

SUDBROOKE NEWS

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ROAD CLOSURE SPECIAL

YOU TAKE THE HIGHWAY

Read what the Lincolnshire County Council and Lincolnshire Police had to say when our local Parish Council grilled them about the A158 road closures in early November.

You can draw your own conclusions from the answers given following Chairman Peter Heath's letter on the residents' behalf.

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AUTUMN REPORT...

It has been a busy few months for the pupils and teachers of Sudbrooke Pre-School. Found out what they have been up to. *Page 21*



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CHRISTMAS seems an eternity ago and here we are into February already, with another bumper 40-page magazine.

The A158 road closure that caused so much confusion late last year is more than touched upon this month, while those interested in council matters are more than catered for - it sounds like it must have been a jam-packed meeting down at the Village Hall, with plenty of topics to discuss!

We have some special updates from the various schools in the vicinity, while we give special mention to one of our advertisers who picked up a prestigious award just before Christmas.

Please feel free to drop me an email with any thoughts about the magazine - good or bad - while if you have anyone you would like to see in *'Five Minutes With'* then let me know. **Dom**

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February 14 - Pub Games Night
February 21 - Bingo
February 28 - Quiz Night

March 7 - Closed for private function
March 14 - Pub Games Night
March 21 - Bingo

***The 'Who wants to be a Millionaire Night' will be re-arranged in the near future

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SADBROOKE'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Another year and another lovely tree.

Again our sincere thanks go to Pat Wright, Roger Adams and Grant Ashley for getting it, lighting it and ensuring the electrics are ok (also to Roger for keeping it upright!!).

Thanks also go to Chris Myers for the hamper, Bridget Solly for getting all the ingredients required for the 9th years event and to Councillors Peter, Paul, Stuart and Lynn and Dave (Lynn's husband) for their services at the lighting of the tree. We cannot forget Kate Buckley for the Mince pies which were made that morning.

We ask every year if anyone would like to take on the task of organising the event but we don't get any takers so we are presuming that you are happy with what is done. So if it aint broke we wont alter it!

Thanks to Tim Cieslik, of Live Lincs Electrical Ltd, who once given the go ahead to repair the lights to the Millennium Stone (following the vandalism) did so very quickly.



Regards
Martin Dickie

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 2013

Abridged notes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 5 December in Sudbrooke Village Hall. The full set of notes are available on the Sudbrooke website or at Nettleham Library...

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

P Heath (Chairman) - S Curtis - M Dickie - B Waller - Mrs L Etheridge - P Rignall - Miss R Dobbs

APOLOGIES:

Councillors I Russell, B Waller

87) Parishoners items

■ Thanks were extended to the team who had erected and set up the village Christmas tree and to all those who had helped out at the switch on of the tree lights on December 1.

88) Police matters

■ Mention was made of a car leaving the road on Scothern Lane near to Holme Drive. The driver had reportedly been using his mobile phone at the time of the incident.

89) County Councillor's report

■ CC Sue Rawlins stated that she hoped she could arrange for the funding of the installation of the posts made by the carving group when they were completed.

90) District Councillor's report

■ DC Stuart Curtis informed the meeting that the pre-hearing of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Core Strategy examination by the Planning Inspector would be held at the Bentley Hotel South Hykeham on December 12, 2013

91) Notes of meeting held on November 7

■ Proposed as a correct record by Councillor P Rignall, seconded by Councillor S Curtis.

92) Reports on matters outstanding

■ a) **Vandalism to Millennium stone lights** - Cllr Martin Dickie had arranged for the millennium stone lights to be replaced/repared which would be covered by the Parish Council insurance except for the excess of £125.00.

■ b) **Winter gritting** - Notification had been received from Aon, the Parish Council insurers, stating that if gritting was undertaken by the Parish Council the procedure must continue until the bad weather ends and all gritting logged and recorded.

It was agreed therefore that it was not possible to make such a commitment; therefore no gritting would be undertaken by the Parish Council.

93) Highway matters

- a) **Dip in road – Sudbrooke Road, Scothern:** This had again been reported to Highways who had stated that work would be carried out during the 2014/15 financial year. In the meantime temporary signing would be erected.
- b) **Reply from Highways re A158 Closure/traffic diversions:** A negative reply had been received from the Executive Director for Communities regarding the impact of diverting traffic through Sudbrooke in the event of a closure of the A158.
- c) **Willow tree, Scothern Lane:** Attention had been drawn by a resident to an overhanging willow tree on Scothern Lane. It was felt that there were several trees overhanging verges and footways and the Clerk was asked to write to the residents concerned drawing their attention to the requirement for cutting back.

94) Grounds maintenance contract 2014

- The contract with Veolia for grounds maintenance for the village for 2014 was accepted.

95) Finance

■ A) Bank balances at December 6, 2013:

Current account – £500.00
 Instant Account – £3093.65
 14-day account – £4382.15
 Sports field account – £2577.11
 12 Month Bond – £26,244.14
 Northfield Park Account – £16.53
 Fox Covert Account – £2136.58

■ B) Precept 2014/15

Members considered the funds required for the forthcoming year as follows:-

General Admin	£10,950.00	Hire of Village Hall	£180.00
LALC Publications	£20.00	Grass Cutting	£3,500.00
Insurance	£900.00	Sudbrooke News	£1,500.00
Membership Subscriptions	£350.00	Play Equipment &	
Training Courses	£100.00	Playground Inspection	£500.00
Computer Cartridges	£70.00	Christmas Tree	£400.00
Audit Fees	£300.00	Sports Day	£250.00
Office Equipment	£300.00	Professional Fees	£250.00
Parish Council Elections	£100.00	Capital Projects –	
Misc (General Repairs, Litter Bins, Notice boards)	£450.00	Maintenance Listed Buildings	£250.00
Football Pitch Rent	£25.00	TOTAL	£22,395.00
Conservation /		RESOLVED: That Sudbrooke Parish council	
General Grounds Works	£2,000.00	precept West Lindsey District Council the	
		sum of £22,395.00 for 2014/15.	

96) Planning

■ Report on meeting held with Planning Officer/Truelove re: cycleway to Nettleham.

A report of the meeting held between members of the Parish Council, Highways Officers and representatives of Mr Paul Truelove had been summarised as follows by Simon Sharp, Senior Growth Strategy and Project Officers, WLDC:

- 1) The pathway is required to contribute to the sustainability of the proposal.
- 2) The applicant and WLDC are not keen on the securing of the footpath directly adjacent to the road due to:
 - The costs implications (unlikely to be reasonable in the context of the development proposed)
 - The resultant “suburbanisation” of the lane.
- 3) There was an understanding that the pathway could only extend to the parish boundary. The reasons for this restriction are twofold:
 - The provision needs to be reasonably related in scale to the development.
 - There would need to be the agreement of Nettleham PC if the path went further than the parish boundary.
- 4) There was a consensus to pursue the alignment of the pathway on the field side of the hedge (*see point 2 above*).
- 5) LCC would adopt the pathway and flanking verges subject to:
 - The provision of the path to an adoptable standard.
 - The connection between and around the two bends to the existing pavement already having already been completed as adopted highway.
 - There is a management regime in place and agreement with the Parish Council to undertake the maintenance of the hedge between the carriageway and the pathway. This is likely to involve a flail cut. Such an agreement would need to be included in a s106 agreement.
 However, LCC would be willing to adopt the pathway without the connection through to Nettleham village.
- 6) It would only be reasonable to expect a percentage of the housing to be delivered in advance of the completion of the footpath (this to be negotiated between WLDC and the applicant) and the phasing included in the 106 agreement.

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7) It is acknowledged that a considerable period of time has elapsed since the first submission of the application in June 2012, and given the reliance on the provision of the footpath link between the bends, the applicant may wish to reflect on the current position and decide to look at other ways of securing the proposal as a sustainable development. Such reflection could be undertaken now or the applicant may wish to enter into the agreement as outlined above but review it with the other parties if the pathway between the bends fails to materialise.

Mr Sharp concluded by stating that he would await to hear from the applicant as to whether they wish to pursue the proposal with the pathway as outlined above.

Meeting with Mr Nigel Wilkinson:

Members of the Parish Council had met with Mr Wilkinson who had shown them around his farm business and explained his thoughts for the future of Sudbrooke Park. It was emphasised that any plans for future development were still being drawn up.

97) Chairman's comments

■ The Chair stated that quotations would be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council for the hedge trimming between the Village Hall and Poachers Lane.

98) Correspondence

■ Letter of request for funding - West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau: Contents noted, but no further discussion on the matter.

99) Date of next meeting

■ Thursday 9 January, 2014.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Brief report of meeting held on January 9, 2014

■ **Parking Problems:** Residents have mentioned that they are not able to have clear vision for pulling out in the vicinity of the shop due to vehicles parking on or very close to the junction. Often vans are parked in that area which obstructs vision.

Similar problems are being experienced near to the church with vehicles parking on the footpath, blocking it entirely in some cases for pedestrians. It is accepted that this is a narrow road, but if it is difficult to find a parking spot on Church Lane, the Village Hall car park is available for use, albeit is a bit of a stroll.

It would be appreciated if drivers could give a bit of thought when parking in either area

■ **Police Report:** The Sudbrooke sign and grit box on Nettleham/Sudbrooke Lane has taken a battering from a red vehicle, obvious by the amount of paint left on the grit box! The sign is going to be costly to replace and the Police would be interested to know of a red vehicle in the area which has obviously got quite a bit of body damage.

A box of out-of-date magazines was taken from outside the shop and dumped near Northfield Park, presumably when it was realised that the box had no value.

■ **A158 Closure – Traffic Diversions:** As many residents will be aware, the A158 was closed at the beginning of November on two occasions due to a gas leak. Mayhem was caused through Sudbrooke, Scothern and Nettleham, with the traffic all being diverted through these villages. Our Chairman, Peter Heath, wrote to the Police Commissioner and the Director of Development at Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department – a copy of Peter’s letter and also the respective replies are printed in this magazine. Unfortunately they are considered not very helpful replies.

The Parish Council are liaising with Nettleham Parish Council as to whether some arrangement could be agreed about the use of Church Lane/Nettleham Lane in the event of future closures of the A158.

■ **Village Sign:** A resident has written to the Parish Council stating that he does not consider the Parish Council have consulted the residents of Sudbrooke sufficiently about the creation of a village sign.

Designs/suggestions of a sign have been mentioned several times in *Sudbrooke News* since May 2010 following its instigation by the Parish Plan Committee in March 2010.

Unfortunately the previous designs have proved too expensive to pursue, but the latest one using our own wood from Sudbrooke Park, carved by our Village Carving Group, will hopefully be successful. The cost involved for this will be a metal ‘Sudbrooke’ plate and the siting which should be covered by a grant.

■ **Change of contact details of Clerk to the Council:** The Clerk has a new address and phone number as follows: Mrs C Myers, 94 Jubilee Close, Jubilee Park, Cherry Willingham, Lincoln LN3 4LD. Telephone: 01522 750531

■ **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 6 February, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Residents are very welcome to attend

TAKING A WALK IN THE COUNTRY

With Mike Halliday

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DECEMBER WALK

■ Sixteen walkers set off from the village hall in bright sunshine for a seven-mile walk passing through Sudbrooke Park, skirting Stainton By Langworth before heading west towards Pickering's Meadow nature reserve, then south through Scothern before returning to Sudbrooke.

Apart from a couple of very muddy fields, the conditions underfoot were good.

Having worked up a good appetite, walkers made their way to The Farmers restaurant at Welton for an excellent Christmas lunch.

JANUARY WALK

■ We enjoyed a relatively gentle introduction to the year with a six-mile walk around Whisby Nature Park and Thorpe on the Hill. Ground conditions were generally very good. It's surprising that there are 12

miles of footpaths in the park which also has a good restaurant, a shop and visitor amenities. Our thanks to Celia for leading the walk.

FEBRUARY WALK

■ February 1, subject to ground conditions, a choice between a seven-mile walk to Reepham, Barlings and Langworth and a seven-mile sojourn from Bardney to Southrey and Topholme Abbey.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9.30am 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.

MARCH WALK

■ March 1, venue to be agreed and walkers should meet at the village hall at 9.30am.



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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.

AGM

Our January meeting was the AGM. The

President, Jean Edmunds, reported that 2013 had been a good year with a varied programme of speakers organised by Ann Yeend, who had now left the village.

Jean thanked Margaret for her help with printing and correspondence and also thanked the members for their support.

There were only three committee members at present so additional members would be welcome.

The Treasurer reported that the finances were healthy. The charity fund, from the small coin collection, was currently £98 and would be donated to a local charity when it reached £200.

The Committee was re elected.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 20 February: John Leatt from Golding Young and Thomas Mawer, auctioneers. John's visit was very popular last year. He will value one item for each member/guest. So don't miss this opportunity. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 20 March: Danni Fairweather-Aloe Vera.

Please see the Parish Council website for full 2013 programme:

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

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AN ANGELS AWARD FOR CLEAR VIEW...



■ Clear View Opticians, who regularly advertise in **Sudbrooke News**, were the proud winners of the - Start-up Business of the Year - Wings Unfurled Angels Award just before Christmas.

The Angels Business Women Awards 2013 were accolades to celebrate achievements of business women.

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It was sponsored by Bishop Grosseteste University and judged by Rob Jones, the Director of Enterprise at BGU and a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the University.

He said: "Clear View Opticians were stand-out winners in this category. We were extremely impressed with the high levels of customer service offered by Annabelle and her team and the fact that Annabelle took the decision to locate her business in her local community, rather than the natural choice for an optician of being on the high street. We were also very impressed with Annabelle's desire to develop her team with an established CPD programme in place. Worthy winners!"



Annabelle Magee practice owner and optometrist said "We were surprised, but extremely proud to be the winners. Opening up a practice from scratch in this climate was always going to be a risk. I am pleased to say we have grown from strength to strength over the last three years into a thriving business but one that cares about each individual patient.

"The majority of our patients come to us due to personal recommendation which is a delight and to be recognised for this through our award was fantastic.

"A real Christmas treat!"

ELLISON BOULTERS SCHOOL REPORT

With Michaela Howard

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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

■ Bonjour! Hola; Guten Tag! Our children are growing up in a global community and at Ellison Boulters we aim to provide them with the skills they need to become international citizens of the future.

The government has recently announced that languages will become compulsory for all children from the age of 7 right through to 14, in order to allow us to compete on an equal footing in the global business community.

At Ellison Boulters, children learn French from Year 2 through to Year 6, and we are fortunate to be able to offer support to other schools because our languages curriculum is so well-established.

Children learn finger rhymes, sing songs, watch video clips, read stories and interact with each other in French, as well as developing their knowledge of phonics and beginning to write in French.

Learning a language supports and underpins the work children do in literacy; learning about word class, tense and sentence structure are all key skills for linguists which have a positive impact on the development of literacy.

From Year 3, children write book reviews of stories they have read in French, as well as developing confidence in speaking aloud, and fine-tuning listening skills. But learning

a language is not all about words and phrases; intercultural understanding is a key part of what we teach in French lessons and it is these skills that make us part of one big global community. Children start by considering what languages they hear in school and in our local community and they move onto looking at ways of travelling to France, focusing on specific French artists and composers.

As they move towards the upper end of the school, the children begin to challenge stereotypes by identifying what makes us similar to people from other cultures and they consider how themes such as homelessness are portrayed in the stories they encounter.

Neither should language learning be confined to just one language; we endeavour to ensure that all children have the opportunity to experience taster sessions in German before moving on to secondary school.

And we are always on the look-out for participation from the local community in our language learning; if you can speak another language, or have a special connection with another country that you would be willing to share with us, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would love to hear from you.

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HEALTH CROSSROADS

■ Do you know what? There are so many myths to do with getting healthy and staying healthy. Here's one that I think will surprise you. And it was reported as a myth in the medical journal, Lancet, so I reckon it's pretty accurate.

Here goes: It is a myth that we need to drink eight pints of water a day, even though everybody you speak to repeats it as an irrefutable fact.

Lancet could find no evidence at all to support the statement. Of course, it's in the interests of the bottled-water companies to keep perpetuating the myth because it boosts their sales and profits. And of course, it doesn't mean that we should stop drinking water - it's just plain common sense that we need to keep hydrated. But we don't need to be guzzling it every hour of the day.

So why am I going on about myths? Well, I'll tell you - and it rocked me back on my heels when I learned it. Dr Tom Yates, who is

a senior researcher in health at Leicester Uni, has been collecting all the evidence to do with the causes of death in mature adults.

All the usual suspects were there:

Smoking: yes that's pretty bad and contributes to a good proportion of deaths.

High cholesterol: yes that was there too.

High blood pressure: yes.

Obesity: yes, but further down the list than I would have expected.

Alcohol: yes, a bit.

But the highest factor - so high it was nearly off the scale and **FOUR TIMES** higher than the next cause was: wait for it - **LACK OF EXERCISE**.

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SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

With Mike Halliday

Secretary: 01522 754686



DECEMBER MEETING

■ The Christmas meeting was hosted by Barry and Margaret Reeves who provided a wonderful party for members.

Prior to starting the festivities, members agreed to the following programme for 2014:

- ▶ Monday 10 March: A speaker at the village hall from 7.30pm.
- ▶ Monday 14 April: Spring show.
- ▶ Monday 12 May: Meeting to be hosted by Paul and Coral Evans.
- ▶ Monday 9 June: Meeting to be hosted by Mike and Sheila Cannon.
- ▶ Wednesday 9 July, trip out to Brodsworth Hall and gardens (*right*).
- ▶ Monday 11 August, meeting and AGM to be hosted by John and Iris Whitaker.



- ▶ Monday 8 September, Autumn show.
- ▶ Monday 13 October, speaker at the village hall from 7-30pm
- ▶ Monday 8 December, meeting to be hosted by Barry and Margaret Reeves.

A very lively quiz was won by David and Sandy Bowles, Margaret Halliday and David Ward.

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THE CHURCH DIARY



With Revd Penny Green

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PRODIGAL SON

■ Some of you will know that about 16 months ago I brought two new residents into my home - Mork and Mindy. Two tabby cats who have grown fast and frankly are adorable. It's been fascinating to watch them grow from eight-week-old kittens and to show all those inherited characteristics, like diving into boxes and in fact anywhere that is undercover; groom each other and then fight like crazy - I never saw myself as a cat person but they are great company!

However, in early December, Mindy just walked off and despite my best efforts to track her down, we got through Christmas, still without her.

Then I took a call, early one Sunday afternoon in January from Pets at Home. Some kind folks a couple of miles away had found her in their garage and taken her to Pets at Home to scan her for a microchip. The chip contains all my details and so Mindy was returned very quickly.

I was overjoyed. However, the first thing that Mork did when he saw Mindy, was to walk out of the house, looking unimpressed and not quite sure whether he liked the fact she had returned, particularly as, for a few days she wouldn't leave my side.

It's a bit of a stretch, but it did remind me of the return of the Prodigal Son - not everyone enjoyed his return! The father was overjoyed, the son who had stayed on the farm was angry that the father went overboard and threw a party.

Jealousy is a difficult thing to cope with - particularly when you are the one who does everything right, does their duty and it doesn't feel appreciated! I guess that sometimes we all feel that in some way or another at one time or another - best though to get over it and rejoice!

EXTRA

■ By the time you read this, our oversight of the churches in the Barlings Group of Churches (Sudbrooke, Langworth, Stainton by Langworth, and Barlings) should have been legally ratified.

I am keen to begin to get to know people and if there are any folk in the villages that would like a pastoral visit, for example, if you have been recently bereaved. If so, then please do contact me.

In addition to that, if you would like your child to be baptised, or if you are planning a wedding, then do contact me. Our churches are available to you!

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Date	Venue	Time	Service
Sunday 2 February	Stainton by Langworth	9am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Langworth	6pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday 6 February	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sunday 9 February	Barlings	9am	Holy Communion
	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Christingle for Epiphany
	Langworth	6pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 February	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Langworth	6pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 20 February	2 Chestnut Close, Sudbrooke	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sunday 23 February	Sudbrooke	10.30am	Holy Communion

READERS' LETTERS

Your correspondence

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the responsible dog owners in Sudbrooke, I would like to offer apologies for those dog owners who are not responsible.

There is no excuse for not picking up dog mess throughout the village, both in the residential areas and the woodland roads and tracks.

The village is there for all to enjoy and is not just a toilet for dogs.

There is no excuse for not cleaning up after your dog as there are dog waste bins all around the village and woodlands. As I do not see any stray dogs around the village, I

can only assume that the canines that foul the areas are with owners and on leads and, therefore, owners must know when and what their dog is doing and choose to ignore the mess that their dog is making.

If you do not know what your dog is doing then may I suggest a shorter lead and a torch at night will help you keep track on your dogs habits.

So a plea to all dog owners, it's your dog mess so pick it up, or keep your dog in your garden and do not use the village as a dog's toilet.

David Hodds

Dear Editor,

The weather was kind, the mulled wine and mince pies were delicious and the Tree looked lovely.....but THAT WAS IT!!!

There was no magic, not even a carol being played.

If this is the best that Sudbrooke can offer perhaps next year we should FORGET IT! This

would be a great pity as it would be our 10th Anniversary.

There must be many young families in Sudbrooke who could work with the Parish Council to make this a really MAGICAL EVENT, once again.

Yours faithfully

Roger Adams

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Friday evening opening of the Village Hall Bar.

From what I hear it has been a great success and is lovely way of bringing resident together in a friendly warm atmosphere. Long may it continue and flourish.

I am rather jealous. I would love to attend, but like some of my friends have to be away from home on weekdays so cannot be there.

Is it at all possible for the committee to extend the bar facility to a Sunday lunchtime

opening? I would love to stroll down there for a friendly pint. It would be interesting to find out from other residents who are unable to get there on Fridays, if there is any support for Sunday opening and indeed whether it is possible?

Perhaps if you publish this letter others might write in to support the idea.

Could you also continue to publish forthcoming Friday evening events in the fond hope that I and others can make it?

Yours faithfully

John Newton

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READERS' LETTERS

Your correspondence

Dear Editor,

A very big thank you to the 89 people who came to the Sudbrooke Church Carol Service on December 19 and helped make it such a great success.

You may be interested to learn that we collected £170.09 for the Nomad Trust for which they have sent us a letter of thanks.

Chris & Eleanor Clarke

Dear Editor,

A couple of years ago, residents appealed to the Parish Council through *Sudbrooke News*, and by other channels, to be provided with a village allotment site.

As they were required to do by **The Allotments Act of 1972 as amended by The Act of May 2002**, they had to prove a need for such site and if enough support was in fact proved, which it was.

Then the Parish Council were obliged by that Act to provide an allotment site.

I know the Parish Council did try to find a suitable site and at one stage investigated the possibility that, if we could not have our own site in the village we amalgamated with Scothern to have a site halfway between us.

They were unable to get one despite several valiant efforts.

A fairly recent planning application proposal for building new houses behind the church offered to provide an allotment site in the proposed development.

Since then, though, nothing has been heard about either the allotment site or the

proposed houses. Perhaps this is an appropriate juncture to remind the Parish Council that they are obliged by law to provide for residents, allotments where a need for them has been proved - which it was - and to ask what steps they are continuing to take to provide allotments now the need is there.

A quick click on GOOGLE will reveal a mass of relevant legislation and interesting information about the need of Local Councils to provide allotments, but the most relevant Act was **The Allotments Act of 23 May 2012, which updated and amended the Act of 1972** endorsing the requirement of local authorities to provide sites.

This followed the successful suing of Liverpool Council for failing to provide a suitable site - this seems a harsh thing to have to resort to.

A surprising fact was that the requirement of a mere six residents was required.

Our village list was far in excess of that number, so let's hope we get our allotments..

Paul Smith

Dear Editor,

There seem to be many more people living in Sudbrooke these days - have you any idea of the actual population of the village now and

how it relates to past population figures in say in the past 30, 20 years and 10 years? It would be interesting to find out.

Roger Birkett

Reply from the Editor:

Can anybody help Roger out? Does anyone in the village have any population statistics they can throw his way?

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AUTUMN TERM

■ Sudbrooke Pre-school enjoyed a very busy Autumn term. We have welcomed seven new children and their families into the school and all have settled in well.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Sarah Hutson, who joined our team in November.

The Autumn term is always a busy one with Harvest celebrations, Lincolnshire Day, Divali, Children in Need Day, Halloween and Bonfire night all leading up to our Christmas celebrations.

We enjoyed the last of the warmer weather, making the most of our outdoor areas with walks in the field, using the play equipment, gardening or just using the free flow area for outdoor fun.

We have also been very busy in the kitchen during the term, making cupcakes, bread, vegetable soup and cheesy biscuits amongst other things



The children are benefiting from the new internet access available in the village hall, improving their knowledge and ICT skills

through the use of computers, laptops and I pads.

NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS

■ Our Christmas Nativity was a great success. The children performed beautifully in front of an audience of 50+ and looked so lovely in their costumes.



They sang a repertoire of Christmas songs before joining their families for refreshments and a raffle.

We rounded off the term with our Christmas party, enjoying party games, party food and a visit from Father Christmas himself!

SPRING TERM

■ We now look forward to some warmer weather during the Spring term and making more use of our outdoor areas.

This term's theme is 'Animals' and includes a special visit from Zoolab.

Further photographs and information about our pre-school can be found on our website at www.sudbrookepreschool.org.uk.



SAVE MONEY ON YOUR GAS & ELECTRIC BILLS WITH LINCOLNSHIRE ENERGY SWITCH SCHEME

Gas and electricity customers in Lincolnshire could save money on their home energy bills through the new collective Lincolnshire Energy Switch scheme (LESS).

Seven authorities in the county have jointly launched the campaign that invites residents to join forces and potentially save hundreds of pounds on their bills.

Energy suppliers can offer lower energy prices to a collective contract made up of thousands of customers. The more people that sign up, the lower the energy prices that could be offered. People who have never switched energy supplier and are on a standard tariff are likely to make the greatest savings.

The scheme is easy to join by registering your details at:

www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/switch
or alternatively residents can call 01522 782067 (it has been found that it is easier to ring rather than using the web link). In West Lindsey, residents can also visit the council offices to register.

Opening times at the Guildhall, Gainsborough are Monday and Tuesday, 8.30am-5pm, Wednesday 8.30am-3.30pm, Thursday, 8.30am-6pm, Friday,

8.30am-4.30pm. Once the registration deadline has passed on Monday 17 February, the tariff of the lowest bidding energy supplier will be offered to residents. Residents are then able to choose to accept the offer or not.

People on pre-payment meters can also choose to switch.

Once registered, there is no obligation to switch. When the auction has been completed customers will receive an offer letter by email or post if registration was made 'offline'.

Customers then have four weeks to confirm they wish to switch supplier by following the instructions in the offer email or returning a signed form by post.

CLlr Jeff Summers, leader of West Lindsey District Council said: "We are encouraging as many residents to choose to make the change to the Lincolnshire Energy Switch scheme and to work with iChoosr for a community switch here in Lincolnshire.

"We are always keen to look at new ways to help our residents reduce their monthly outgoings and start a process to help those most in need address real fuel poverty. Remember registration closes on February 17 so register to switch as soon as possible."

THE following pages - 23 to 27 - are a series of transcripts between the Parish Council and West Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire Police, regarding the recent road closures on the A158 due to a gas leak at the start of November. The first letter, below, is from the Parish Council to the Police and then there is a response from the WLDC (p24-25) and then from the Chief Constable (p26-27)...

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8th November 2013

Mr A Hardwick, Police Commissioner
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Dear Mr Hardwick

During the last week the A158 has had to be closed on two occasions owing to a gas leak between North Greetwell and Sudbrooke. The resulting traffic chaos has been a frustrating experience for residents and drivers. The road was closed without putting into place any diversion notices which led to 2-way traffic down Church lane Sudbrooke with heavy goods vehicles and buses negotiating a single track road with few passing places.

Traffic was allowed to flow in both directions with the result that motorists were having to pass by mounting the kerb/ roadside verge with resulting damage to the grips. Two Parish Councillors sought the permission of our PCSO to attempt to control the entrance and exit of traffic into Church Lane from Sudbrooke and explain to bewildered drivers the reason for the problem and suggest possible alternative routes to reach Lincoln. Such efforts were not always appreciated. At approximately 3pm they had to withdraw for safety reasons due to the heavy rain and failing daylight.

There are frequent problems that necessitate the closure of the A158 between the A15 roundabout and Cherry Tree Café. This traffic chaos could have been avoided had the police and highways put into practice the agreement reached several years ago for a one way system to operate along Church Lane in this eventuality. Has this procedure been lost and is unknown between the agencies of Police and Highways or is it that you do not have the manpower to operate it? Either way I request that you look at your respective solutions to the requirement for a rapid response to a recurring problem. Inconvenience to residents and drivers has to be expected and accepted in the event of an emergency but it does not have to be a drama as well.

Yours faithfully

Peter Heath,
Chairman Sudbrooke Parish Council
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Ref: AJA/AB/334523/ACS/EC
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~~F.A.O Cllr P Heath – Chairman~~

Dear Cllr Heath

RE: A158 CLOSURE – TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS

I refer to your letter dated 8 November 2013 regarding the emergency closure of the A158 due to a major gas leak and the impact of diverting traffic on Sudbrooke village.

I am aware that you discussed your concerns with my Area Highways Manager, Mr Alan Brown, at a site meeting on 18 November 2013 and he explained the difficulties which arise during unplanned closures on the A158. The key issue is the lack of any suitable diversion routes capable of carrying the HGV traffic normally routing along the A158. The signed diversion route put into place during any closure is from Wragby via Market Rasen. However, during the first response phase by the Police, officers are focussed on the safety of those involved at the incident site, usually as a result of a traffic accident and the Police will put in place a very localised closure, with traffic being left to find its own way around the closure.

The Police call upon the County Council as Highway Authority, to put in place more formalised diversion route signing when they believe the road will be blocked for any significant period of time, but given that the County Council are not a front line emergency service, its contractors quickest response will be 1 hour. When the significant timescale required to sign the long diversion route for the A158 is added to their mobilisation time it can typically take up to 3 hours to close the route to through traffic. However, given the need for extensive local access between Wragby and Lincoln and the complexity of closing side roads with associated local diversion signing, it is simply not possible to prevent significant traffic volumes seeking to use routes such as the one through Sudbrooke. County Council staff therefore focus on diverting as much HGV traffic as possible.

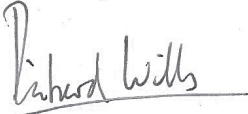
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The A158 is one of the most difficult routes to provide diversions around and this problem is reflected in our policy of only undertaking planned closures during off peak times, i.e. at nights or on Sundays.

I note your comments regarding the establishing of a signed or managed one way system through Sudbrooke during emergency closure. However, we would not want to include the village in any formalised routes. Regrettably the County Council and Police do not have the resources to deal with traffic generated by people who have local knowledge and use non designated routes.

I am sorry that I cannot assure you that similar difficulties will not reoccur in the event of a future emergency closure.

Yours sincerely



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Response prepared by: Insp Outen

CC/VH/Heath

19 December 2013

Mr P Heath
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Dear Mr Heath

Thank you for your correspondence to Mr Hardwick concerning the closure of the A158 near to Sudbrooke, Lincoln at the beginning of November 2013 following a serious gas leak in the main gas supply pipe. I have now been updated by my community policing inspector, Inspector Outen, who attended the location in person on the first occasion and I can now update you accordingly.

As you identify the A158 was closed on a couple of occasions due to a leak in the main gas supply pipe that runs alongside the road. As this is a main supply pipe, the gas supply cannot be closed off, and repairs must take place with gas still flowing albeit at a reduced pressure. Consequently an escape of gas will continue into the atmosphere until the leak is sealed, and with this comes inherent risks, which we seek to mitigate by implementing an appropriate exclusion zone. On this occasion we were fortunate that there was no evacuation of properties required owing to the location of the leak. However, after liaison with the national grid gas experts, a closure of the A158 was required to exclude the general public whilst repairs were undertaken.

Unfortunately due to the location, this was a resource intensive exercise, with resources attending from across the Lincoln and West Lindsey District to assist in the road closures. This process is always dependent upon the availability of those resources, other ongoing incidents and the time taken to get those resources to the location.

From the call for assistance being received to initial resources attending on the first occasion took approximately 25 minutes, with the priority being to close the A158 to through traffic past the site of the leak. Unfortunately resourcing only enabled this closure to be initially staffed, and diverted traffic, took its own path often travelling down Church Lane. After establishing that the repairs would take some time, county highways were asked to attend and assist with signing those closures, whilst additional police resources were directed to attend to assist in additional traffic control.

Regrettably, despite road closure signs, members of the travelling public often choose to ignore the signs and drive round them, continuing their journey along the closed road. On this occasion we even had vehicles driving round the police cars blocking the road whilst our staff were dealing with other members of the public, or preferring to argue as to why the closure should not apply to them.

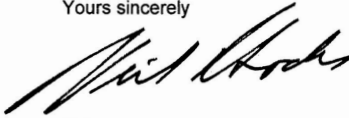


Consequently we were unable to release our staff from the initial main closure to direct traffic away from Church Lane. In this modern day we are also frustrated by the scourge of the Satellite Navigation System, which on being turned off the main A158, immediately redirected individuals onto Church Lane / Sudbrooke Lane, and it was only some time into the incident that we managed to get staff to the Church Lane / Sudbrooke Lane junction in Nettleham, and prevent traffic taking that route.

We also experienced on the initial occasion a delay in the attendance of highways to assist in placing a full closure on the A158, which was not further helped by a lack of signage on their part to fully close the road, before going on to sign the appropriate diversion routes. Unfortunately Lincolnshire as a whole will always suffer with the closure of a major road in an emergency with a lack of suitable diversion routes, with the road network containing many small country lanes. This takes time for highways staff to complete the signage due to the distances and many minor junctions to sign. Whilst historically people would stick to the main routes and obey road closure signs, modern day 'sat navs' will put drivers on unfamiliar and frankly unsuitable roads, often directing them back into the road closure itself. Consequently we have to place more staff on closures than we did historically, and it is not something we can always fully facilitate depending on the exact location of the incident.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank your Parish Councillors who kindly assisted my staff in trying to manage the traffic, and as you allude to not always sympathetic drivers, through this difficult period. I would also like to reassure you that we endeavour to minimise disruption to local communities during closures such as these, but there will always be some degree of inconvenience whilst we muster staff to attend at the locations involved. We often find that our problems occur with the diversionary routes quicker than we can get additional staff to the location, but we do our utmost to do this as swiftly as possible within our available resourcing. We continue to work closely with highways during such closures, but inevitably there will always be a conflict between the time taken to arrive and assist us, and the high volume of traffic on main arterial routes.

Yours sincerely



Neil Rhodes
Chief Constable

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CYBER BULLYING: Part One

■ Cyber bullying occurs when electronic communications such as text messages, emails, instant messages, and social media updates are used to threaten or humiliate someone. Its consequences can be just as serious as the effects of bullying that occurs in person. Learn how to recognize and address cyber bullying before it gets out of hand.

Look for signs of harassment.

Cyber bullying often takes the form of one person harassing another through emails, instant messages, text messages or other modes of electronic communication. Harassment is taking place if the bully is directly contacting someone with one or more of the following types of messaging:

- ◆ Hateful or threatening verbal messages. This includes name-calling, attempts to control someone's behavior by threatening to expose embarrassing information and/or threats of violence.

- ◆ Embarrassing or threatening images.
- ◆ An unending barrage of emails, instant messages, or texts, whether or not they are threatening in nature.

Look for signs of public humiliation.

Another common form of cyber bullying happens when the bully harasses a target by way of public embarrassment, rather than directly contacting him or her. Cyber bullies may use these public tactics:

- ◆ Posting humiliating messages on a social media site, a blog, or another public space.

- ◆ Spreading rumors and gossip using social media, text messages and other tools.
- ◆ Sharing pictures that are embarrassing or explicit in nature, or are altered with the intent to humiliate, on social media websites and through text messaging.
- ◆ Creating a website filled with defamatory images, insults, and rumors about the target.

Look for signs of impersonation.

A less obvious, but equally harmful form of cyberbullying takes place when the bully attacks someone by impersonating him or her as a way to bring about humiliation or punishment. In this case it is more difficult to identify the perpetrator.

In some cases the bully may create a screen name nearly identical to the screen name used by someone, then use that name to create embarrassing or threatening situations for him or her.

The bully may steal the target's password, hack his or her accounts, and send embarrassing messages to others or make expensive purchases.

Attempt to identify the cause. Some bullies start out as a friend, an ex, or someone else you know well. If it seems possible to have a reasonable discussion with the person, consider asking him or her to stop. Have the conversation in person.

Keep in mind there may not always be a reason for cyber bullying, or one that is straightforward. Sometimes people lash out on others because of their own insecurities. In any case, it is not your fault.

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The charity celebrates its 40th anniversary this year and so it seems like a great time to launch our own friends group and help them spread the word!

When Shirley Nolan started the bone marrow register 40 years ago in an effort to save the life of her only son Anthony, she surely did not realise how her efforts would grow and that she would be helping to save thousands of lives.

Sadly, Anthony never found his donor and he died aged seven, but Shirley continued her incredible work in his memory.

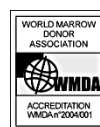
We would love to hear from anyone who may like to join a small committee of volunteers and also from people who may have ideas about fundraising or sponsorship. Perhaps you work for a company who would consider us as their Charity of the Year or would do a one-off event for us like a cake sale, coffee morning or a dress-down day? Maybe you can offer us a raffle or auction prize for one of the events we will be holding in the future? Perhaps you would like to achieve an ambition like doing a bungee jump or running a marathon and just seek a special charity who could benefit from your great effort?

Please consider us - we will support you all the way! We are also available to give talks to groups about the charity and the extent of the work they do, so please get in touch if this interests you.

We hope to hear from you and hopefully to see you at one of the events we will be holding in the near future. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any thoughts and ideas - all will be appreciated.

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BUS TIMETABLES

Bus Services from Sudbrooke

There are several bus services that run from Sudbrooke to surrounding areas. For fares and general enquiries please contact the bus operator providing the service.

Please see the table below for a summary of the bus services that Sudbrooke has to offer. The full timetables for all the services are available by clicking the link below:

http://www.cartogold.co.uk/lincolnshire_travel/lincolnshire_transport_map.htm

Departs From	Destination	Route Number	Frequency of Service	First Bus	Last Bus	Saturday Service	Sunday Service
Sudbrooke Cherry Tree Café	Lincoln City Bus Station(Arrivals)	Stagecoach 6	Hourly from 08.26 Mon-Fri	06.41	20.19	Yes	Yes
Sudbrooke opp Cherry Tree Cafe	Skegness Interchange	Stagecoach 6	Hourly from 09.18. Mon-Fri.	06.13	21.15	Yes	Yes
Sudbrooke Cherry Tree Cafe	Lincoln City Bus Station(Arrivals)	Stagecoach 10	Mon-Fri 6 Journeys. Check timetable for frequency	07.56	19.02	Yes	No
Sudbrooke opp Cherry Tree Cafe	Louth Bus Station	Stagecoach 10	Mon-Fri. 6 Journeys. Check timetable for frequency.	06.29	17:29	Yes	No
Sudbrooke Cherry Tree Cafe	Lincoln City Bus Station (Arrivals)	PC Coaches 23	Mon – Fri. 2 Journeys.	08.01	10.13	No	No
Sudbrooke opp Cherry Tree Cafe	Market Rasen Market Place	PC Coaches 23	Mon-Fri 2 Journeys.	13.25	17.40	No	No
Sudbrooke Beech Close	Lincoln City Bus Station (Arrivals)	PC Coaches 23	Mon-Fri. 2 Journeys.	08.03	10.15	No	No
Sudbrooke Beech Close	Market Rasen Market Place	PC Coaches 23	Mon- Fri. 2 Journeys.	13.22	17.37	No	No

Saturday and Sunday services will differ from the regular service provided on Monday to Friday. Please go to www.cartogold.co.uk/lincolnshire_travel/lincolnshire_transport_map.htm to view the timetable and information.

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PRACTICE CHANGES

■ Karen, one of our Practice Nurses, is leaving us after 15 years' service to be a Practice Nurse at the Lindum surgery. She will be missed by everyone at the Practice, as well as by her patients.

We are pleased to welcome the following staff to the team: Rebecca and Gemma have joined as Practice nurses, Vicky as a Health Care Assistant and April as an administrator.

Please note that the INR day for patients is changing to Tuesday; please ask at reception for more details.

PATIENT RECORD SHARING CHANGES

■ These have now come into action. This means 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 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:

Tuesday 11 February
Tuesday 18 March

Emergency help is still available by calling 111.

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWS & VOLUNTARY DRIVER SCHEME

■ We have been very visible and busy at both Nettleham and Cherry Willingham Surgeries these last few weeks and our input will continue.

If you are at either surgery and see someone from the PPG, do please make contact with us.

If there are any issues you wish to discuss or that we can help you with we will, or will point you to those who perhaps could help you more ably.

Pam Henderson, Chairperson
Tel: 01522 858451

Voters throughout West Lindsey are being asked if they are satisfied with the venue of their current polling station.

A review of polling districts and polling places is currently underway and the district council is particularly interested in offering reasonable facilities for both able bodied and disabled voters.

Leader of the Council, Cllr Jeff Summers, said: "In reality this is not always possible and we have little choice about premises. However, we are conducting a review of all polling places and paying particular attention to availability of parking and disabled parking as well as the approaches to buildings."

Cllr Summers also pointed out that where the choice of fully accessible premises is restricted, as in smaller communities, then any voter can now apply for a postal vote. Currently the

COULD YOU BE VOTING AT A DIFFERENT VENUE?

number of voters who have their ballot papers sent through the postal system on a long-term arrangement is 10,500.

Council ward members have been asked for their views. Polling districts can also be changed by moving some of the streets into another area within the ward. This also applies to some of the larger villages and communities.

Written comments from the public on the Returning Officers proposals are now being invited and must be received before Friday 28 February 2014.

For further information contact:

Shelley Knowles, Communications Officer, on (01427) 676512

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

FREE WIFI AVAILABLE!

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

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

With Headteacher Elaine Stiles

01522 751040 - www.cwcs.info



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD, ELAINE STILES

■ Our mission is to become Outstanding, not just for Ofsted but for ourselves and our Community and it is the relentless focus on standards which sets our strategic direction.

Our motto is 'Be Your Best' and that is what we all strive to do. This applies to everybody on school site, including the headteacher. This means that all our conversations are based on how we can improve to be the best, both individually and as a school.

We set aspirational targets and we always aim for the stars! If we strive to become outstanding, it means that our students will have the best education possible in all measures. We, as educators, are in such a privileged position in that we can influence, support and challenge young people to 'be their best'. To see students' eye sparkle when they achieve, what they thought was the impossible, is the greatest possible reward you could ask for.

Our school has a real sense of community and a commitment to work together to ensure success at all levels, we put learning and individual achievement at the heart of everything we do.

We concentrate on the little things because they matter and we develop the whole person, because whilst academic measures are undoubtedly very important and open up life changing opportunities, it is also about encouraging, supporting and enhancing skills needed to be a successful citizen in the 21st century. We aim to ensure that our students leave our school as

self-reliant, well rounded, lifelong learners. I believe the secret to our success is that we are never complacent; we always look for opportunities to revisit, reshape, embed or develop our working practices in order to continue to improve.

The drive and determination to succeed comes from a passion and a deep-seated belief that we can be outstanding and then we will have fulfilled our motto to 'Be Your Best'. The opportunities we provide for all our students are wide and varied, not only based on curriculum subjects, but with extracurricular activities too.

We have drama and dance productions, international sports visits to Tobago (cricket), Valencia (football), 'Work with Author', poetry days for students and parents, plus International links with other schools. Below are a few examples of what we have been up to last term...

◆ Young student poets to be published

In October, some of our year 8 and 9 students took part in a national poetry competition.

They were asked to write an original poem based on a theme of their choice. After receiving thousands of entries from across the country, 61 of our students have been selected to have their poems published in a publication entitled, 'The Power of Poetry'.

This will be printed and available to buy at the beginning of 2014. A fantastic achievement that will, hopefully, inspire them to write again. Huge congratulations to them all. **Mrs Deighton - Head of English**

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

— With Teaching Assistant Rachel Coxon —

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◆ Fundraising by Year 11 students - Children In Need

It has become an annual tradition of the school that Year 11 students organise a fundraising event in aid of Children in Need. However, due to the recent media images and stories about the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, students wanted to share any monies raised with the Disaster Emergency Committee appeal.

Fundraising activities took place during the morning, with just under £1000 raised for the two charities. All students at school had the opportunity to get involved by participating in apple bobbing competitions, face-painting, sporting challenges, music challenges and buy specially created cakes and other culinary creations.

◆ Runner-up in Lincoln Rotary Young Chef competition

Rotary International in Britain organises an annual cookery competition for young people aged 11 to 17, sponsored by Filippo Berio. A Year 8 student named Gemma represented Cherry in the initial heat for the Lincoln area competition.

The emphasis of the competition is on healthy eating and cooking within a budget, and using locally-sourced food where possible. Entrants are asked to prepare a two-course meal for two people (main course and dessert) costing no more than £10 and are given two hours.

Marks are given for choice of menu, skills used and attention to hygiene, as well as presentation. As a Year 8, she was the

youngest competitor and produced a great menu gaining praise from the judges and gaining the runners-up position for the competition. Well done!

Miss Britt - Food Technology Teacher

◆ Oliver! is coming to the stage

After a busy day of auditions with standards, as always incredibly high, we have an Oliver, a scheming Fagin and an evil Bill Sykes and an excellent supporting cast. Now the hard work begins with many busy weeks of rehearsals. That means singing some fabulous songs, working with a new 'cast family' and most importantly, loads of fun!

Mrs Clark - Drama Teacher and School Production Performance Director

◆ Inspiring mathematicians of the future

Students from our local primary schools attended a mathematics lesson at Cherry.

This is part of a new initiative for the school to share outstanding teaching practice between schools, share ideas and help students gain an appreciation and develop further interest in the subject.

The lesson was the first in a series of eight in which they are completing various mathematics tasks, but culminates in the production of a 3D jigsaw project based around the Bedlam Cube toys. The students all enjoyed their first session and were looking forward to coming back. Updates to follow as the project takes hold...

Mrs Burrows - Assistant Headteacher and Mathematics teacher

NETTLEHAM LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB

With Paul Durrands

07706 661906 - Manager of Nettleham Ladies FC



UPDATE

■ We have had an interesting few weeks before and since Christmas with both good news and bad.

On December 1 2013, we visited Midland Combination "top of the table" Coventry in the first round proper of the Womens' FA Cup and came back with a very narrow 1-0 defeat.

We gave a very creditable performance and I was very pleased with the way the girls performed against such high-quality opposition.

The two Sundays prior to the Christmas break saw us defeat Sandiacre Town away 5-1 and Arnold Town at home 4-0.

Our first game of 2014 on January 5 against AFC Trinity (Northants) was postponed and our last game at home in the league was January 12 when we defeated Sandiacre Town 4-0.

The downside of the last few weeks is the long-term injuries to both my leading goalscorer Sara Priestley and then my

goalkeeper Rosie Davidson, both to bad knee injuries.

The really bad news is that we may not see either of them again this season.

We go into the second half of the season, well placed in third spot in the table, still in the league cup and still in the Lincolnshire County Cup as defending Champions.

TABLE

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL LEAGUE: Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pelican Ladies	11	9	2	0	37	10	29
Steel City Wand	9	9	0	0	36	4	27
Nettleham	11	8	0	3	48	14	24
Peterborough NS ..	11	5	2	4	31	21	17
Ellistown WFC.....	12	5	2	5	21	29	17
Arnold Town	16	5	2	9	15	45	17
Real Utd.....	14	4	3	7	21	32	15
Sandiacre Town....	11	3	2	6	21	25	11
AFC Trinity.....	10	3	2	5	17	26	11
Long Eaton Utd.....	13	3	1	8	18	47	10
Rise Park	10	0	3	7	8	20	3

DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB

With Grahame Dunkin

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A NEW YEAR

■ Our first meeting of the year, our AGM, and then a talk by myself have gone very well.

We had three new members join on the night of the AGM and interest from others so hopefully in 2014 we should reach our required number of 30 at the club.

We have two meetings in February, the first will be on the 6th when we will have a gentleman come in to give us a talk and demonstration on "Panning and capturing moving objects".

Garry will explain the techniques and show the members the correct way to capture great sharp images whilst the subject matter is moving. As usual anyone is welcome so come along and meet us all on the night.

Our second meeting will be on the 20th and will be the first of our five POTY (Photographer of the year) competitions, we always start the year off on the competition front with an "Open" competition meaning anything goes.

Members can enter any picture of their choice so a simple competition for starters.

The competition nights are always a good one for anyone interested in the camera club to attend as you will see the types of pictures the members achieve and some of the members started at the camera club with very little knowledge about photography but have learnt as the years have gone on the ins and outs of photography.

Interested? Then get in touch. Check out our website at www.dunholmecc.co.uk

Dunholme Friendship Club: Our meetings in February will be on Tuesday 4th and 18th. We meet in the Dunholme Village Hall at 2.15pm. Everyone over the age of 55 is eligible to attend. For further information contact: Janice Ritchie 01673 861171 or jmritchie@yahoo.co.uk



MESSAGE FROM PARISH COUNCIL CLERK, CHRISTINE MYERS:

If any resident would like me to include their email addresses on my residents list for alerts please get in touch on myerspc94@gmail.com. I am then able to keep you updated on road closures/ events/what's on/lost and found dogs and cats in the area, police alerts, bin collections as and when I receive them.

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 BRAD BARRACLOUGH

How long have you lived in the village?

I've lived in the village for around 20 years now. I moved to America for four years during this time where I would return to Sudbrooke for Christmas.

How would villagers better know you?

A footballer with Gainsborough Trinity or just Brad.

Why did you move to Sudbrooke?

My mum and dad chose Sudbrooke! So I came along for the ride at the age of four.

Being a footballer, what is your main ambition in the sport?

My main ambition right now is to play in the football league. I've had a taste of it playing against league clubs in pre-season and it spurs you on to play at that level.

What has been your best/worst moment in football?

My worst moment in football had to be while I was playing in the States. I missed a glorious chance in the last moments of a game to send us through to the national final. We were subsequently knocked out and I wanted the pitch to swallow me up.



My best moment in football was without a doubt playing away at Kenilworth Road (Luton Town FC) in front of a gate touching 7,000. The atmosphere was crazy and it was a great welcome to professional football.

Which would you rather happen - Gainsborough Trinity to win Skril North or England to win the World Cup? ?

Aha, good question. I think there's more chance of Gainsborough winning the Skril North, but it would definitely be special to see us win a World Cup in my lifetime.

What one thing would you change about Sudbrooke?

It would be nice to have a local! Celebrating after games in our village pub with some familiar faces sounds ideal. The Holmstead?

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