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MAY 2020

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

MAY 2020

I WAS made to feel inadequate the other day when I was told the news that the Cherry Tree Cafe had closed down... around Christmas time. I never even realised. Did anyone else, apart from those few regular visitors in the village? I popped in a few times during the summer and enjoyed a few ice creams and the odd hot chocolate. What a shame.

I suppose that's the disadvantage of the cafe being located on the edge of the village where it is, because you don't walk past it every day you forget about it. Hopefully one day, once this crisis is over, it will be back up and running again.

Anyway, how's everyone coping in lockdown? Sadly, it's become the norm now and most of us seem to have adapted to this new way of life. Hopefully, you'll find something of interest in the latest edition of the magazine - we have a few special features this month, with a few people making some excellent contributions. Stay safe. Wake the world. **Dom**

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STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS...

DURING the Covid-19 crisis/lockdown, it is reassuring to know there remain some semblances of normality in this uncertain world and the open doors of the village shop have been a welcome relief to many in Sudbrooke.

Like everywhere else, there are restrictions in place, with only two customers allowed in the shop at any one time, and while it may take some getting used to being served by a facemask-wearing Arvind, the fact we can all pop in to buy a few necessities, send a parcel and even grab some sweets is reassuring... and means at times we can avoid having to travel into Lincoln and queue for ages at one of the big supermarkets.

And for Arvind, while other businesses shut down temporarily and some close for good, he has never been busier.

"I am seeing more customers coming into the shop and people are buying more items," he says. "There is extra footfall and I am busier than ever before - I think people are just trying to avoid going to the supermarkets.

"I have found I have to stock up more - twice a week now as opposed to once a week before the lockdown started.

"I am struggling for certain supplies, including the likes of flour, icing sugar, tonic water and paracetamol, but then I am ensuring there are plenty of fresh vegetables and I have milk and bread deliveries every day - it used to be every other day. I also sell a lot more eggs - I sell around 100 dozen every week and a lot of tinned products. And the shop is open as normal, along with the post office, which has been very busy."

How is he and his customers coping with the new restrictions in place?

"People are very understanding," he continues. "It is always a risk being open and serving the



"It is always a risk being open, but I am very careful"

general public, but I am very careful, and wear gloves and sometimes a mask, while I try to limit customers to just two at a time."

It's not always easy to know how many people are actually in the shop when you turn up, but Arvind says he has a plan.

"Sometimes it can be a problem - at the moment it's too cold to leave the door open and I am trying to work out a system," he reveals.

"Something like a green and red light would work and it's not like this is going to pass in a few weeks, so something more permanent is a viable option. I try to keep an eye on the cameras to see if there's anyone waiting outside."

Arvind says he has been overwhelmed by the support of village volunteers, who are helping him out by delivering goods to local residents who cannot get out.

"They are amazing," he admits. "We have between 10-15 ladies and a couple of chaps who have been helping out.

"We get an order in and I put a message out on our WhatsApp group and I immediately get a response from someone who offers to deliver them for me."

But what of his own health? He adds: "My family and I are fine. I even get two days a week off now in order to spend some quality time with my children. It's hard work every day in the shop, with plenty of 'behind the scenes' work to do also, so I am grateful for some time off."

SUDBROOKE COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

with ANNA FANE

Well, at the time of writing, it's week four and we have been staying safe for a month now. It hardly seems like a month has passed.

We are a group of residents who have got together over the weeks to try and form a support network for Sudbrooke, under the guidance of the Parish Council and West Lindsey Community Response team. We have been very grateful for the wonderful administration of Chris Myers, Clerk to the Parish Council.

Week 1: We gathered local volunteers to decide remotely how we could offer support. We delivered a poster into as many homes as

we were aware of in Sudbrooke offering a range of services such as shopping and prescription deliveries as well as offering dog walking and listening ears support. Each of these groups are now set up and running and being used.

Week 2: We registered with the CEC-CVC community response team and are being overseen by West Lindsey Community Response team. Under this, the group are covered by indemnity insurance and are following locally agreed safe practices for the services we are offering.

We are connected with both Nettleham and Welton health centres and we have a designated driver who is available to help with shopping trips for those with no transport. This week also saw our first egg delivery courtesy of Steve

Wilkinson and Ailsa MacKenzie. This was a lovely treat for many residents unable to get eggs. This week we were able to support 34 residents/families.

Week 3: We had a few referrals from West Lindsey and were able to support 39 individuals/families. We also started Sudbrooke's collection points for foodbank as

we were made aware that foodbank warehouses were struggling to keep up the demand for families in crisis. On Easter Saturday, we were able to deliver a car full of goods, left, to the warehouse and we will continue to do this. Thanks so much to the generous donations by residents!



And here we are at the start of Week

4: We are fortunate in that a local resident has kindly donated to the group some disposable gloves and sanitiser. The Group has also been given a grant of £200 from the County Councillor's Community Fund enabling us to purchase more gloves and any other items that may be required.

We are as a team evolving as we try to meet the needs around us. We may not get it right all the time and many of us are still working. Most importantly it has been lovely to see how the village is coming together to love and support one another.

Long may this continue!

If you have any helpful suggestions please email me on anna.fane@virginmedia.com.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 2020

UNAPPROVED Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 5 March in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller (Vice Chairman), Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Stuart Hewson, Ian Russell, Mike Turnbull County Councillors Mrs Sue Rawlins, Mrs Christine Myers (Clerk), three residents

■ 184 PARISHIONERS ITEMS

- ▶ A resident attended the meeting and spoke in support of keeping in good repair the multi-purpose sports area/tennis court and suggested a possible funding source. The resident was thanked for attending. The Chair reiterated that the court would be swept and a tennis net fixed to encourage use.
- ▶ Speeding vehicles along West Drive was raised.

■ 185 APOLOGIES

- ▶ Councillor Mr Barbara Bingham, Mrs Bridget Solly (Treasurer). That the reasons given be accepted unanimously Resolved.

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

- ▶ Councillors Peter Heath and Andy Cottam declared an interest in the Finance item on the agenda as having entered a mileage claim.

■ 187 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020, TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINUTES.

- ▶ That the notes were a true record and could be signed as minutes unanimously Resolved.

■ 188 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ Report received of incidents relating to Sudbrooke:-
Feb 9: Wragby Road - hazard/disruption - Tree in the road towards Langworth
Feb 16: Sibthorpe Drive - Concern for welfare

Feb 28: Wragby Road - Abandoned vehicle

- ▶ Two replacement Neighbourhood Watch signs had been requested to be displayed in the village.
- ▶ That PCSO Jackie Parker be invited to attend a future meeting in order to encourage more formations of Neighbourhood Watch Groups in the village unanimously Resolved.

■ 189 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported as follows:
- That the Lincolnshire County Council budget for the next financial year had been approved.
- Additional funding of £4m and 16 extra highway gangs had been budgeted for. Balfour Beatty would be the new contractors.
- Clearing works had commenced on the A46 for the new roundabout at Welton which would cost £6m. It was hoped that the roundabout would be completed in the summer.

■ 190 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ DC Bob Waller outlined the West Lindsey DC DC Bob Waller reported as follows:
- There would be a 2.3% increase on Council Tax.
- There would be two additional green bin collections during 2020.
- A team would be visiting each school in West Lindsey to talk about recycling.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 2020

■ 191 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ a) CCTV at Village Hall - Policy update: Councillor Stuart Hewson had met with representatives from the Village Hall Committee to discuss the CCTV Policy and some amendments had been made. The Policy would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting.
- ▶ b) Culvert - Maple Drive: CC Mrs Sue Rawlins had not been able to obtain a suitable answer to the council's/residents enquiry, but would continue to pursue this.
- ▶ c) Planters for village: Written permission was awaited from LCC for the siting of the planters.
- ▶ d) Flooding in slipway, Wragby Road: This appeared to have been dealt with.

■ 192 SPRING LITTER PICK - MARCH 29 - TO AGREE RISK ASSESSMENT

- ▶ That the Risk Assessment for the previous Litter Pick be used with amended dates unanimously Resolved.

■ 193 TO CONSIDER WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT PARISH CHARTER AND ANY COMMENTS RELATING TO IT

- ▶ This had been circulated to all members and members felt that it was a useful document. That the Clerk complete the on-line survey in favour of the document unanimously Resolved.

■ 194 REQUEST FOR USE OF SPORTS FACILITIES - STUART CURTIS SPORTS FIELD AND MULTI-PURPOSE AREA

- ▶ An enquiry had been made by a local football team for using the Stuart Curtis Sports Field. This, however, was not yet in a suitable condition for playing. Glendale had stated that

it would be rolled as soon as weather permitted now that the ruts and rabbit holes had been filled in.

It was noted that the entrance to the car park was very soft and there was likelihood of vehicles becoming stuck. The Clerk was instructed to obtain some prices for laying of chippings in the entrance and for the future a more suitable surface to the car parking area.

At present the football team did not need use of the MPSA.

■ 195 PLANNING MATTERS

- ▶ a) Neighbourhood Plan - Presentation to West Lindsey District Council March 2, 2020: Four members of the Parish Council had attended the WLDC meeting on March 2 for the Chairman to present the Plan to the District Council. It was carried by an overwhelming majority with only one vote against it.

The Treasurer had confirmed that there was £969.35 surplus in the NP Fund.

That the Clerk arrange for the printing of 15 copies of the Plan unanimously Resolved.

- ▶ b) Park Development - invitation to view development and show home: A date of March 17 was agreed for members to attend this visit.
- ▶ c) To report on comments submitted to WLDC Planning re the following:
 - i. Application 140461 - Scout Camp, Sudbrooke Park - Erect steel safety climbing frame - No objections.
 - li Application 140564 - 16 The Paddock - Convert roof pace to provide a bedroom and bathroom with dormer windows to front and rear elevations - No objections.

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■ 196 FINANCE

► a) Income - £2,590.63 - Funds passed from resident which had been raised some years ago for a village outdoor bowling green.

► b) Accounts for payment:

Mrs B Solly - expenses November 2019 - March 2020 £39.60.

Mrs C Myers - Expenses - February £17.61

Councillor A Cottam - mileage to Planning meeting March 2 £18.00

Councillor P Heath - mileage to two Planning meetings £35.10

Salaries/Pensions £819.46

That payment be made as listed - proposed by Councillor B Waller, seconded by Mrs Lyn Etheridge and Resolved.

Note - Councillors Andy Cottam and Peter Heath declared an interest in the payments as claimants.

► c) To approve expenditure for provision of refreshments at Annual Parish Meeting: That the Clerk and Treasurer be authorised to spend up to £30 for refreshments at the Annual Parish Meeting unanimously Resolved.

■ 197 CLERK'S REPORT

► The Clerk stated that at a future meeting she would be presenting a Health and Safety Policy to the Council for its consideration for adopting.

■ 198 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► The Chairman stated that the Council would be following updates on the recent outbreak of coronavirus.

■ 199 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING AND CIRCULATED

► *Circulated To residents email list

Feb 9: Request from Lincolnshire Lowland Search and Rescue for assistance

*Feb 9: Nettleham Medical Practice News

Feb 10: Came & Co newsletter

Feb 12: Community Lincs Newsletter

Feb 13: Report by resident of speeding lorry along West Drive to the Park development Feb

Feb 17: Lincoln Transport Strategy - Summary document

Feb 18: LALC Weekly News.

Feb 23: equest from WLDC about new tree planting in the parish

Feb25: Lincolnshire Pension Fund Annual Meeting reminder

Feb 25: Notification that the Best Kept Village Competition will not be run this year. 29.2.2020

- LCC Town and Parish newsletter

Feb 28: Lincoln Transport Strategy

Mar 2: LALC Weekly News

Mar 2: Notice of Services Event hosted by LALC on Mar 19.

■ 200 DATES OF MEETINGS FOR APRIL

► Parish Council meeting 7.30pm, Thursday 2 April 2020

► Village Hall Annual Parish Meeting - 7.30pm - Thursday 9 April 2020, Village Hall.

■ 201 TO RESOLVE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES AND STAFFING MATTERS

► The above unanimously Resolved.

MONIES FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COMMUNITY FUND

County Councillor Sue Rawlins has been allocated £3000 for this financial year for making small grants to local organisations within her Ward.

If any local groups/organisations would like to apply for a grant please complete the application on www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/communityfund.

Already, £200 has been granted to the Sudbrooke Support Group during the Covid-19 crisis from this fund.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUDBROOKE PC REPORT - BY CHRIS MYERS, PARISH CLERK

▶ Parish Council work continues and has been busy! I can report that only in the last couple of days has it begun to slow down. My working hours are unchanged and I can be contacted via email on sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com or on 01522 750531.

The councillors, myself and the treasurer keep in close communication by email, copying to each other so that we are all aware of what is going on. I can honestly say this is running very smoothly.

Obviously due to the lockdown, the Annual Parish Meeting has been cancelled, as has the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Government legislation is that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman may remain in post until 2021 along with those Council members who have individual responsibilities.

I am working closely with Anna Fane, the leader of the Support Group for Sudbrooke. The group were fortunate to be able to obtain a grant for any necessary equipment of £200 from County Councillor Sue Rawlins' Community Fund, which will be administered by the Parish Council on behalf of the Group.

A requirement for the group was disposable gloves for the volunteers of which a local resident kindly donated three boxes along with six bottles of sanitiser. This was topped up by a further supply of five boxes of gloves obtained from a local vet's practice who charged them at cost.

Below are decisions of the Parish Council made to April 25 via email as per Resolutions agreed due to the Parish Council being unable to meet during Covid 19.

▶ 1) Mar 23: Suspension of Financial Regulations to set up On-line banking

▶ 2) Mar 23: Following agreement from the Village Hall Management Committee that the CCTV Policy be adopted.

▶ 3) Mar 25: To suspend the paper publication of **Sudbrooke News**.

▶ 4) Mar 27: To continue with monthly play equipment inspections if safe and possible to do so by the Play Equipment Inspector.

▶ 5) Mar 30: To continue not to include play equipment at Village Hall, Northfield Park and Container on Stuart Curtis field in the Insurance policy.

▶ 7) Apr 7: To pay the following accounts:

Bassetlaw District Council - NP printing - £23.06, VAT £4.62 = £27.67

Glendale - strimming - £30, VAT £6 = £36

Mrs C Myers - Clerk's expenses March = £74.31

EKM - Play equipment repairs - £1,141, VAT £228.20 = £1,369.20

Todds Office Solutions Ltd - stationery (paper/ lever arch files/ square cut folders) - £30.46, VAT £6.09 = £36.55

Glendale - village cut, Sports field, church yard - £448.64, £89.72 VAT = £538.36

Parish Magazine Printing - printing of

Sudbrooke News = £221.63

Salaries/pension payments = £824.71...

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SADBROOKE PC REPORT - BY CHRIS MYERS, PARISH CLERK

- 7) Apr 10: To apply for grant of £200 to assist the Sudbrooke Volunteer Group supporting the Vulnerable during Covid-19.
- 8) Apr 17: Planning Application 140764 - Plot 2, Church Court, Church Lane - erect 1 dwelling: Due to Councillors not being able to meet formally and agree a corporate response to the above planning application individual Councillors have been contacted by me by email for their views and there are no objections to the proposal.

Note: Councillor Andy Cottam declared an interest as a friend and neighbour of the applicant and made no comments on the application.

- 9) Apr 22: Planning Application 140829 - 3 Holme Drive - Conversion and extension to integral garage: Due to Councillors not being able to meet formally and agree a corporate response to the above planning

application individual Councillors have been contacted by me for their views and there are no objections.

- 10) Apr 25: Planning application 140856 - Sudbrooke House, Church Lane: Reserved matters application to erect five dwellings, considering access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, being variation of condition four of planning permission 137574 granted 16 June 2018 - approved drawings

Due to the Council being unable to meet formally and agree a corporate response to the above planning application, individual councillors have been contacted by me by email for their views and those who have responded wish your authority to note that there are no objections.

Councillors Bob Waller and Andy Cottam both declared an interest in the application as friends and neighbours of the applicant and have made no comments.

FRESH EGGS

These can be collected from the following places in Sudbrooke...

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



PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

► I sincerely hope that everyone is staying safe and well during this very difficult time. It is really heartening to see and hear of so many instances where people are helping and supporting each other, in many cases complete strangers. True British spirit.

At West Lindsey District Council, the members and officers are attempting to provide as many services as possible whilst adhering to the Government and Medical guidelines. The vast majority of staff, where possible, are working from home and many have been redeployed to act in different roles.

All committees, with the exception of the Planning and Licencing have been cancelled or delegated powers given to Officers. This is in line with the present laws and legal requirements.

The next planning meeting will be a "virtual" one held using Microsoft Teams. Various rehearsals have taken place and procedures put in place to ensure that the meeting runs efficiently and effectively.

The meeting will still include public participation and will be web cast live. Full details on how to access this are on the WLDC website.

A full list of Local Authorities paying grants was

published this week and WLDC were graded as 55 out of 314 in responding. So a good result. To date we have paid £12.34m to 114 local businesses. I am pleased to say that, currently, the waste collection and disposal services are working as normal. In fact the collection of bulk waste has been re-introduced from the end of April at the usual rates and the same procedure.

The Government has announced a further £1.6bn of funding to local authorities in order to support councils across England to operate essential services to the most vulnerable during the Coronavirus crisis. This takes the total to £3.2bn of additional support.

I, with a few of my fellow councillors have a video conference call scheduled with Sir Edward Leigh MP to discuss the current situation and see where if needed we can bring pressure to bear on the Government in any local issues that we feel are not being addressed. This communication will become a regular occurrence during the current situation.

We are living in unusual times and we must all help each other and follow the guidelines and regulations to order that we get through this together. It will not go away overnight and we must all show patience.

Stay well and safe.

CORONAVIRUS: LINCOLNSHIRE FACTS

Working together, the British Red Cross, British Red Cross Community Reserve Volunteers, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Preservation Service, Lincolnshire 4 x 4, LIVES, Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAT) have achieved:

- ◆ 575 spontaneous volunteers have offered support (these will be approached shortly to inform them of local indemnified groups in their area to whom they can offer their help).
- ◆ 413 groups (6,856 volunteers within those groups) have offered support. So far, 214 of these have completed and returned their indemnity forms.
- ◆ 1398 Attempted outbound calls by the community volunteers team to people identified as being clinically vulnerable.
- ◆ 750 Welfare checks carried out by volunteers.
- ◆ 372 Food parcels delivered.
- ◆ 49 Prescriptions delivered.
- ◆ More than 2,500 calls have been answered by the Customer Services Team, through the Covid 19 Helpline for Lincolnshire residents seeking information and advice.
- ◆ Over 1,700 requests received and subsequently supported by the Wellbeing Service Community Support Team from people needing assistance.
- ◆ 5,200 successful outbound contacts made by the Customer Services Team to those in the Extremely Vulnerable or Shielded group, offering access to support should they need it.
- ◆ 1,700 Lincolnshire residents to be connected to appropriate support utilising the NHS Volunteers, British Red Cross, Community and voluntary groups.

LOCKDOWN DIARY

Since Covid-19 took a grip on our lives in March, our movements have been restricted and we have had to stay at home. Sudbrooke resident Alan Giles tells us of how life has changed for him these past few weeks...

The village is deserted, dust clouds are gathering down the empty streets, children are beavering away with school projects at home, we are all getting fatter and everyone's adhering to the self-distancing rules.

Er... hang on a minute, that's not quite right. I have never seen so many people in and around the village on their daily walks, cycles and runs – and most of whom I never saw before this thing all kicked off.

It's ironic that when we have all the time in the world to do some exercise, most of us steadfastly refuse to leave the boundaries of our homesteads, yet when we are told we are only allowed out of the house once a day, we suddenly turn into fitness junkies?

I've seen people walk past my house who thought 'walking' was a dirty, unapproachable word before March, now they are marching around the village – daily – obviously with poms to prove.

Cyclists (and why do most of them insist on wearing figure-hugging lycra in order to make themselves look utter prats?) are out in their droves and loads of dogs seem to have sprung out of nowhere as there are numerous ones of all shapes and sizes going for their regular sabbaticals now. I am certain I have seen one elderly gentleman taking a small bear for a walk. He assures me it's a rare breed of dog, but with its bushy brown fur, I'm not so sure.

I do feel weird now when talking to the neighbours, ensuring there is a road width's of space in between us, and I have lost count of the

amount of times I've seen delivery drivers head down my street, dropping parcels at the doorstep, knocking on the door and hastily making their retreat. They remind me of the kids who used to bang on doors and scarpers, but then get a pang of conscience and stand at the end of your drive, giving you a beaming smile or nod.

And are children serious studying hard given they don't have to be hauled down the road to school? How many parents in this village can honestly say they get their children up, dressed, and breakfasted, and ready for a day's schooling by 9am... and without said children kicking up an almighty fuss?



I did hear some parents were making their beloved ones wear school uniform in order to get them in the 'feel' for school... but I bet that soon wore off and now lessons, or what count for lessons (does watching YouTube count?), are undertaken in pyjamas.

The people I feel sorry for, though, are hairdressers... Heck, they are going to have one hell of a mess to sort out when they are finally able to open their doors again. How many wives and mothers out there have suddenly become amateur barbers, giving their husbands and children a bit of a trim here and there as hair growth spirals out of control?

One word: bowlhead.

And there's those who don't seem to know how to exercise the notion of social distancing and carry on as normal, inviting people round and playing in the street. Well done.

See you next month. Probably.

TRAVEL FEATURE

ENJOYING VIKING AND MEDIEVAL CULTURE IN THE DANISH TOWN OF RIBE

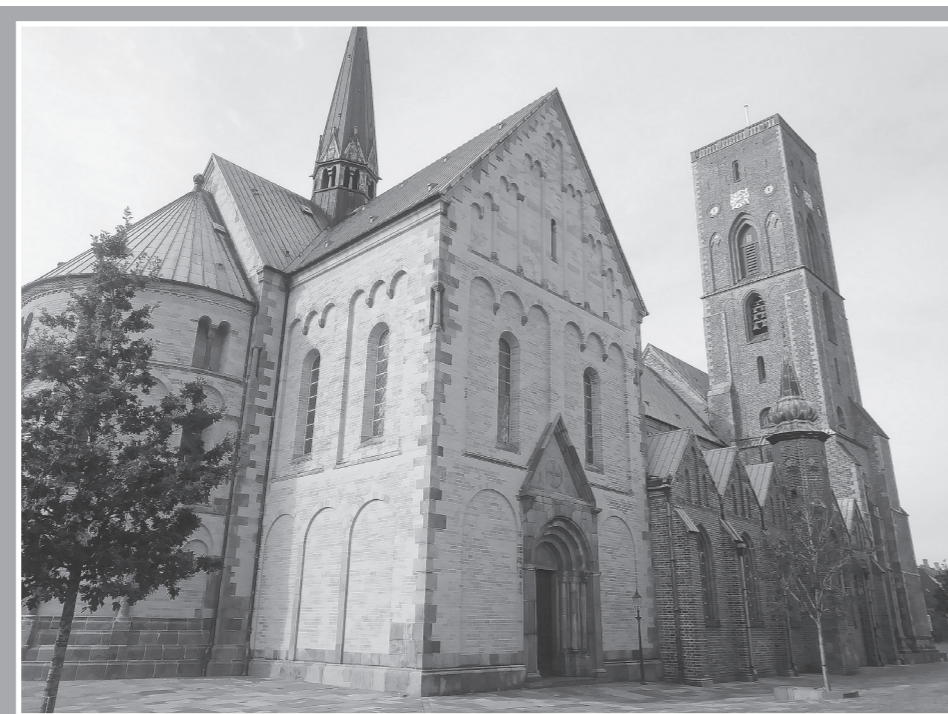
PURVEYORS of medieval strongholds would love Denmark's oldest town of Ribe, with its cobbled streets, 13th-century cathedral and timber-framed buildings making it one of the quaintest conurbations in the country.

Located in the south-west region of Jutland, it is also the oldest settlement in Scandinavia, having been firmly established in the Viking era of the 800s, and time has been kind to the historic 'by', as it leaves its magical mark on those visitors, like us, lucky enough to tread its ancient streets and passages, or just sit by the old harbour.

Not a particularly substantial place, there are only around 9,000 inhabitants, Ribe is dominated by the Church of Our Lady, the imposing part-brick, part-stone, distinctive green roofed cathedral that stands slap bang in the centre, and keeps watch not only on the town itself, but also on the surrounding lowlands and must have been an impressive sight for weary travellers back in the day.

It's odd to see the main, 52m high Commoner's Tower built of break when we're so used to seeing our huge places of worship constructed out of stone, and the effect is stunning especially when the summer sun is high in the bright blue sky.

With several cafes dotted around the cathedral square, it all looks very European and the continental feel was further enhanced when we were there as it coincided with the Ribe Wine Festival. Upon arrival, the streets were empty and we could roam freely, but by the next day, the place was packed with wine lovers and connoisseurs all enjoying various tipples from the plethora of stalls that lined both sides of the Overdammen, and at times it was a struggle to fight your



way through the crowds especially with two children in tow, whose hands clung firmly to ours.

We stayed at the holiday centre of Ribe Byferie, located just outside the 'old town'. Our accommodation was a two-bedroom apartment, on the upper floor of a two-storey building, with all rooms on the same level apart from the children's bedroom, which was in effect in the loft and reached by a very steep ladder, making my children Thomas and Lucy feel like they had their own little hideaway.

Peering out their window, they looked down on a canal that flowed past the resort, giving the impression you could have been in Amsterdam... and bizarrely if you glanced out the living room window at the other side of the building, you could have sworn you were in Coronation Street's Weatherfield, with back yards and cobbled streets below us. But that is to do the resort a disservice, as it is far more upmarket than Corrie, with plenty of tasteful accommodation, as well as a games room for



the youngsters and play park, and a barbecue area should you feel the urge. Sometimes the word 'apartment' can make you shudder, you're not too sure what you're going to get, but any fears were dispelled the moment we walked up the rear metal staircase and into our abode for a few days as not only was it spacious, but also very clean and tidy, if a little Ikea-like with the decor.

While staying onsite, you're entitled to a 'bakery breakfast' every morning. I headed to the reception area on our first morning and was handed a large grey box, which was full of proper Danish goodies like crusty rolls, rye bread, cheese and yogurts... along with some sort of fish spread.

Ah, rye bread. That's all the rage over there and is eaten instead of toast, which is effectively banned.

'Children are not allowed to eat toast in the mornings,' the receptionist told me. 'They have to eat rye bread as it is a lot more healthier than toast.' But I have to be honest, a piece of toast would

have been preferable to the decidedly rich, malty substitute which, has to be said, is an acquired taste. And as for the fish spread...

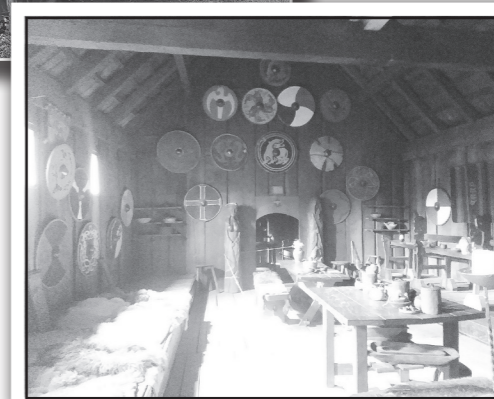
With bellies filled, we made our way to the Wadden Sea Centre, which is only a 10-minute drive from Ribe. It is an attraction that marvels at the wonders of the ocean and all the wildlife associated with it. You get to see how the oceans 'work', what lurks beneath the surface and how human waste continues to have a devastating effect on nature.

And after the science and nature lessons, you can bounce on several trampolines in the backyard to burn off some energy. They love their trampolines in Denmark. And liquorice. But the piece de resistance for us was the Ribe Viking Center, a magnificently

authentic reconstruction of a Viking settlement, based on the actual town itself from the period of 710-980AD and just a mile or so down the road.

With a market place, village centre, harbour, church, manor farm, and even a kids playground, you were transported back 1300 years and came face to face with men and women in period

costume, all going about their 'daily lives' as they acted out their roles, although it was a far more peaceful existence than perhaps we expected from a bunch of ancient Danish warriors and their kin.



While being shown around the settlement by a lady viking, my children got to make flatbread, viking-style, wielded replica swords and shields, sat on the chief's throne in the Great Hall and even minted their own coins, although the minter had a curious fascination with Brexit and spent around 10 minutes or so quizzing me on that and Boris Johnson.

There was also time to head back to Ribe and join the Night Watchman and a few others on his walk around the historic streets, as he regaled stories from the past – in three languages – and gave us more fascinating insights into a glorious town in a glorious country.

By Lee Creasey

TRAVELFACTS

Ribe Byferie offers holiday apartment (sleeps 2-4 people) from around £100.

Live like the Vikings in the Viking Centre in Ribe – adult ticket £16, child ticket £8 (3-13)

Wadden Sea Centre: adult ticket £12, child ticket £6 (4-14 years)

Ryanair has two weekly flights between Manchester and Billund from around £15 per person one way.

THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

As the 'lock down' continues here is the May edition of the Sudbrooke News Quiz to help keep the brain cells ticking over until we can all meet again at the Village Hall for the Monthly Quiz Night.

We hope you enjoy it, the answers are on Page....

- 1. The American plant Alfalfa, is commonly known as what in the UK?**
- 2. Charles Dickens & Florence Nightingale have appeared on which bank note?**
- 3. Which Dutch group had a 1973 UK hit single with 'Radar Love'?**
- 4. In which year did Dick Fosbury win the Olympic Gold Medal for the high jump?**
- 5. Philip Smith, played by Don Warrington, was a student in which TV sitcom?**
- 6. In which European country is the town of Kranjska Gora?**
- 7. Henri Dunant was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize for founding which organisation?**
- 8. In cuisine, what does "parmentier" mean?**
- 9. What does a hygrometer measure?**
- 10. In the body, what do the lachrymal glands produce?**
- 11. The company Birkenstock is famous for selling what type of clothing?**
- 12. In which year was the MOT test for cars introduced?**
- 13. Who designed the sculpture 'The Angel of the North'?**
- 14. What was the name of the hotel in the 2014 film starring Ralph Fiennes?**
- 15. Eboracum was the Roman name for which English city?**
- 16. What is the term given to the person responsible for recording proceedings in a courtroom?**
- 17. The South Hams is a local government area in which English county?**
- 18. How many US states have only four letters in their names?**
- 19. In George Orwell's Animal Farm, what type of creature is Clover?**
- 20. Ailsa Craig is a variety of which salad ingredient?**



Answers on page 21



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ SPRING SHOW

► No Spring Show to report back on, but as optimistic gardeners we would like you to put the date of our Autumn Show in your diaries/calendars in the hope that it will go ahead on Monday, 14 September.

If children who are being schooled at home need something different to do, then please encourage them to prepare items for entry into the Junior Section of the show. There are four categories - something a child has grown, made, cooked, and finally, a painting/drawing/ or photograph depicting autumn. Entries would be very much appreciated from as many children in the village as possible - there are prizes to be won and sweets for everyone aged 14 years and under.

Within the village there are definite signs of an increased interest in gardening now that we are confined to our homes and have more time to spend in them.

Those of us lucky enough to have gardens are finding them a welcome retreat from the current crisis, as well as a rare source of 'normal' activity.

The undeterred sights and sounds of spring have provided a much-needed morale boost during our daily permitted exercise time. If you are up and about early in a morning, then do take the opportunity to listen to the symphony of warbles, whistles and trills from the birds as they mark out their territories and court one another - there is a huge mental boost to be had during April and May as the dawn chorus reaches its crescendo.



■ HORTICULTURAL CHALLENGE

Last October, our members were presented with five Narcissi "Geranium" bulbs, plus a metal pot to grow them in, and were challenged to produce flowers for judging at the Village Spring Show. In order that the judging could still take place, electronic photographs were submitted on the actual show date and our winner was adjudged to be Nicola Hadley with these beautiful blooms.

In second place was John, with Jayne Haley coming in third. Our judges thanked everyone for their good efforts.

■ GARDENING TASKS FOR MAY

There could still be the possibility of late frosts during May, so be aware of this if you are lucky enough to be planting out any (much coveted) summer bedding plants. At the time of writing (and a welcome relief to all gardeners), Scothern Nurseries were commencing local deliveries and customers can avail themselves of this service by contacting them by phone (01673 862297) or by email (sales@scothern-nurseries.co.uk).

Once the soil has warmed up a little, vegetable growing can get into full swing, so, if you were able to purchase packets of seeds before the lockdown, there will be seedlings to prick-out in the greenhouse. Be on the lookout for slugs and snails and protect your indoor/outdoor plants - particularly any hostas.

You could also give your lawn some TLC by removing moss and weeds and giving it a feed.

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While we are enjoying more free time in our gardens, now could be the opportunity to repot long-term container plants.

- Select a pot just one or two sizes larger than the current one.
- Tease out congested roots to encourage re-establishment, cutting thick ones back by around one third if they will not easily fit into the new container.
- Use fresh compost when refilling, ideally a soil-based one.
- Plant at the same depth as before, leaving 2.5cm (1in) below the rim of the pot to allow for watering.

With large plants, when repotting is no longer practical, give the container plants an annual topdressing with fresh compost and a controlled-release fertiliser.

■ BEST FRONT GARDEN COMP - JULY

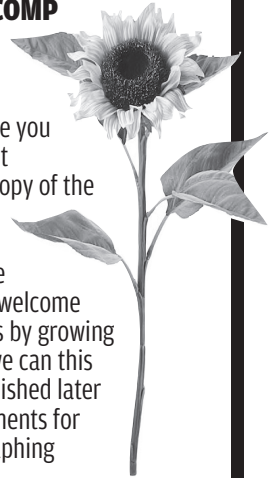
► As mentioned in last month's magazine, it has been agreed with our sponsors, Scothern Nurseries, that the village competition in July

will be for the Best Front Garden, so now is the time to give a thought to your colour scheme, planting and garden maintenance. It may be quite a challenge to get hold of bedding plants this time round!

■ WHOLE VILLAGE COMP

► Can your family grow the tallest sunflower in the village?

At 50 St Edward's Drive you can help yourself to giant sunflower seeds with a copy of the growing instructions. Eventually there will be some young plants in the trolley too. Let's bring a welcome smile to everyone's faces by growing as many sunflowers as we can this year. Details will be published later concerning the arrangements for measuring and photographing entries.



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■ APRIL WALK

► Sadly there was no walk in April to tell you about.

My wife and self have done a few constitutional walks usually to Scothern village and back mostly in glorious sunshine. The few people we passed always practised social distancing in a very pleasant manner.

Interesting to see how well cared for are peoples' gardens and how stunning the spring

flowers and blossom have been this year. A bonus from all of the rain we had in the winter.

Usually at this time of year, the group would be looking forward to seeing the masses of bluebells in Legsby woods but we will have to save that for another year.

We do have present and past NHS workers in our group so when we next meet it will be good to see them all safe and sound.

Stay safe.

MY FAVOURITE WALKS

A difficult question to answer is 'what are your favourite walks?'

For me, it really depends upon the season as we are fortunate in Lincolnshire to have such a contrasting landscape.

Starting on the east coast, park up at Anderby Creek and walk south through the sand dunes to the new observatory and coastguard station at Chapel Point. There are lots to see and there's a good cafe.

North from Anderby Creek, there are a number of national nature reserves with flowers, birds and seals to see.

Moving inland to the Wolds, there are three very popular walks in Tennyson country called the Tetford Walk, the 'HagBag' walk and the Four Churches walk. These essentially cover the villages of

Somersby, Bag Enderby, Tetford and Hagworthingham. Lots of interesting history to see, plus stunning views from the ridge between Cloven Hill and Warden Hill.

More locally, Lincolnshire Limewoods are always a treat to see. I always enjoy the Wragby-Goltho walk of about six miles through woods owned and managed by the Forestry Commission.

Goltho Wood is a good example of new habitats being created of native woodland, meadows, ponds and wetlands.

Since our group was formed 13 years ago, we have watched this woodland mature.

On our doorstep, you could walk through Sudbrooke Park heading north east towards Reasby, before turning west for Pickering's Meadow Nature Reserve.

From the Reserve head south to Scothern village and return home.



THE CHURCH DIARY

WITH REVD PENNY GREEN - 01522 595596 slbchurches@virginmedia.com

■ TIME FOR A CHANGE

► First of all, I hope everyone is doing as well as possible in these 'stretching' times. It is a tough period in our history, but one in which I think we are beginning to discover more about ourselves.

As I write this, I think we are about to head into week five of lockdown, although frankly I am not too sure what month we are, in nor what day it is! My hair is getting longer and beginning to look like the head of a mop; my bedtimes are getting earlier and my dining room has turned into a cross between a chapel and a film studio, as services have been transmitted via Facebook Live and then onto YouTube. Frankly, I find seeing and hearing myself on screen excruciating, but I do know it is helpful for some folk to see a familiar face and also to have fixed points in their day and week for worship.

Last time I wrote for the village newsletters I spoke of 'wells' and not 'walls' - the point was that this is a time for creating wells. Wells of kindness and compassion, wells of communication - wells that we can draw from when the landscape is running dry. That still applies to all of us, and whether we are shielded and confined to home, or whether we are able to run errands for people being a 'well' is what most people need right now.

It has been so wonderful that so many people in all our villages have volunteered to help with shopping and prescriptions and to deal with so many different tasks and to keep an eye out for their neighbours; so wonderful that we are 'Clapping for Carers' and at last celebrating the work of those who care for the most vulnerable members of our communities; so wonderful we are beginning to understand who our essential workers really are; so wonderful to know that the wheels of our way of life have been kept going by an army of 'backroom' people who no-one ever sees, but have kept transport moving, water flowing, electricity buzzing, gas working and the internet going so we can work from home. Wells have been dug deep and thank

you to everyone for your kindness and compassion, your giftedness and for adjusting to this new way of life.

For those with faith and who would normally be in a place of worship, this has been a very odd time, but in some ways, creative. Our Muslim friends have begun Ramadan in very different circumstances and Easter was, for Christians, a crazy time of trying to do online what we have usually done face to face. We did manage a lot of it! Our eight Anglican churches in this area now have a YouTube Channel (Search SLB Churches) and a Facebook Page (South Lawres and Barlings Churches) and you can engage with services either live or recorded. Our pattern at the is:

Sunday

10am Holy Communion
7pm Compline

Monday - Saturdays

7.30am Morning Prayer
7pm Compline

As time goes on, we are bringing in more online activities including coffee mornings and a Thursday tea service. There are also some stories on both Facebook and YouTube, with me and Frankie - akin to those I might tell in School Collective Worship.

However, I am mindful that this is not the same as being together and sharing stories and experiencing some kind of closeness, but I can't help feel this is a time when we need to deepen our well of faith.

My hope is that by the time this lockdown and beyond is over, we will have considered the values we should live by and that we will give our time and energy to those things; that we will continue to value people and relationships and that those who serve us as essential and frontline workers will continue to be honoured and clapped and valued and paid a wage that reflects their true worth.

So, go well, be at peace and who knows where we will be by the time that I write the June Blog!



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READERS' LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

TOP OF THE SHOPS

Dear Editor

I just wanted to say how great it is the local village shop is remaining open during the lockdown. The fact we can take a little walk down the road and pick up some essential supplies, rather than having to traipse across to Lincoln and stand for hours in a queue and then hope they have what you need.

Of course, not only all the waiting and hoping, but then there's the reality of having to mix with all manner of people, some wearing masks, some not, some in gloves, and hoping someone is not going to pass

'anything untoward' on to you while you search for some groceries and suchlike.

The re-opening of the shop was such a godsend and one shudders to think what state some people in the village would be in now, if the new owner hadn't come along and breathed new life back into the premises.

Once this crisis is all over, I do hope people stay loyal to him and his business, rather than nipping to the local Co-Ops and stores in neighbouring villages, as he deserves not only our loyalty but also our respect for ensuring his doors remain open. Thank you.

Jill Latimer

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Our Annual Outing To Bomber Command on 12th September

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PLEASE NOTE THE PLANNED SOCIETY AGM 6th JUNE IS POSTPONED!!

AS SOON AS WE CAN RECONVENE WE WILL!!

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1. Lucerne, 2. £10 note, 3. Golden Earring, 4. 1968, 5. Rising Damp, 6. Slovenia, 7. The Red Cross, 8. With potatoes, 9. Humidity, 10. Tears, 11. Shoes, 12. 1967, 13. Antony Gormley, 14. The Grand Buda-pest Hotel, 15. York, 16. A Stenographer, 17. Devon, 18. Three (Iowa, Ohio & Utah), 19. A Horse, 20. Tomato, 21. Hamlet, 22. Four, 23. Rubber Plant, 24. South America, 25. Professor Jonathan Van-Tam.

WELTON PATIENTS' AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)

LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

On behalf of the PDA, myself and all the drivers we hope that our patients and friends are keeping well and managing to abide by the rules. It is a testing time for everyone, but we all need to pull together if we are going to beat this terrible virus.

The PDA transport scheme is still in operation, albeit on a much reduced level. We have a driver each day for anyone needing transport to an urgent appointment at the health centre following a telephone consultation with the practice.

We are also able to take patients to urgent hospital appointments, but with certain restrictions in place. On confirming the driver and pick-up time, you will be asked again whether you are showing any of the coronavirus symptoms.

You will also be asked to sit in the back passenger side of the car and the driver will not come into the hospital building. You will be given

a mobile number to ring when you are ready and will be collected from the door. We hope that by taking these precautions we can protect both the passengers and the drivers. The health centre driver of the day is also available to deliver any urgent same day medication.

I want to add how incredibly proud I am of the drivers for 'going the extra mile' at this very unsettling time.

The May Fair has been cancelled. The PDA had accumulated, through kind donations and the efforts of committee members, a number of plants for sale. Abiding by social distancing rules we are aiming to sell these plants outside No.57, Ryland Rd, Welton.

If anyone would like to add to the plant donations, please bring them along and leave them outside, labelled if possible!

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

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.

A slide/projector screen is now available. Please ask for details when booking

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 info: Sudbrooke Parish Council website: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/

Enquiries: Dave Rowley, Booking Secretary, 07539 604258. sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail.com.

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