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How one Sudbrooke business is enjoying an upturn in fortune after lockdown

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EDITOR'S RAMBLING

SEPTEMBER 2020

ANOTHER month passes by and we creep ever nearer to those dreary days of autumn. although it feels as though we're already there, judging by the wet weather, windy days and sudden drops in temperature. Better get bedded down for the next few months.

This month's edition sees us say pay tribute to Olwen Edwards' 20 years' sterling service at Sudbrooke Preschool as she steps down from her role, while we get the lowdown on what's happening with the local scout group and the campsite in the woods. It has felt very sad, cycling and walking past the campsite on a lovely summer's evening and seeing it completely deserted without a scout, cub or beaver in site.

There is also an interview with local resident Keith Loven regarding his patents and trademarks business, while there's also the usual gardening and walking club news, the monthly guiz. a few readers' letters and other bits and pieces. Pitter Patter. **Dom**

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

The Parish Council meeting scheduled for Thursday 3 September 2020 has been cancelled. It is hoped to hold the next meeting on October 1, 2020.

OLWEN CALLS TIME AFTER 20

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A familiar, reassuring presence for many village children over the years has decided it is time to concentrate on the next part of her life, with Olwen Edwards deciding to retire from her role as deputy manager of Sudbrooke Preschool.

Olwen has seen many children come and go through the Preschool doors over the years, with many of those children now fully-grown adults and with kids of their own. But after 20 years, she has chosen to bow out gracefully and we caught up

with her and got the lowdown on why she's calling it a day, how she got into it in the first place and what she's going to do next...



OE: My colleagues will tell you I have been threatening this for many years!

Now just felt the right time, with the pandemic causing all kinds of problems and as I have a big birthday coming up later in the year, now felt right. Although it is my decision to leave, I will of course, miss working there. Over the years I have worked with some lovely staff and it would be difficult not to miss the children.

I think the only thing that I won't
miss is the setting up and putting
away! I hope I will now find the time
to do all the things I've had in mind for ages. My
house and garden can now finally have my proper
attention and I still have my Airbnb let to keep me
occupied (small plug for a local business!).

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If nothing else, lockdown taught me that I could never be bored! I have many hobbies that I will now be able to devote more time to. I would love to say that I am now going to travel the world, but those plans will have to stay on hold!



SN: What made you first want to work for the preschool? Had you done that type of work before? And did you think you would be there 20 years?

OE: I never envisaged myself working in a preschool, let alone for so long! After finishing at school, I trained as a nurse and completed further

qualifications in orthopaedics and occupational health. This led to many years working in hospitals, factories and even an oil refinery. My husband and I then emigrated to Canada, where we spent seven years, returning to the UK in 1998, with two children in tow. My son started school at Ellison Boulters and my daughter joined Sudbrooke Preschool. It was during this time that I was asked if I could do some relief cover and a couple of years later, I signed my first permanent contract with the

preschool. I never intended to stay so long and completed a return to practice course at Lincoln County Hospital, but at the end of the day, preschool could offer the perfect hours for someone with young children. And then I stayed!

SN: What will you miss most about preschool?

OE: I think that what I will miss most will be the connection to other people - the staff and the families and children that use the preschool. Most

YEARS AT VILLAGE PRESCHOOL

of my time at preschool I have worked with Vicki, the manager, completing our degrees together. I have worked with Rachael for more than 15 years and Laura

more than five, so we have all got to know each other well.

Preschool have a great team and I will certainly miss them. Another aspect I will miss is the opportunity to create things! Over

the years, I have spent many hours collating resources to make story sacks, used during story time to help tell a story. Its true to say the preschool now own a fully crocheted picnic, used to tell the story 'It's the Bear'!

SN: What effects did closing the preschool have on everyone?

OE: Closing the preschool during the pandemic was the strangest time of all. We have closed preschool in past years due to snow or break-ins, but only for a day or two. Never have we had to close for weeks. We were so pleased to be able to reopen on June 22, although under difficult conditions. We had to change our routines and carefully select equipment and plan activities that required minimal contact and maximum ability to clean. Only 10 children returned, so some staff have had to remain on furlough, whilst myself and

"Closing during the pandemic was the strangest time of all"

two others ran reduced sessions for the final five weeks of term. And although it was strange, it was also very rewarding.

The children adapted to the new routines brilliantly and were a pleasure to be in the company of. Which brings me to your next question - my best memories - probably those five weeks, despite all the cleaning we had to do!



SN: Are
there any
children you
especially
remember?
Any amusing
stories?
OE: There
are, of
course,
certain
children I will
always
remember. Its
difficult to say

too much without disclosing information, but all the staff will tell you there are certain children who have the ability to work their way into your heart and for many different reasons. And there are always amusing stories, from children arriving dressed in a tutu and a riding hat, to misused words and

confusing wellies for something else!

SN: How pleasing is it to see those children who were under your supervision during preschool go on and thrive? Does it make you feel old when you see former pupils who are now fully-grown adults?

OE: It's lovely to hear how the children progress and succeed in life and feel you played just a small part in that process. And it probably would make me feel old seeing former pupils as adults, but in all honesty, I wouldn't recognise most of them!

NO SCOUTS, CUBS OR BEAVERS

One group that seems to have been forgotten about during the coronavirus pandemic is the Scouting Association, with huts, village halls and campsites remaining silent for the past few months as meetings and gatherings have been brought to a shuddering halt.

Group leader of our local pack, the 25th Lincoln (Scothern), Nick Cornwell-Smith, gives us an overview of what has been happening – and what hasn't been happening – plus some positive updates...

What an interesting few months it has been! Also, extremely frustrating!

Scouting (that is Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) has been brought to a virtual halt within the 25th Lincoln (Scothern) Scout Group as with the majority of the rest of Scouting in the UK. The decision to halt face to face meetings was taken early partly as the Scothern Village Hall closed, and the Scouting Association stopped all such meetings. A real shame with all this glorious weather about. (at the time I'm writing this).

We have been able to carry out a few Zoom virtual Beaver meetings and have been getting the young people to continue to do badge work at home and submit their evidence to the leaders. However, we realise that with home schooling and all the other pressures on family life brought about by Covid-19, Scouting has not always been top of the priority list.

National Scouting Association guidance dictates when we can start to move back to a more normal face-to-face scouting programme. Initially it would have to be outside meetings only, with limited numbers and full Covid-safe control



"We realise that Scouting has not always been top of the priority list"

measures. This would be our AMBER stage. YELLOW would allow limited indoor meetings, but that would require the number of Covid cases to be low and decreasing, and a full Track and Trace system in place. No residential activities could take place until

we are in GREEN - No new cases or a vaccine is readily available. This looks as though it will be a while away yet.

In the meantime, we are keeping in touch with our members, and are looking at running more virtual meetings in the next term. Even these take a while to prepare, organise and require input from parents to ensure the safeguarding of the young people.



AND IT'S BEEN ALL SO QUIET...

Not only has Covid-19 impacted upon our meetings, the Sudbrooke Scout Campsite has been closed to activities since the start of the pandemic. It has nver been so quiet during the spring and summer weekends.

But maintenance and development work has been carried on (Covid-safe of course), with volunteers helping to clear up leaves, remove fallen trees, install drainage, painting a fabulous mural on the Service Store, repair fences, re-paint the main hall and erect a giant goal. Those of you who have walked past the

campsite in recent months may have seen this new green metal structure at the far end near to the climbing wall.

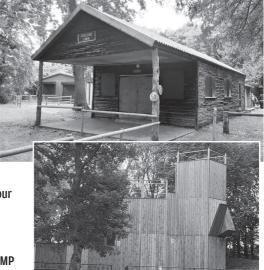
This is to be our new activity - Crate
Stacking. This activity is where participants work as a team stack and climb on top of milk

crates to balance and get further from the ground, safely held by climbing harness and rope. Have a look on YouTube. This is just one of a number new activities which the campsite will be offering once it can be up and running again for visits. As well as the existing climbing and bouldering walls, there is now an indoor cave, archery facilities, a lake for water activities (a bit lacking in water at the moment!) and orienteering. On

It must be emphasised that the campsite is private land, and no-one should be entering it without permission. It has come to our notice that in recent weeks some youths have been gathering on the site, making fires and drinking. Not only is this probably against Covid-19 guidance, in this dry weather there is also a fire risk. PLEASE RESPECT THE SCOUT CAMP SITE AND DO NOT ENTER.



"The campsite has never been so quiet during the spring and summer weekends"



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ VILLAGE BEST KEPT FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION: THE RESULTS

A sincere thank you has been given to our three pairs of club members and our final judge who carried out the adjudicating for this year's village competition.

In addition to the six gardens going forward into the final judging, three gardens were highly commended by our area judging teams - these were 15 Park Close, 9 Windsor Close and 14 West Drive.

The six gardens chosen to go forward into the final round were:

- "Cherry Dene", 4 Wragby Road
- 50 St Edward's Drive
- 42 Windsor Close
- 1 Pelham Close
- 10 Northfield Avenue
- 17 Northfield Avenue

The final round of judging was undertaken and our judge found the task very stressful, interesting and also rather challenging - and favourably commented on the huge amount of effort, time and love which had obviously gone into all six gardens.

First place was awarded to Terry Clayson at 17 Northfield Avenue. The maintenance of this front garden is of an exceedingly high standard. The use of modern materials combined with traditional gardening styles reflects the amount of time, thought, love and attention to detail which has obviously gone into its creation. A very worthy winner - many congratulations from us all Terry.

Second place was awarded to Mavis Harrison of 42 Windsor Close. This is a well-designed and colourful wildlife friendly garden, which was originally dug over by hand by Mavis some years ago. A lot of thought obviously went into the original colour blocking and as the garden has matured it now reflects the huge amount of effort, pride, enjoyment and happiness which

Mavis derives from tending it. The butterflies and bees were certainly very busy when the judging rounds took place – a much appreciated runner-up, so many congratulations from us all Mavis.

For pictures of the two winning gardens, pleased turn to page 28.

■ VISIT TO BAUMBER WALLED GARDEN

In early August, 15 members ventured out locally and had a socially distanced get together at Baumber Walled Garden.

The weather was rather on the warm side, but we all managed to sit in the garden taking advantage of the open-sided under cover outdoor seating areas.

In between chatting and catching up with everyone's news, we partook of some delicious food, refreshing drinks and cooling ice creams from the tea room. Members enjoyed wandering around the double walled garden and familiarising themselves with the work and changes undertaken during closure.

The plant sales area was particularly well supported, as well as the garden accessory sales. Well worth a visit and no need to travel far - check their website www.walledgardenbaumber.co.uk for opening times.



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■ TALLEST SUNFLOWER CHALLENGE:

At the time of writing this article, we are still busy photographing and measuring the sunflowers grown by members and villagers. The results will be announced in next month's magazine.

■ AUGUST'S ONLINE FLOWER OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

There were 15 entries for our judges to peruse this month and 'hot' summer colours were very much to the fore. Once again the floral standard was very high, and our judges willingly took up the enjoyable challenge of selecting the winners.

In joint-third place was Dave's voluptuous purple Buddleia stem on which a Red Admiral butterfly was helping itself to nectar - the other was John's peachy/orange sculptural 'Jowey India' pompom Dahlia.

The 'hot' theme continued with Paul E's stunning collection of Rose flowers called 'For You My Love' being placed second to Iris's flamboyant 'Tropicanna' Canna Lily, the leaf being variously striped in green, purple, orange and pink, topped with fancy orange blooms.

■ GARDENING TASKS FOR SEPTEMBER

Now is the time to reap the rewards of your labour by continuing to harvest your vegetable and/or fruit patch - those autumn raspberries will be delicious!

Time to start dividing herbaceous perennials as well as collecting and sowing seeds from hardy annuals.

Bulb catalogues are being popped through our letterboxes, so now is the time to sit down and decide which to buy and set to enhance your spring display. Other suggested tasks for the month can be found on the RHS website at rhs.org.uk/September.

REMEMBER

Finally, just a reminder that the Village Autumn Show in September and the Speaker Evening in October have been cancelled.





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PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER

■ GETTING BACK TO 'NORMAL'

As I write this, more of the lockdown measures are being relaxed, so there is a hint of light at the end of the tunnel, but we must not think that the virus has gone away. So please for everyone's safety keep following the guidelines. We only have to look at other countries where lockdown measures are being re-introduced or where certain cities or areas in the UK are subject to stricter measures to see that Covid-19 is still very much a threat to our way of life,

At West Lindsey, we have now returned to the full cycle of committees, albeit using Microsoft Teams. With the use of modern IT I can see a lot of advantages by having 'Virtual' meetings. Saving time, money and cutting down on car usage for example. It would also enable members of the public to watch the meetings when they are webcast through the links on the WLDC web site. We have a legal obligation for the public to have access to our meetings.

Due to a technical fault with the firewall at the Guildhall the planning meeting on August 19 had to be adjourned and will now be held on August 26. We are still looking to see if we can retain certain virtual meetings when the situation returns to normal.

Meetings took place at the end of August to discuss working arrangements during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was agreed we should continue to work from home where we can as it is still the safest way to deal with the pandemic. We have made the decision to continue with this arrangement until January when we will again review the situation.

We understand that some people may be struggling with their working from home arrangements for a number of reasons and we will be working with all managers to consider how and if we can allow some more staff into the building. However, to allow for social distancing this will be a significantly reduced number.

The management team at WLDC continue to have a daily presence in the building using a rota system. The return to the Council Chamber for members is also under consideration and staff are

working hard at looking at the options and identify risks and mitigating actions.

The current situation has resulted in various changes at the Guildhall:

- a) Currently 75% of all staff are working from home
- b) 37 staff have been redeployed to Covid19 related activities -20% of non operational staff
- c) Over 70 community groups have registered to provide support.
- d) Refuse collection is up by 25% in tonnage since the start of lockdown, but unfortunately we have seen an increase in fly tipping.
- e) Paid over £45k to 20 Community groups and generated £24k in matched funding.
- f) 1,578 Business grants totalling £17.250m have been paid out across the district.

Many questions are being asked about the Financial Impact of the current situation on WLDC.

The council has received over £1m of additional funding to offset the losses expected this year. We are seeking more as things that were uncertain a couple of months ago become clearer.

We are estimating a loss of approximately 30% of income as at July 2020. Fortunately our investment portfolio is holding up relatively well. The commercial portfolio was forecast in the budget at 6.5% yield, this has now been adjusted due to Covid with a running yield of 5.9%. This enabled WLDC to transfer a substantial amount into a volatility fund to support additional Covid related activities delaying having to eat into "Actual" reserves. That said no doubt some hard and difficult financial decisions will have to be made in the future.

Test and Trace in Licensed Premises: WLDC continue to carry out some survey work across a selection of licensed premises within the District to see if they are meeting the Government requirements for test and trace. We would like to hear from any of you that have visited or are planning to visit any pubs within the District to find out what your experience in relation to the test and trace was. You can do this by emailing licensing@west-lindsey.gov.uk.

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER

In order to ensure the safe reopening of our town centres WLDC have been working collectively across the county to create a series of videos that remind residents about ensuring public safety.

There are already a number of videos that can be viewed on our YouTube channel here -

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLr7-pv5fDGeJ6qI7H1Ppn5r5SJLi6uFyN.

We are still working on a number of videos that will be ready in due course.

The videos are being released on social media gradually, this started during the third week of August. If you are on Facebook or Twitter please do share them with your followers.



You may have read that there are to be more changes to the planning system in order to 'kick start' the market.

At the time of writing, the full changes and implications have not been released. However, under temporary changes to the planning system, certain planning permissions and listed buildings that have, or will expire, since the commencement of lockdown (March 23, 2020) have been automatically extended. Some however, will need a separate application for Additional Environmental



Approval first. For more information please visit our Covid-19 Extension of certain Planning Permission page.

A new fast-track system has been introduced, which will allow an applicant to apply to extend construction working hours on a development

site (up until April 1, 2021), where this is currently subject to a planning condition. For more information please visit our website.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there may be delays in the time taken for determining planning applications. Where possible, it is asked that applicants submit new applications electronically (i.e. via the Planning Portal, or email planning. applications@west-lindsey.gov.uk). It would be helpful if you are able to provide photographs of the site and area for development, in order to reduce the need for planning officers to visit the site in person. Following the office closure, applications submitted via the post will only be picked up intermittently, and delays will be inevitable as a result.

It is good to see the town centres in Gainsborough, Market Rasen and Caistor coming to life again. Locally I think I speak for many in saying what a splendid job residents and volunteer support groups have done in our villages.

Stay safe and regards to all.

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THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL

Welcome to the September edition of the Sudbrooke News Quiz.
This month, because opportunities for world travel are severely limited by quarantine regulations, we thought you may like to go on a virtual quiz journey 'around the world'.

We hope you enjoy your tour.

- 1) Minsk is the capital of which country?
- 2) Mole is a rich sauce common in cuisine from which country?
 - 3) In which country would you find the Angkor Wat, the largest religious monument in the world?
 - 4) Boise is the capital of which US State?
 - 5) Lot is the national airline of which country?
 - 6) Austria has borders with how many other countries?
 - 7) Where in Asia are the Chocolate Hills?
- 8) The Caribbean island of Aruba is a territory of which country?
 - 9) In which country is the Goreme National Park?
 - 10) In which city would you find the 'Spanish Steps'?
 - 11) The Whitsunday Islands are located off the coast of which country?
 - 12) How many provinces does Canada have?
 - 13) What is the monetary unit of Thailand?
 - 14) On which island is Snaefell?15) Which is the largest bay in the world?
 - 16) What mountain range is traversed by the highest railway in the world?
 - 17) Gibraltar covers an area of how many square miles?
 - 18) Haiti shares an island with which other country?
 - 19) Which three countries have an Atlantic and Mediterranean coastline?
 - 20) Elizabeth Tower, in London, is more commonly known as what?





SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY - 01522 754686

AUGUST WALK

Nine walkers met up for the resumption of our monthly walks.

The weather was good for walking with sunny intervals and a light breeze.

Social distancing was easy to achieve and didn't really obstruct conversations within the group.

Gill and Paul Rignall led the walk, which took us across the fields to Reepham.

From Reepham we made our way across fields to the eastern edge of Sudbrooke Park and walked up the bridleway through Wilkinson's farm towards Scothern.

Turning south we then walked through Sudbrooke woods before returning to the village hall via West Drive.

The walk of about six and a half miles was an ideal reintroduction to organised walking and so good to meet up with friends.

■ SEPTEMBER WALK

Next walk is Sunday 6 September.
Readers will be aware of the difficulty charities are having in raising funds for their work. One of our group members has organised a six-mile fun quiz walk on behalf of the Parkinson's charity on Sunday 6th, so we have decided to swap our usual Saturday slot to be able to support the fun quiz walk.

Anyone wishing to support the event should meet at the Skellingthorpe Community Centre car park from 10.30am for an 11am start.

Clues and a map cost £1.00 per group and donations will be gladly received.

Social distancing will apply and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

There are picnic places along the route.

General advice to walkers is to wear a
waterproof coat and suitable footwear and as a
minimum take a drink and a snack.



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LOCAL ATTRACTION FEATURE

LOOKING FOR THE BEAR NECESSITIES AT WOLDS WILDLIFE PARK

IN A NEW FEATURE, WE'LL BE LOOKING AT PLACES OF INTEREST AND ATTRACTIONS IN THE LOCAL AREA, SOME WELL KNOWN AND OTHERS NOT SO WELL KNOWN...

ON a balmy, hot summer's day, the lions could barely be bothered to move a muscle as they lay slumped in their enclosure, occasionally lifting their head to see what all the fuss was about.

The Eurasian Lynx retreated to the cool shade of his pen as the sun shone brightly in the sky, while it even seemed too hot for the desert-loving camels, who were content to sit and chew relentlessly on some tasty offerings under the roof of their pergola.

But pride of place went to the pair of brown bears, with rather a decent crowd built up as they foraged among the grass and rocks in their sizeable enclosure for their food, which had been widely distributed by their keepers.

To see one of them standing on his hind legs, reaching up to a large blue barrel and spinning it round with his huge claws so fruit and vegetables would tumble out, was a sight to behold. It had the ensemble beyond the fence captivated.

We were spending the morning at Wolds Wildlife Park, on our very first visit to the small zoo located on the edge of Horncastle (West Ashby), of all places.

Yes, that market town situated less than 20 miles down the A158 and more synonymous for its grammar school, antique shops and Morton's publishers, is now home to a menagerie consisting of a plethora of wild beasts and birds, plus a few domesticated animals.

At first glance, it looks like a miniature version of Yorkshire Wildlife Park, with shining-looking enclosures interwoven by clear and clean pathways, that take you right





past the pens and giving you close-up views of animals you would never normally expect to see

around these parts.
Owned by Andrew
Riddel and Tracy Walters, the zoo only
opened in July 2018,

while it formally received its licence in December 2019. Formerly, it was a private collection of animals that were rehomed from other collections, starting with a young zebra called Marty, who had been gifted to them in 2013.

As their gathering grew, with the couple taking great care of each and every animal, so they came to realise that they should be shown

off to the general public, and hence the Wildlife Park idea was created. And for £22 for a family of four, it offers great value and is much cheaper than other such attractions in the area.

Okay, you won't spend all day there and it takes less than a hour to complete a tour of the whole zoo, but there's nothing to stop you going round a few times and spending a few minutes watching the various creatures go about their daily routines.

We spent several minutes watching the brown capuchins, foraging for titbits in the undergrowth, with their Stan Laurel-type hairdos

giving them a comical look, although they possessed the sort of eyes that looked as though they were ready to burst into tears at any minute, just like Stanley himself.

There were also some lovely
– and very rare – albino red-necked
wallabies sharing an enclosure with
hare-like Patagonian maras, while
the capybaras and Lowland tapirs

gave the place a South American flavour. The pig-tailed macaques had the most ugliest-looking backsides you could envisage and seemed oblivious to everything going on outside their pen, while the ring-tailed lemurs were happily enjoying their bit of freedom until the walk-through opens in a few months' time.

Zebras also grazed alongside the





camels, while of the feathered variety there were a pair of Kookaburras, and an emu patrolling the perimeter of its pen like a border guard watching for any possible intruders, and there were a couple of fields full of donkeys, pygymy goats, llamas and alpacas enjoying the full heat of the midday sun.

There's a small gift shop on site, as well as refreshments and while the zoo is a great little attraction it also kind of feels it is a work in progress.

The little payment hut on the way in gives the place a homely feel, although give it a couple of years and I'm sure a modern purposebuilt building will be in situ, along with further expansions to the park.

But as first visits go, this was a great experience and all for a very decent price.



ZOOFACTS

Open daily until September 6 (arrival time slots (10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm).

Adults £8, Children £5 (3-15 years), 2 Adults & 2 Children: £22, Free entry for under 3 years old. www.woldswildlife.co.uk

SUDBROOKE PATENT BUSINESS

Tucked quietly away in the heart of Sudbrooke there's a company who deal in patents and trademarks, helping inventors, companies and organisations protect their ideas and designs.

Loven Patents & Trademarks was set up in 1988 by chartered patent attorney Keith Loven, a resident of our fair village. His firm deal with all manner of new designs and inventions across all manner of areas and in their own words: "Protecting your brand and your ideas are vitally important to the success of your business. Our expertise and years of knowledge in patents, trademarks and registered designs allows us to lock your success in place and help you grow your business.

"We are a professional firm of Chartered Patent Attorneys and Chartered Trademark Attorneys who can offer your business legal expertise coupled with practical business and technological experience to advise you on this complex, but critical area of law."

So how did the lockdown affect his company in the early stages? Despite a temporary blip during the early weeks of lockdown, it has not only been business as normal, but business has in fact been booming for quite some time now.

"In terms of operation, it hasn't really affected us much at all," explained Keith.

"My team were already working remotely, mostly from home, and they are spread out quite widely - I have one lady in Woodhall Spa, one over the other side of Lincoln and my patent assistant works down in south Nottinghamshire.

"All faced a pretty long journey to work and we all agreed they wouldn't need to come in every day, which graduated to coming in once a week at most. So when lockdown occurred, we said 'just

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don't come in' and that has been the case ever since. There is no really need for them to come in so, so we have been playing safe. We are self-isolating anyway and so really, from that aspect, it has not had much impact.

"When lockdown started, worked dropped off a little bit and then after about a month, people thought 'this is all very well, but we need to get on with work' and the work started to build up and at the moment we are quite busy.

"It is not normally this busy and I thought, 'it's August and I may take a few days off'... but I regretted that as I had a lot on. I think there's a fair amount of people thinking that what they did before doesn't work any more, they need to think of new ways of doing things and that could mean new products, which is where patents come in.

"It can mean new ways of doing business, involving ways of protecting their branding, etc... and we have

found that we have had a lot of enquiries from people developing new products."

While client confidentiality is of paramount importance to Keith and his team, he was able to reveal some ideas that they have dealt with over the summer, one which has particular significance to the current ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"There have been inventions in the area of hygiene, devices that ensure people clean their hands properly - when people wash their hands they think they have done a good job; we have one client who has come up with a method of making

THRIVING DURING PANDEMIC



sure they have done a good job," he explained. "It is quite clever really. In certain applications, it won't let someone into a premises, like a hospital ward or a factory, unless they have passed the test for cleanliness.

"The apparatus they have invented checks whether they have really washed every bit of their hands or whether they have missed bits.

"The idea arose from the horticultural business and the need to avoid contamination. If you have an enormous greenhouse full of expensive plants, you don't want those viruses getting in that can completely ruin your stock.

"When I visited this factory before lockdown, they came out and sprayed my car wheels and I then had to wash my hands thoroughly even before I got into the place and I was only going into the office.

"We've also had things to do with harvesting soft fruit as there is the problem of getting people to do it.

"You need to think about machines doing it if people won't do it - they have to be good enough not to squash the fruit, pick the ones that are ripe and leave the ones that are not and so on.

"There's also been technology that deal with wind turbines, people are thinking of new stuff all the time. Sometimes you get people who think they have solved the world's energy crisis, like a perpetual motion machine that does it all for nothing and you think 'hang on a minute'. They

"There has been a new design of curtain rail from China"

don't like it when you try and teach them physics. You have to let them down gently and say things like 'it's a jolly good idea, but can you come back when you have a working prototype, it will make my job easier'. Some people think their ideas are brilliant and don't like to be told otherwise.

"A lot of inventions are not in the consumer area, it's mainly things like agricultural machinery, which is not terribly exciting to the general public, but is often worth a lot of money and worth protecting. Many of the products, the public don't even know about, but are very important. We have had one patent application for casting steel, which is a good example."

It's not just UK products that Keith and his team deal with, there are plenty of international firms across the world who use their services.

"A fair amount of our business comes from overseas - we get work from patent attorneys in USA, Taiwan and China, who want to get protection from their clients in the UK and Europe," Keith added. "We handle those applications as well, so you never know what you might get. There has been a new design of curtain rail from China, to specialist camouflage fabric, there have been all sorts. They keep you on your toes."

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IN THE STILL OF THE DAY

During August, I had the chance to get away for a week to my 'go to' place when I need space to think and pray and to be honest, to begin to process the last few months. I am not guite sure what to make of it all, if I am honest, but aside from the need to support people, do errands, try to get alongside and support the bereaved and make constant decisions about how church worship works and where it works best, I have felt the importance of prayer and taking some time to be still.

The place I staved in is in a sort of 'bowl shape' surrounded by fields and sheep and no mobile phone signal! Hurray! Hence it is very quiet apart from a few tractors and the 'baa-ing of sheep.

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I have been coming here for years, but this year I discovered something new... It was that really hot week when we all thought we were melting, so I kept open my second floor window. The nearest road is about 250m away and at about

8am each morning, I would hear the clip-clopping of horses hooves on the single track road and their two riders chatting away and I could hear everything they were talking about... And it struck me how sound travels in silence!

A few days before, I had been speaking in church about a passage in the Old Testament. It was of Elijah, the Old Testament Prophet. Elijah was in a difficult position - he was under siege and being chased by the armies of Jezebel who were out to kill him. He was at his wit's end - he spent the night in a cave and heard the word of the Lord asking him 'What are you doing here Eliiah?'. He answered with almost a plaintive

response of - I have done everything asked of me by God, and now my enemies are seeking to kill me. The voice said to him - 'Go and stand on the mountain, because God is about to pass by' - he did just that - wind came, fire came, earthquake came and he heard nothing... until the stillness came... And in the stillness he heard God speak, and it is true isn't it! We dash about being distracted, looking everywhere for a solution to our next problem and God just waits for us to be still so we can actually hear of the path onto which He wants to call us.

I don't know about you, but I need constant reminders to be still, and yet I know that it is good for my spiritual, mental and even physical health. Over the course over the last few months, the thing that has kept me going is prayer. At 7.30am most mornings, one of us has

led morning prayer online, and at 7pm most evenings, one of us has led Compline. Its an opportunity to stop - it has 'framed my day' over this last few months. As we seek to open our

for a while and focus churches, we will

maintain that presence on Facebook and via Youtube.

To get onto facebook you do not have to subscribe - type in www.facebook.com/ SLBChurches into your internet browser and you should get to us. On Youtube search for SLB Churches.

Starting in September we are going to do a Prayer Course online - if you need a bit of a refresher or just want to explore. If you want to join in, contact me at slboffice@virginmedia.com I will then let you know the dates. It is likely that we will use Zoom.

Go well everyone and every blessing to you.

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CHURCH SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A BASIC LIST OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER.
IT IS LIKELY THAT MORE WILL BE ADDED. FOR SERVICES THAT ARE IN CHURCH YOU MUST
LET US KNOW BEFOREHAND THAT YOU ARE COMING - PLEASE EITHER
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PARISH CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2020

Wednesday 2 Cherry Willingham 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday 6 Stainton by Langworth* 10am Holy Communion (Trinity 13)

Sunday 13 Fiskerton* 10am Holy Communion

(Trinity 13)

Wednesday 16 Cherry Willingham 9.30am Holy Communion Sunday 20 Sudbrooke* 10am Holy Communion

(Trinity 15)

Sunday 27 Reepham* 10am Holy Communion (Trinity 16)

*A recorded version of all the Sunday Services above will be available at www.facebook. com/SLBChurches and on Youtube- search SLB Churches

ONLINE SERVICES

Tuesday 1	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Facebook/YouTube
Tuesday 1	7pm	Compline	Facebook

Morning Prayer and Compline Repeat EVERY DAY at 7.30am and 7.00pm Respectively

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Thursday 3	2pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 9	2.30pm	Holy Communion	Facebook
Thursday 10	2.30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Thursday 17	2.30pm	Tea Service	Zoom
Wednesday 23	9.30am	Holy Communion	Facebook
Wednesday 30	9.30am	Holy Communion	Facebook

READERS' LETTERS

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ THE PROBLEM WITH CARS

Dear Editor

Why are there so many houses in Sudbrooke that have too many cars? And why do some households need so many, especially in these fraught times?

I often see on my walks around the village, houses with that many cars that they have to park them on the

roadside or paths outside their homes, which then become a nuisance for neighbours and indeed path walkers, when sometimes you have to skirt round the vehicles parked across paths.

I think households should have to pay some sort of fee if they have too many cars they can cater for.

John Williams

PLEASANT VALLEY SUNDAY

Dear Editor

Sudbrooke, a pleasant peaceful quiet village particularly on a sunny day when you can take advantage of the summer days sitting in your garden having a cup of tea or even something a bit stronger! OR CAN YOU?

Not withstanding the usual cacophony of lawnmowers, hedge cutters, strimmers and even pressure washers we now have the added audible insult of someone near the north east of the village, as soon as there is a bit of fine weather, blasting away with a shotgun for two to three hours at a time, presumably at bits of clay... as no self respecting bird would be anywhere near that racket.

Perhaps he or she might bear a thought for the irritation caused to the rest of the community, particularly for the number of residents in the village working nights for the NHS and the Care industry?

Allan McCrone

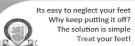
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THE EVER ROLLING STONES

Dear Editor

Can I please send out a request to those homeowners with gravel drives, particularly the ones who let their stones wander on to the path and road, to brush them back on to said drives rather than leaving them scattered around, not only leaving the place untidy, but also causing a potential hazard to car drivers - it doesn't take much for a stone to flick up and crack the windscreen of modern cars nowadays (believe me, it has happened to me a few times, mainly out on the open road though).

There are a few homes in the village that have gravel drives and in the main, they mostly look fine, but there are a few (no names mentioned) who don't seem to mind their stones creeping out beyond the fringes of their land and generally making the place look untidy.

That's all. thanks.

Tony Smithson



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POETRY BOX

THE SUMMER'S END

The familiar rhythm of the cricket's chirps Create the soundtrack for each day, Echoing Summer's end And that Autumn's on her way.

The stifling heat of the summer sun Is now tempered by the clouds. Those fluffy, cotton August clouds, That soft breezes push about.

Shadows falling everywhere
As the sun plays peek-a-boo.
Losing her strength with each new day,
A sure sign that Summer is through.

As the lazy, care-free summer days, Reluctantly draw to an end. Excitement grows for what's ahead, As school days and the Fall begin.

And no matter how the years may pass, And how old I come to be, I'll always love this time of year, As it holds such fond memories

Of sitting with my childhood friends, Recalling all our fun While running, swimming and riding bikes Beneath the summer sun.

And sharing all our hopes and dreams
As the future stirs us on.
Knowing as we sit on that late, August eve,
Summer's ending, but her memory lives on.

But there's also a haunting sadness sometimes
That I feel when those dark shadows fall.
And that my greatest adventures in life
Are just memories, now aroused by those sweet cricket calls.

Pat A Fleming

LOCK

Sudbrooke resident Alan Giles has decided to carry on with his column as he's got more things to talk about, so he could be around for a few more editions yet. Is that a bad thing or a good thing? Time will tell.

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think this pandemic has pushed people over the edge these past few months, especially those of a loony left persuasion. From wanting the word 'blacklist' to be banned because of supposed racist connotations to people wearing facemarks in their own cars. What is going on in the world?

The year 2020 has royally hacked off a large majority of people because of this damned coronavirus having such an impact on our lives,

but hearing this new 'woke' generation spouting rubbish from every orifice is something else.

Whether it be trying to teach children – wrong-ly – about gender neutrality or banning Rule Britannia from the Last Night of the Proms, because a few people are offended by the wording of a song and it does not fit their particular parrative the

narrative, the world, it seems, has actually gone mad for real.

Why do the vocal minority win out over the silent majority every single time?

I even heard on the radio the other day, a medical student from Bristol University argue the point – with very much a straight face, I hasten to add — that describing someone as going 'blue', when they're very cold, is racist. According to her, you cannot also use the term 'yellow' when someone has jaundice. Listening to the interviewer (metaphorically) pull his hair out when trying to reason with his subject, well, he had my total sympathies.

Also, why do people insist on wearing facemasks in their own cars, too? What are they going to catch in their driver seat or indeed passenger seat? I get it on buses and trains, but

in their own cars? It baffles me it really does.

Also, why are some organisations, namely the National Trust, still not opening children's playgrounds, when indoor trampoline parks deem it safe to do so, including the one in Lincoln?

Children are at a very, very low risk from catching Covid-19 and surely it is far safer

for them to play outside than it is on apparatus indoors? I am struggling to find the logic for places like Belton House still not opening up fully and catering for children.

And I bet they're still charging full price for entry too...



Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

The timetable below shows when the mobile library will be in your area from

April 2020 – March 2021

Friday Route 3 (CP North)

April	May	June	July	August	September
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October	November	December	January	February	March
October 23 rd	November 20 th	December *	January 15 th	February 12 th	March 12 th

^{*}Sorry no service on bank holidays/ GLL Comms Day

The mobile library stops at the following places:

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Monks Road	Roman Pavement	10.30	11.00
Sudbrooke	Village Hall	11.30	12.15
North Greetwell	West Field Drive	13.15	13.45
Nettleham Fields	Marigold Close	14.00	14.45

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

Enquiries can be made for future events:07539 604258. sudbrookevillagehall.bookings @gmail.com

THE HALL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Enquiries will still be taken by the booking secretary



WELTON PATIENTS'AND DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (PDA)



LATEST NEWS FROM JANET GODDARD ON 01673 862570

Firstly, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who has donated, and continue to donate, goods for the PDA sale table.

Thanks to Ann and Jane who have manned the stall on several occasions now we have currently raised £568.60 for PDA funds as of August 14. Thanks also to everyone who has come along to buy, including the lady who provided ice creams on a very hot day!

We have been somewhat hampered by the roadworks on Sudbrooke Road, Scothern, which meant we were between two sets of traffic lights leaving nowhere for would-be purchasers to park! We made a temporary move to Sudbrooke, but will be back in Scothern again very soon once the traffic lights have moved. We still have a number of books, jigsaws, DVDs, CDs, jewellery, toys and cards, plus new items to be added including a Flymo mower, a strimmer, decking stain, a leaf blower and a small chain saw.

The raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw are selling well and more prizes have been added. The tickets are available from PDA drivers or myself.

Please give me a call if you wish to purchase any at £1 a hook.

I hope to make this a profitable raffle to partially compensate for the loss of funds due to the cancellation of the spring lunch and Autumn Fayre.

Any offer of raffle prizes gratefully accepted! At this time we are still unsure as to whether the Christmas lunch can safely go ahead.

We are looking ahead to the possibility of holding a different type of fundraiser next year so please keep a lookout for further details!

The PDA crowd funding page on 'just giving' the link is here: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/welton-pda

Please all take care of yourselves and each other!

QUIZ ANSWERS

Morocco, 20. Big Ben.

1. Belarus, 2. Mexico, 3. Cambodia, 4. Idaho, 5. Poland, 6. 8, 7. The Philippines, 8. The Netherlands, 9. Turkey, 10. Rome, 11. Australia, 12. 10, 13. The Baht, 14. The Isle of Man, 15. Hudson Bay, 16. The Andes, 17. 2, 18. The Dominican Republic, 19. France, Spain and

NETTLEHAM HEALTH

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■ CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

▶ It has been a busy few months in the practice adapting and managing to 'new' ways of working to ensure that both our patients and staff are able to be seen and work in a Covid-safe manner. It has been a challenging time for everyone and we wish to thank our patients for their support and especially want to thank the numerous volunteers who have given up their time to be 'bouncers' on the front door and to those patients who have dropped off homemade cloth face masks, scrubs, scrub bags and biscuits, cakes and chocolates for the staff which have been very welcomed!

Our doctors and nurses have been assessing patient's medical needs and requests, and then arranging assessment in the most Covid-19 safe way possible. This means more queries are being able to be dealt with online or over the phone, reducing the risk of infection to patients and staff, but where patients need to be seen face-to-face for examination, we have been seeing them wearing full Personal Protective Equipment.

We have also been running special clinics under extra infection control procedures for those very vulnerable patients who have been shielding from Covid-19, and also running a further clinic with a separate entrance to the surgery for those who we need to see, but may have a significant risk of having Covid-19.

■ CHERRY WILLINGHAM SURGERY

The practice had to take the difficult decision in the middle of March to temporarily close the branch surgery at Cherry Willingham due to extreme staff shortages; we apologise to all patients who may have been affected by this closure. The surgery is now undergoing a

period of modernisation and alteration over the next couple of months so that when we reopen (hopefully in the autumn) it will comply with all new infection control measures and provide a Covid-safe environment for everyone.

One change when the surgery reopens is that the dispensary will no longer be open and patients will no longer be able to collect medication from that site. All dispensed prescriptions will be available to collect from the dispensary at Nettleham. Should this be a problem for you, please speak to one of the dispensers about our home delivery service which is available for patients who are housebound or struggle to get out.

■ NETTLEHAM DISPENSARY

From September 17 until September 21, the dispensary at Nettleham will be having a total refurbishment and so will be closed.

If you are due to order or collect a prescription between these dates, please either order early or wait until September 22 onwards. The dispensers will be onsite and will have limited access to prescriptions and medications so will be able to help you but to minimise the disruption your support in avoiding using the dispensary during these three days would be greatly appreciated.

FLU VACCINES

It has been announced that the annual seasonal flu vaccination campaign will be extended to include the following groups of people:

- People aged 50 to 64 later in the year
- ▶ Households of those on the shielded patient list eligible for free flu vaccination
- School programme expanded to the first year of secondary schools for the first time.

CLICK, BOOK & TIP

FROM JULY 6, Household Waste Recycling Centres (tips) across the county will accept more waste types.

All 11 sites will now open five days a week.

Sunday and Monday: Black bagged (general waste), plastics, plasterboard, mattresses, scrap metal, waste electricals (e.g. washing machines, TVs, light bulbs etc.), batteries, household chemicals, mineral and cooking oils, gas cylinders and clothing.

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: Garden waste (Green), wood, soil, hardcore, scrap metals, waste electricals (e.g. washing machines, TVs, light bulbs etc.), batteries, household chemicals, mineral and cooking oils, gas cylinders, clothing, paper and cardboard, and glass.

Small trailers (6ft x 4ft x1.5ft load depth) without greedy boards will **only** be allowed on site on Monday and Friday.

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