Do you lead a sedentary lifestyle?**

Many people who say “yes” to any of these questions think that it’s something they just have to learn to live with. We’re here to tell you that it’s not. In a six week programme of one hour a week with a fitness professional in a private studio, we can begin to reverse this decline. And what’s more, WE DO MOST OF THE WORK!!!

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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

With **Mike Halliday**

Secretary: 01522 754686



MARCH MEETING

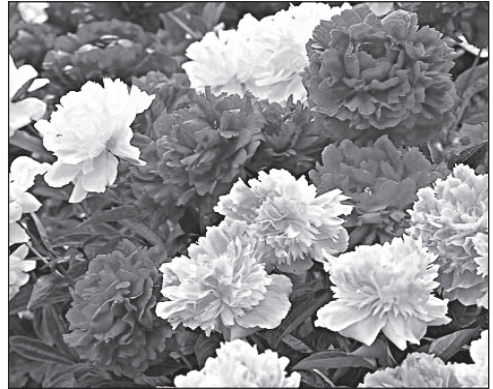
■ Next meeting is Monday 10 March, 7.30pm at the Village Hall and is open to all residents.

Most people agree that Peonies are some of the most beautiful flowers in the garden.

I am very pleased to say our speaker Mrs Jo Bennison, who is a commercial grower of Peony flowers, will talk to us about this wonderful plant with the aid of her slide show.

Free tea, coffee and biscuits will be served midway through the evening and there will be ample opportunity to ask questions about the Peony flower and how best to care for them.

To help defray costs, a charge of £2 per adult will be made. Do please come along and enjoy an interesting evening.



Next meeting is the Spring Show to be held in the village hall on Monday 14 April.

Entries between 6pm and 7pm - viewing from 7.45pm.

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THE CHURCH DIARY



With Revd Penny Green

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BUILDINGS OF CHARACTER

■ I think I have shared with you before that prior to coming into the Ministry I used to be a teacher at Lincoln Christ’s Hospital School.

One of the things that has always struck me about that school is its history. While I was there, it celebrated 900 years of education on that site in Lincoln. Of course, the school hasn’t always looked as it does now, because it has changed with the times and needs of the students that attend, but in so many ways it seemed to me that it managed to keep its rootedness, while still changing to cater for many different generations of students with different needs.

I remember not long after my time there discovering an old table, and I mean really old (!), and into it was etched medieval graffiti, containing the names of previous students - and that always reminded me that history is made by people.

Churches are also made by people. When followers of Jesus met together after the resurrection of Jesus, they did not have huge buildings, largely they met together in homes, or gathered in the street (the weather was no doubt better than ours!).

The word ‘church’ comes from the word ‘ekkleisia’ which means a gathering of people - so ‘church’ is about the gathering of people around the worship of God, it is the building of community with God at the root and at its heart.

We are blessed with some beautiful buildings in our now two groups, and it thrills me when we are able to look at them as places where we can enable community to be built. Church buildings are not merely monuments that celebrate the past, they have always changed in character and if you go into many of our buildings, you will see the work of generation upon generation.

Some of you might have popped into Reepham Church recently and will have seen massive change, and at Fiskerton, how wonderful it is to see the development of a new toilet and kitchen area.

You might ask, why do this? Well our churches should be at the heart of serving our community and its important that our buildings reflect that. I want to maintain our roots, but adapt to the needs of our communities, as far as we can.

Every blessings.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH

Date	Venue	Time	Service
Sunday 2 March	Stainton by Langworth	9am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Langworth	6pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 5 March	Cherry Willingham	7.30pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
Sunday 9 March	Barlings	9am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Family Worship
	Langworth	6pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 March	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Langworth	6pm	Service of Celebration and
			Welcome with Archdeacon Jane Sinclair
Sunday 23 March	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 March	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sunday 30 March	Barlings	10.30am	Songs of Praise

READERS' LETTERS

Your correspondence

Dear Sudbrooke residents,

I attended a Parish Council meeting to gain approval for the Sudbrooke Carving Club to work on a project at the village hall grounds.

Whilst at the meeting, I learnt that a resident was unhappy with all the "clutter" on the Jubilee Garden. I have read in the **Sudbrooke News** that someone feels the residents have not been consulted as to whether the village would like a sign. Also in the magazine there is an article from someone moaning that the village Christmas Tree event was "a waste of time".

I am not usually someone who likes to be involved in politics, but I feel someone should back up our Parish Council for the thankless task that they do.

On the matter of consulting residents on the Jubilee Garden, I can remember that it was featured in the **Sudbrooke News**, the Parish Council meeting minutes many times and the Sudbrooke Parish website.

The Council were looking for anyone who could help with producing a map and it said it was in lieu of Sudbrooke having a jubilee event as Scothern had loads going on.

There was a competition for naming the area and there was an invite to the unveiling of the new sign. Residents were informed that carved tree seats would be in place for them to browse for that day, with plenty of opportunities for residents to air their views and plenty of positive ones were aired.

I personally like the Jubilee Garden as it is a focal point that I can walk to with my elderly parents who cannot walk too far. Much more interesting than walking to the bus stop and back! On numerous occasions there have been parents with children there happily discussing the designs on the posts and seats.

With regards to the village sign; there was originally a competition and also some designs were put forward from the Sudbrooke Carving Club. These were narrowed down to two and

were published in the **Sudbrooke News**.

Unfortunately due to the cost, these ideas were postponed.

The design for the current project is very similar to one of the original designs due to the shape of trunk donated to the club. The design is loosely based on the four seasons and I hope Sudbrooke residents will enjoy watching the design take shape.

The finished trunk will be donated to the Parish Council, if they would like it, and it has already been mentioned in the **Sudbrooke News** that residents may like to vote where it will go after it is completed (which will be quite some time away).

Hopefully the carving will speak for itself and villagers will want it somewhere, but if not then there is plenty of room in my garden!

As for the Xmas Tree event, every year I see this advertised and volunteers are asked for. The same people put their hands up every year. I went along and enjoyed my mulled wine, mince pie and talked with friends. If you did not enjoy it, then how about putting your hand up next year and help to organise something.

For me there is a common thread running through all these moans and groans. We all want everything to be nice, we want clubs for us and our children, a clean and tidy environment and to be consulted on everything.

The truth is, most of us are not holding our hands up and saying "choose me, I'll help" as the next Parish councillor or club leader or litter picker. The Parish Council will never be able to please everyone all of the time, but they do keep us informed as best they can and I personally thank them for their efforts.

We as residents also have responsibilities; of keeping ourselves informed using the media easily accessible to us and giving our views at the appropriate times and not sticking our heads in the sand and then complaining later.

Coral Evans

READERS' LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter regarding the responsibility of dog owners to keep the village clean by picking up their dog mess - I totally agree with the gentleman who posted the letter.

However, I have a problem with the irresponsible horse owners who leave their horses' poo in significantly huge piles at the entrance of my driveway (twice now in the last few weeks), making it impossible for me to get out of my drive without having to drive my car through the said enormous piles, which subsequently become plastered all over the road for other car owners to drive through and spread even further.

Whilst I have lived in the village for many years and enjoy seeing the horses and their riders - and I understand that village life does come with the occasional unsavoury occurrence - I fail to see why these owners cannot come back with a bucket and spade and clean up their horses piles of poo.

They have the privilege of riding their horses around the village streets - do they not also have the responsibility to keep those said streets clean?

Oh and please don't tell me they don't know as the rear end is at the back and they face the front.

Lyn Wilkinson

Dear Editor,

According to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated October 3, 2013, the Councillors have agreed in principal to the erection of a village sign. This will be carved from a piece of local oak and will have a chrome plate attached to it bearing the name of Sudbrooke.

From correspondence with the Parish Council, I have been informed that parishioners will NOT be consulted regarding any of the following points:

- Do parishioners actually want a village sign?
- If required, then who should design such a sign?
- What limits should be put on costs?
- Do we need a village sign for just one entrance to the village or all entrances?

- If more than one sign is required will they be standardised, or of varying designs?
- If only one sign is to be erected, at which entrance to the village will it be sited?
- By what consultation process with Parishioners will the sign be fully approved?
- Do we want a sign of which we can be proud or just the cheapest or only option available?

All these concerns have been dismissed in my correspondence with the Parish Councillors, by them claiming that consultations took place over two years ago, and therefore (despite a lack of agreement at that point in time) automatically apply to this latest design.

Reader's comments are invited.

Alex C. Carrotte

February letter response:

In answer to Roger Birkett's question about the population of the village, there are 1458 electors registered for Sudbrooke. The amount of children, though is unknown...

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IN MEMORY OF...

Each Easter at Sudbrooke Church, people donate towards the cost of the Easter flowers in memory of loved ones who have died.

Names of the loved ones are written in a card and read out during the Easter Sunday services. The card then stands on the altar for as long as the flowers last - approximately three weeks. You are most welcome to join in this memorial.

If you would like to be involved, please could you let me have your donation and the name(s) you would like writing in the card by Palm Sunday (April 13) at the latest. Thank you.

*Eleanor Clarke
2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke*



DOG FOULING

from a legal perspective...

Following recent complaints concerning dog fouling in the village, I have been asked to remind residents that it is an offence for an owner to allow a dog to foul without cleaning up the mess in any area in the open air.

This in effect means that it is an offence not to clean up after a dog has fouled on most roads, footpaths, grass verges, playing fields, parks and other public areas.

It is not an offence to allow a dog to foul, the offence is not

cleaning up afterwards. Dog owners would therefore be advised to be prepared when out with their dog as it is not a defence to claim that they did not have the facilities to clean up.

Any person guilty of an offence under the Act can face a fine of up to £1000 although West Lindsey District Council have decided to operate a fixed penalty scheme where offenders are given the option of paying a fixed fine of £50 and avoiding a Court Hearing.



Cllr Stuart Curtis

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Your correspondence

Dear Editor,

We are so lucky in this village to have the woods and open spaces so close to our homes, with footpaths and bridleways through them.

However, as old age catches up with me, I feel that there is one thing missing and that is the almost total absence of seats or benches on which to rest weary bones in order to fully appreciate the wildlife, smell the countryside greenery, watch birdlife and rabbits and if we are very lucky and stay very still see Muntjac deer, squirrels, weasels, etc.

If only there were some seats!

Please some kind person, put a few seats

along the sides of the footpaths and roads and bridleways. Nothing elaborate that might be stolen, just two upright logs dug into the ground with a tree trunk along the top of them screwed or nailed to the uprights would brilliantly fulfil the need and be so gratefully appreciated by doddery old folks like me and dare I say also by the odd courting couple.

Following the cutting down of many trees in the woods there seem to be many spare logs that could be ideal for the purpose lying around.

Please be kind and make our village an even nicer place and help us to enjoy it even more.

Doris Webb

Dear Editor,

Last year there was no competition for "The Front Garden of the Year".

What a shame! For several years this has been a keenly-competitive challenge for many of our villagers and other mere mortals like me have enjoyed the results and achievements of the keen gardeners amongst us.

I am sure that, like me, many have been encouraged and inspired by the wonderful displays of not only the winners, but of all the

others who have made the extra effort to brighten up the village and show just what can be achieved.

Please can we have the competition back again this year and future years

May I heartily thank the Gardening Club members and our Sponsors and Final Judge in previous years from Scothern Nurseries for the interest and pleasure their efforts have given so many of us in our village. Long may it continue.

Rose Newton

Dear Editor,

This is an email I received that sums up how my wife and I are perceived by our grandchildren. We rather like it.

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of eight-year-olds)

■ Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. But they like other people's.

■ A grandfather is a man and a grandmother is a lady!

■ Grandparents don't have anything to do except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they can't play hard or run.

■ When they take us for walks, they slow down

as they pass things like pretty leaves and caterpillars and cobwebs and point them out to us.

■ They show us and talk to us about the colours and names of the flowers and the names of different trees and the stars at night.

■ They always say we shouldn't step on 'cracks in the pavement'.

■ They wear glasses and keep asking you to speak louder.

■ They can take their teeth and gums out.

■ When they read to us, they don't skip pages.

■ Everybody should try to have grandparents because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us and do things with us.

Tom Kent

READERS' LETTERS

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Dear Editor,

When are the local highways department or county council going to address the problem of potholes on the streets of Sudbrooke?

There seem to be more and more of them appearing each week, especially down St Edward's Drive, Holme Drive and Greenway, with car drivers having to swerve in and out of them in order to crash a tyre into a deep rut and risk getting a puncture.

Manor Drive has a had nice new tarmac surface laid, a road which was badly in need of repair, but what about the rest of the village,

particularly those three streets mentioned? Are they going to be looked at in the near future or are they just going to be left to rut up even more, with the usual excuses of 'lack of money' being chanted by those in power?

I wonder what would happen if I were to rip my nice Pirelli tyres in one of those holes and send in a whopping bill to the authority responsible for the roads?

Would I get short shrift or a promise of compensation, along with a promise to repair our crumbling roads?

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

In response to Roger Adams' letter in last month's **Sudbrooke News**, in which he was complaining about the lack of 'magic' at the Christmas Tree lights switch-on, maybe he ought to come up with a few suggestions as to how the

event can be improved rather than just moaning? A local celebrity turning on the lights, a local choir in attendance to churn out a few festive carols, etc.. Sounds like he should have had a couple more mulled wines to get in the mood.

David Bell

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The council is piloting a new scheme to help elderly and disabled residents move into accommodation suitable to their needs.

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Some people may be struggling to pay fuel bills or simply want to move into a smaller property.

Help will be available until the 3 November, with applications accepted until Friday, August 1, to support those residents who need support moving into accommodation that meets their current or future needs.

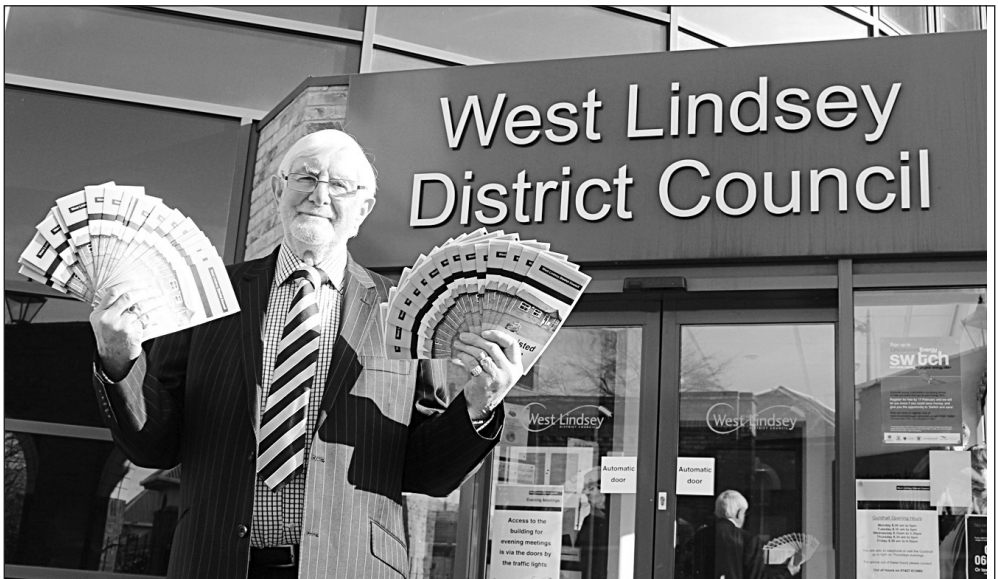
Cllr Malcolm Parish, below, Chairman of

HELP IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE TENANTS MOVE

the Prosperous Communities Committee said: “There are many reasons why some people might be worried about moving house. Some people simply don’t want the hassle of moving or are worried about their pets or even where to look.

“We are here to help make the move as easy as possible and tailored to your needs.”

For more information visit www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/assistedmove, email IndependentLiving@west-lindsey.gov.uk, or call 01427 676676 and ask for the Independent living team.



LOCAL WORLD WAR I MOVIE

WAG Screen community filmmaking group, based in Sudbrooke, are making a film about a Lincolnshire family during the First World War based on letters and memoirs.

There is still some scope for involvement (experience as a film runner, acting as an extra, helping in the costume department) if anyone is interested. I have included a picture from the recent costume fittings.

You can find out more about our project from our blog: www.wagscreen.co.uk and we are on Facebook 'Tell Them of Us'.

You may have noticed a couple of articles in the Nostalgia section of the Echo over the last few weeks (Studebaker story and the search for missing medals) that were about the project. There is also a feature on me (producer costumier) in this month's Lincolnshire Journal.

We have a very small budget so there is no chance for paid work I am afraid, but my telephone number is 01522 595237 and my email pauline@wagscreen.co.uk if anyone wants to know more.

Pauline Loven



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TRAVEL FEATURE SPECIAL

With Lee Creasey

A Sudbrooke resident travels down south for a first visit to the county of Dorset and encounters

BEAUTIFUL DORSET

■ “You can see all five counties from here on a good day,” explained John, owner of Chisel Barn Whites Ground as we stood on top of Hambledon Hill, with an impressive 360 degree vista of the surrounding countryside.

I had clung tightly to the back of his quad bike as he powered up the chalk outcrop on a lovely summer’s morning to show me the sights with Heebie, his little dog, galloping alongside us, who seemed not in the slightest worried about getting crushed by the bike’s wheels.

Hambledon Hill is a stunning location in the Blackmore Vale region of North Dorset, and on a clear day you really can see the lands of Somerset, Wiltshire, Hampshire and Devon striding out into the distance all around you.

The outcrop is also the site of a very impressive Iron Age hill fort, one of the best in Britain.

In the shadow of Hambledon Hill stands Chisel Barn Whites Ground, our home for a first-ever family trip to Dorset, part of Blue Chip Holidays’

impressive portfolio of four and five-star self-catering properties.

Based on a working farm, this pet-friendly house is actually a former dairy and converted stable block, not that you would ever guess when walking through the front door. All that gives away its heritage are the two charcoal pictures of a pony camp that sit either side of the pretty raised log burning stove.

Beautifully furnished throughout, with three good-sized bedrooms, one of which is en-suite, and a lovely all-in-one kitchen/dining room/lounge, with French doors that lead out on to a patio area and a large lawn, it is a house that ticks all the boxes, one that was loved by our children Thomas and Lucy.

In walking distance of the chocolate-box village of Child Okeford, where Sooty creator Harry Corbett once lived, and only a short drive from the market town of Blandford Forum, Chisel Barn Whites Ground is definitely far from the madding crowd, but near enough to civilisation should you have a desperate need for supplies. And for those who



TRAVEL FEATURE SPECIAL

With Lee Creasey

a beautiful landscape, great beaches, amazing history and attractions aplenty in the summer sun

love walking, it is in the perfect spot. Just 20 miles or so north of the house is Longleat, home of the safari park and stately home, which makes for a terrific day out.

Deciding to do the 'on foot' zoo first, we beat the queues to go on the jungle cruise, where you take a boat ride around the park lake, and head for gorilla island, where if you are lucky you will catch a glimpse of Nico, the 52-year-old silverback on his centrally-heated enclave, where he has a classical-style home complete with Sky TV.

The Longleat railway took us around parts of the park inaccessible by foot, and after Thomas bravely stroked a yellow python, it was off to the adventure castle, which had the sort of playground that makes you yearn to be a child again.

We left the safari park until last and, of course, the monkey drive-thru proved to be the most exciting part for Thomas and Lucy as, much to their amusement, a couple of Rhesus monkeys clambered aboard our car and went for a little drive while picking dead flies from the roof.

The seaside town of Weymouth is not too far away and a trip to the Sea Life centre was a must. Not only were the children enchanted by sharks, otters and seals, but the entrance fee also included a trip up the £3.5million Weymouth Tower, which can be reached by the Sea Life train or a long walk if you happen to miss it, like we did.

Once at the 174ft tower, you enter the disc-shaped gondola, which spirals upwards at a leisurely rate giving you



the chance to take in all the magical views.

The Dorset coast is also home to Studland Bay - there are four beaches to choose from and we chose the narrow strip of sand at South Beach, which proved ideal as Lucy and mummy could play on the sands, while Thomas and I braved the shallow waters as we fooled around in the Solent on what was another hot, balmy summer's day, making Dorset a truly special part of the country as a holiday destination.

FACT BOX

Chisel Barn Whites Ground is a five-star holiday home that sleeps up to six guests in three bedrooms.

Three nights can be booked from £339, while a week costs from £469. Next door is Chisel Barn Foxditch, which sleeps four. Three nights here can be booked from £262, and a week from £359.

For large parties both can be booked together through Blue Chip Holidays www.bluechipholidays.co.uk or by calling 0844 7044987

ON THE BEAT WITH LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

With Lynn Chantrey

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GARDEN THEFTS

■ Crime in our area often takes on a pattern; at the moment we seem to be having a spate of garden ornament thefts from gardens around the county.

This can range from small pots and plants right up to large garden statues and urns - a lot of these larger items will have taken more than just one person to remove and would often require a vehicle of some kind.

These items are mostly sold, either at car boot sales or internet auction sites never to be seen again, and we are left to buy replacements.

We need to be as vigilant as possible, just keeping an eye on a neighbour's property can be enough, or keeping an eye out for people trying to sell cheap ornaments in your village, if this occurs or you have any information regarding stolen garden ornaments or any other crime please ring 101 and you will be able to speak to someone from Lincolnshire Police.

UNSOLICITED PHONE CALLS AND MAIL

■ Householders may receive unsolicited telephone calls from a variety of sources.

Invariably the callers state they are from an 'official' organisation such as the water/energy company; local authority; or a company selling goods and/or services.

In most cases the caller will be seeking information such as personal details including bank details; usage rates or other personal information.

Most of these types of calls can be reduced by the following advice:

Registering with the Telephone Preference Service (TPS)

The TPS is a free service that gives you the opportunity to select who contacts you by telephone. Once registration is complete telemarketers are legally bound not to call you.

Registration takes about a month to become effective and can be made online at www.tpsonline.org.uk or via the telephone on 0845 070 0707.

Register with the Mail Preference Service (MPS)

The MPS is a free service which supports the right for people to choose the mail they wish to receive.

Registering with this service will prevent the receipt of unsolicited direct mailing sent from companies who are members of the Direct Marketing Association.

It will not stop mail from overseas, un-addressed materials or those addresses to The Occupier.

Registration to this free service can be made online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or via the telephone on 0845 703 4599.

It is important to remember to protect your personal details.

Do not give any personal details including bank details to anyone either in the street, on the doorstep, over the telephone or on the internet as these details can be used to steal your identity.

****Part two of the Cyber Bullying article will appear at a later date***

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

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Sudbrooke Village Hall, the Bramham Lounge and bar are available for hire.

If you book the Bramham Lounge or bar area for a meeting/training course you can make use of FREE WiFi. These areas are suitable for smaller groups and meetings.

The hall is situated next to the village playing field and play area, making it a very pleasant venue for children's parties, wedding, christening and birthday parties. The modern commercial-style kitchen makes the hall even more attractive as a venue for large functions when catering is required.

The well-stocked bar with draught beers can be booked with either the main hall or the lounge.

*Further information: Sudbrooke Parish Council website:
<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/>*

Enquiries: Booking Secretary - Stuart Curtis: 01522 751874



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7pm.

All residents of Sudbrooke Parish aged 18 or over are welcome to attend the AGM to elect a new Management Committee. All village organisations are invited to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee.

*Gill Rignall
Honorary Secretary
Sudbrooke Village Hall Management Committee*

A DAY AT THE RACES: POINT-TO-POINTING

With Dominic Picksley



BLANKNEY HUNT, NORTH CARLTON

■ Tweed jackets, yellow trousers, and Range Rovers packed with hampers full of juicy and alcoholic treats were the order of the day as North Carlton hosted its second and final raceday of the 2013-14 Point-to-Point campaign.

Only opened in 2009 - at the time, the first Point-to-Point course to be launched in 40 years - and situated at the Lincolnshire Showground, just a few miles up the road from Sudbrooke, North Carlton racecourse holds two meetings a year, arranged by the Burton and Blankney Hunts, and on Sunday 23 February, it was the turn of the Blankney-organised event, with eight races on the card.

For those not familiar with the Point-to-Point scene, it is the amateur version of jumps racing (National Hunt), with all horses who run at these meetings having had to have taken part in a Hunt before being eligible to compete Point-to-Point contests.

Prize money is considerably less than at National Hunt and Flat meetings - winnings can literally be a few quid, which would hardly cover travel to the event - while the fences are smaller and most races are run over distances of around three miles.

You get a varied assortment of horses taking part, from former Royal Ascot and Cheltenham Festival winners, who no longer have what it takes to compete at professional level, to horses bred or reared by individuals who just fancy having a horse to take for a spin around a few fences.

The season starts in the first week of December and ends at UMBERLEIGH (in

The obligatory Range Rover... with hamper



Devon) in the middle of June, with most racing taking place at weekends, with around 200 meetings scheduled this campaign, although some have been wiped out by the wet weather which has seen many tracks waterlogged.

For a track based in a field at the Showground, which has only been in use for five years, you could be forgiven for thinking that North Carlton doesn't attract much of a crowd or decent horses, but there were a few hundred people in attendance, while the meeting was boosted by the presence of Robert Waley-Cohen and his son Sam, owner and jockey combination of 2011 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Long Run.

They had one horse running at North Carlton, Storm Lantern, which finished second in the first division of the Open Maiden, behind the French-bred Saint Charles, which is being tipped for a big future in the sport, with some onlookers even describing it as a future Cheltenham Gold Cup contender of the future.

Also there on the day was Charlie Brooks, whose wife Rebekah - the former editor of

A DAY AT THE RACES: POINT-TO-POINTING

With Dominic Picksley



the News of the World - has been the subject of many news bulletins as she stands trial for the infamous phone-hacking scandal.

Charlie, a racehorse trainer in his own right and a leading light of the Heythrop Hunt, told me it was his first-ever visit to the track and he really enjoyed the experience.

Saint Charles was the standout performer on the day, but Mens Open winner Ganbei could be on course for a trip to the Cheltenham Festival after his second win at the track in two visits.

The Cheltenham Foxhunters contest is the biggest race of the season for horses in this sphere and one which everyone in Pointing wants to win (along with the Aintree Foxhunters at the Grand National meeting in April) and Ganbei could be lining up at Prestbury Park on Friday 14 March.

Other notable successes were a first-ever win as a jockey for London barrister Barnaby Shaw on 33-1 outsider Bravery Scotch, while 10-1 Byways Boy won the opening Hunts Members contest despite being out of action since winning the same race two years ago.

So there you have it, a day's racing at North Carlton. It may not be Cheltenham, Ascot or even Market Rasen, but it was still an occasion not to be missed, but sadly the next meeting there is in 11 months' time.

Ganbei in action



London barrister Barnaby Shaw drives home 33-1 winner Bravery Scotch



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Latest update, with Nicola Lamming

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DISPENSARY OPENING HOURS

■ It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion regarding dispensary opening times at our Cherry Willingham surgery. The dispensary is open Monday 8.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm. Tuesday to Friday the opening hours are 8.30am-12.30pm. Full details regarding opening hours can be found on our website www.nettlehammedical.co.uk.

PATIENT RECORD SHARING CHANGES

■ The Patient Record Sharing Changes have now come into action. This means that you will have new options about whether to share your GP electronic records with other local health services that use the SystmOne programme, such as District Nurses, Podiatry and A+E at Lincoln.

Information leaflets are now available in the waiting room for patients to refer to. At your next visit you will be asked to complete a form indicating whether you would like to opt in to this new scheme or not.

Members of the Patient Participation Group have been available in the Waiting Room to provide more information and help with the completion of the consent forms, alternatively please ask a member of staff for more details

SMS MESSAGING SERVICE

■ The Practice is now able to provide SMS text messages confirming appointment details. When you next contact the surgery you may be asked for verbal consent to register for this service. Once registered, a text message will be sent confirming

appointment bookings immediately after the appointment has been made, and a further reminder will be sent the day before your appointment. Please can we request that all patients make sure that we hold the correct mobile phone numbers and notify the Practice of any changes.

MONTHLY EARLY CLOSURES FOR 2014

■ In order to enable our doctors and staff to be kept up to date, Nettleham surgery will be closed for training at 1pm on the following afternoons:

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Tuesday 15 April
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Tuesday 20 May

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NEWS from Friends of St Germain's

Scothern's new village group, formed to have fun and raise money for the church...



Coming to Scothern on Saturday 10 May

for one night only...

The acclaimed... **Lincoln Orpheus Male Voice Choir**
Presenting their celebration in song of

THE SPICE OF LIFE!

in St Germain' at 7.30pm, with guest appearance by Scothern's own much-loved vocal group **FUSION+** and an interval raffle with excellent prizes including Emma Bridgewater china.

Tickets in advance only: £10 including glass of wine and nibbles from Jan Kenworthy, Cupits 31 Sudbrooke Road, Scothern (01673 861345)



Spring is in the air so why not...

CLEAR OUT your old CLOTHES!

Old clothes - undamaged, still wearable. Shoes in pairs

Belts, handbags, other accessories. Winter coats

Also bottles/jars of make-up, scent, aftershave and toiletries with at least 25% still left, and DVDs and CDs in their original boxes.

Please bring them along to donate to Scothern's recycling scheme at the Bottle & Glass in Scothern after 12 noon, any day of the week.

Contact Marco at the B&G for more info or ring 01673 862231.

See also the B&G website, and there are leaflets in the bar.

Following on from Scothern's sell-out Christmas wreath-making workshop...

Come and learn how to arrange

SUMMER FLOWERS

Demonstration and workshop by the expert Kathryn Wrath.

Kathryn is a highly qualified teacher in both traditional and contemporary

FLORAL ART and DESIGN

and also oversees the quality of floral design courses nationwide.

We are very fortunate that she's coming to Scothern to give this workshop.

Limited places! Get the date in your diary!

Thursday 15th May at 7.30pm

in the Bottle & Glass

More details later - watch this space!

Nearer the time, tickets will be available from Jan Kenworthy

Cupits 31 Sudbrooke Road, Scothern (telephone: 01673 861345)

LINCOLNSHIRE LIMEWOODS



DISCOVERING MORE

■ The Lincolnshire Limewoods are full of history and brimming with life, from ancient woodlands to archaeological sites.

A number of organisations run events throughout the Limewoods area to help you discover more about the landscape, wildlife and heritage of this special area

The Lincolnshire Limewoods Project is a partnership working to protect, enhance and promote the natural and historic landscapes and features of this important area.

The Forestry Commission owns and manages Chambers Farm Wood and other woods within the Lincolnshire Limewoods area, which together form the Bardney National Nature Reserve.

The Limewoods Wildlife Watch group is for junior members of the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust, meeting at Chambers Farm Wood by kind permission of the Forestry Commission.

Butterfly Conservation (Lincolnshire Branch) run a number of volunteer work parties throughout the year.

For more information visit www.lincolnshire-butterfliess.org.uk.



Lincolnshire Ramblers organise walks across the county and beyond. Non-members are welcome to try one or two walks before joining their local group.

For more information visit www.lincolnshire-ramblers.org.uk.

I have a supply of a guide which is packed full of walks, volunteer days, children's activities and much more.

Anyone who would like one please either email Chris Myers at myerspc94@gmail.com or telephone 01522 750531.



FLY A FLAG FOR COMMONWEALTH DAY



■ To celebrate Commonwealth Day, West Lindsey District Council is taking part in flying one of 500 Commonwealth flags. The Chairman of the Council, Cllr Irmgard Parrott, will be raising the flag at 10am on Monday 10 March 2014 at the front of the Guildhall in Gainsborough.

For the first time ever, local authorities and civic dignitaries, community groups and charities throughout the British Isles are coming together in local flag raising events and ceremonies of dedication to mark Commonwealth Day. A specially written Commonwealth Affirmation will be read out by the Chairman before raising the flag.

Flags will also be flown at many national locations of special significance. An interactive map that shows where these events are taking place can be found at:

www.esriuk.com/flyaflagmap.

Cllr Parrott is pleased that West Lindsey is taking part in this commemoration. She said: "I hope that this will encourage not only adults, but also the younger people and children to gain an understanding of our connection with other countries around the world."

Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Mr Tony Worth, said: "For the first time, 65 years after the founding of the Commonwealth in 1949, Commonwealth Flags will be flown by all Local Authorities in Lincolnshire and throughout the British Isles as a public expression of commitment and appreciation

of the values that the commonwealth stands for."

Charity teams will mark the day by taking Commonwealth Flags to the top of the UK's four highest National Peaks and use the occasion to raise funds for their worthy causes: Cancer Research UK - Scafell Pike, England; Help for Heroes - Ben Nevis, Scotland; Walking with the Wounded - Mount Snowdon, Wales; and Fields of Life - Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland.

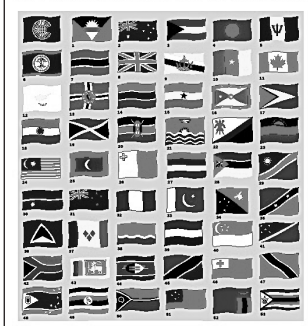
"This will be the largest, single, raising of the Commonwealth Flag in the history of the Commonwealth," said Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster and originator of Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth.

"The success of this year's event bodes well for 2015 and the future as we extend the

invitation to participate and involve all 53 countries of the Commonwealth and UK overseas territories, to make this the largest-ever annual occasion involving local communities throughout the worldwide Commonwealth family."

His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth said: "Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth is a most imaginative way for people in local communities - wherever they live, learn or work - to join together with others in a spirit of respect and understanding to celebrate the variety and unmatched diversity of our global family. I welcome and commend it."

THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS



NETTLEHAM LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

With Paul Durrands

07706 661906 - Manager of Nettleham Ladies FC



UPDATE

■ The weather has had a dramatic influence on our fixtures since my last few words in mid January.

We have only played two league games and had two postponed.

On Sunday 9 February, we played Long Eaton United away and won 2-1 and then we defeated Rise Park by the same scoreline, at home on February 23.

Against Long Eaton, Katie Davison curled home a stunning free-kick to give the Netts the lead at the half-time interval.

Davison then turned provider after the break to set up Stacey Aisthorpe to double their lead, while their hosts scored a consolation in injury-time.

I had seven first-team players unavailable for the clash against bottom side Rise Park and I handed debuts to new signings Ashton Crouch and Lois Spreckley.

We dominated the first half and eventually the pressure told when Tana Vengrinova's corner was met by Aisthorpe who netted to open the scoring.

Crouch then made a goalscoring bow as she volleyed home another Vengrinova corner to knock the stuffing out of Nottingham-based Rise Park, although they made us sweat late on reducing the deficit in injury-time, but we held out comfortably and should have had a penalty at the death.

During this period we have moved up to second place in the league with us being six points behind the leaders Steel City Wanderers (Sheffield), although the demise of Pelican Ladies has seen things change

around somewhat, with all their results expunged. The one positive point is we have to go to Sheffield mid March and we need to go and win to keep our promotion thoughts alive. What with long-term injuries and one of my players leaving us to go and work in the USA, my squad numbers are now low.

These points could be our "downfall" if we lose anyone else for any reason, what with us still in the running for the league title, the league cup and Lincs County Cup.

TABLE

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL LEAGUE: Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steel City Wand	12	12	0	0	49	8	36
Nettleham	12	10	0	2	49	12	30
Peterborough NS ..13	7	1	5	38	26	22	
Arnold Town	16	6	2	8	19	44	20
Real Utd.....	14	5	4	5	27	31	19
Ellistown WFC.....	14	5	3	6	25	39	18
Long Eaton Utd.....	14	4	2	8	23	41	14
Sandiacre Town....	11	3	1	7	20	26	10
*AFC Trinity	12	3	3	6	20	30	9
Rise Park	12	0	4	8	10	23	4

**Deducted three points*

NETTLEHAM LADIES FIXTURES

Sunday 2 March: Premier Division

v Real Utd Ladies (h)

Sunday 9 March: Premier Division

v Ellistown WFC (h)

Sunday 16 March: League Cup

v AFC Trinity (h)

Sunday 23 March: Premier Division

v Steel City Wanderers (a)

DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB

With Grahame Dunkin

01673 860469 - dunholmecc@btinternet.com



SPORTS TALK

■ We had a great talk at the club in February - Gary Bailey, a professional sports photographer, came and gave us a talk on the type of work he carries out including all types of sport although the majority of his work is motorsport.

During the evening he explained to the members how to capture moving objects with the best settings on their cameras so everyone should be a bit more knowledgeable on the subject now.

During March we have a couple of meetings and our first on the 13th will be a talk from Stuart Wilde talking about his career in National press photography and taking the fear out of photography.

It should be a great evening and something that we have never had a talk on before. There will also be a chance to ask

Stuart some questions at the end of his talk

The second meeting on the 20th (please note that this meeting is one week after the talk) will be an internal club fun competition "Guess what it is" - a competition based on household objects.

Sounds simple, but the members will be asked to take pictures using their Macro lenses so there will be some close-up images or to take the object at an unusual angle, one that you would not view the object at in your everyday use of the item.

So there you have it, another month's worth of meetings at the Camera Club that you are very welcome to attend either just come along on the night or give me a call for a chat prior to attending.

All meetings start at 7.30pm. We have quite a few new members this year so join them and get to grips with your camera.

LINDUM SQUASH CLUB

LINDUM Squash Club is part of the Lindum Sports Association, an extensive sports facility in the uphill area of Lincoln, which also includes, cricket, hockey and a gymnasium.

The squash club is a friendly "members" club with three courts, including a glass back court with tiered seating. Squash courts are available seven days a week.

The Lindum holds a monthly in-house league for players of all abilities, and we also enter seven teams into the Lincoln Leagues.

We hold a club night every Thursday for all members and friends of all abilities to play social squash.

Coaching is available to all members, and we have an active Junior Section with group coach-



ing every Saturday morning held by our qualified coaches. Fran and Carolyn are fully qualified, and world-ranked in their age groups. Fran is currently over's 50 English Champion.

The club has an excellent social calendar, holding regular squash competitions plus other sporting events such as cricket, bowls, dances, quizzes and summer BBQs.

We can offer Corporate Squash to local businesses, Saturday, Sunday and off peak, which can include refreshments, from £50 inclusive.

Squash membership £70.00 per annum
Junior £20.00 - Family £110.00

For more info, please contact Rob on 07812 586777 or email: LindumSquashMembership@post.com.

FIVE MINUTES WITH... A villager



Sudbrooke has many interesting residents living in the village and this is the latest in a series where we get to know a bit more about the characters living amongst us.

NEXT PERSON IN THE SPOTLIGHT IS *STUART CURTIS*

How long have you lived in the village?

All my life, born and bred - let's say over 60 years and counting. I was born here after my parents moved to the village shortly after the War. They were both from the Lincolnshire Wolds and myself, my brother and sister were all brought up here. I can still remember the Home Guard army camp in the woods and I was at the garden party in 1953 for the Queen's coronation, which was the last time Sudbrooke Holme gardens were used.

How would villagers better you know as?

As a West Lindsey District Councillor, and Parish Councillor of 30 years standing, while I was also one of the founding members of the Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee. I was involved with all the fundraising to get the Hall built and did the job of negotiating for the site and did all the legal work for the Parish Council.

What is/was your job?

I retired last year after 50 years as a legal executive for Burton and Co. solicitors in Lincoln. I worked in the same office since leaving school at 16 until last year. I was also a local football referee for about 15 years.

What would you change about the village?

I want the woodlands, gardens and lakes in Sudbrooke Park to be taken over by the Parish Council so we can control and maintain them as they should be, and so that everyone in the village can enjoy and take advantage of them.

I am also looking desperately for a better sports field so we can entertain sports like cricket as well as football and encourage more sport here rather than having to rely on Nettleham and Scothern.

Apart from those things, I'm not sure a lot can be done to the village now as it is anyway, although I would like to get more people involved in things.

What is the best thing about living in Sudbrooke?

The peace, quiet and tranquility. It is a nice place to come to, you feel safe and it is a stone's throw from Lincoln. There are nice walks around the park and there are some good schools in the area.

Describe Sudbrooke in one sentence?

A nice, peaceful area to live, which has amenities available and is a short drive from Lincoln.

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