

SUDBROOKE NEWS

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NOT COOL FOR THE CATS



How one Sudbrooke business has ground to a halt
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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THE year 2020 will live long in people's memories, that's for sure, but now we're on the downward slope after passing the midpoint of the year, and I'm certain many will want to see the back of such a tumultuous 12 months.

But, there have been moments of sunshine amid the gloom, particularly the Sudbrooke Support Group, that was formed in the early part of lockdown and has proved a valuable asset to the village since then. We have Anna Fane's last update (p6-7) this month, unless of course, a second pandemic wave hits us and they do it all over again. Watch this space.

We also hear from the Spinney Cattery (p4-5) and the Sudbrooke Handyman (p8) about how the situation has affected them, while we also have the usual 'stuff' be it gardening, walking, church, Welton PDA, poetry corner, quiz, etc... So enjoy. Oh yes, and apologies for printing the wrong quiz answers last month. Gremlins (cough), etc... At My Window. **Dom**

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUDBROOKE PC REPORT - BY CHRIS MYERS, PARISH CLERK

Parish Council report. A meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council was held in the village hall car park on July 2 - social distancing of two metres apart was observed with all present bringing their own folding chair, umbrellas and pens! Fortunately the umbrellas were not needed.

Seven Parish Council members attended along with the clerk, treasurer and two members of the Volunteer Support Group.

▶ Parishioners items: A rusty dog bin on West Drive would be requested for replacement; the reinstatement of the dog bin on Main Drive/West Drive, removed by the contractors; and a blocked drain outside the Church.

▶ Decisions made by the PC by email since March 23 were ratified. With arrangements having to be put in place quickly due to the lockdown, the Council had continued to run efficiently and effectively during that period. The Clerk thanked Councillors and the Treasurer for responding quickly in order to make prompt decisions for the Parish.

▶ Audit: The Internal Auditor had checked the accounts/documents and found them to be in order. The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were all approved for forwarding to the External Auditor. Residents may view the accounts by arrangement with the Treasurer Bridget Solly on boakleesk@hotmail.com.

▶ Foodbank donation station: A request for support by the Parish Council for a Foodbank

Donation Station in the village was made by residents Anna Fane and Dave Cook, active members of the Volunteer Support Group. Members supported this request and it was hoped that this could be sited in the village shop.

▶ Emergency planning: Due to the success of the Sudbrooke Support Group, the emergency planning officer had supplied the village with a community emergency kit. This comprises a two way radio, megaphone, torches, gloves, phone, foil blankets, First Aid Kit etc.

▶ New website for the Parish: Lincolnshire County Council are providing new website facilities for parishes. A local resident has kindly offered to assist the Parish Council in the building of the website and this offer has been gratefully received.

▶ Repairs to village furniture: An assessment of seats and noticeboards in the village had been carried out by a member and quotations will be sought for the work required on these.

▶ Date of next meeting: Thursday 3 September 2020, time and venue to be arranged nearer to the date. The agenda will be published in the village noticeboards and on the website. It will also be circulated to the residents email list.

▶ Residents email list: Any resident wanting to be included on the residents email list and kept up to date of what is going on in the village please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on Sudbrookeparishcouncil@gmail.com.

CALLING ORGANISATION/CLUB SECRETARIES!

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LOCKDOWN NIGHTMARE FOR THE

ANIMAL sounds of the feline variety have been notable by their absence these past few months when walking down the top of Main Drive.

Dogs are in plentiful supply, mainly on leads, while the odd rabbit can be spied and the constant flapping of pigeons' wings can be heard rustling in the tree branches above your head.

But when it comes to cats, all is silent, not a meow in earshot, as the luxury cages of Spinney Cattery lay silent, another local business hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

Unlike fellow Sudbrooke businesses who have been featured in Sudbrooke News lately, like Barbers Garage and Kokoo, there is currently not much light at the end of the tunnel.

This is the time of year when the cattery should be bursting at the seams, with numerous feline friends enjoying well-earned holidays away from their keepers, who themselves should be jetting away to sunnier climes, safe in the knowledge that their beloved pets are being well looked after. But

no, the cages stand empty and for Julie Hall, who re-opened the business in April 2017, after it has been run for years by her mum, Sheila, these have been worrying times... and she doesn't yet know when it will get any better. She says: "We had no customers from mid-March through to early July, so this has been a huge impact on income, but we will recover as people have confidence to travel again they will return to us.

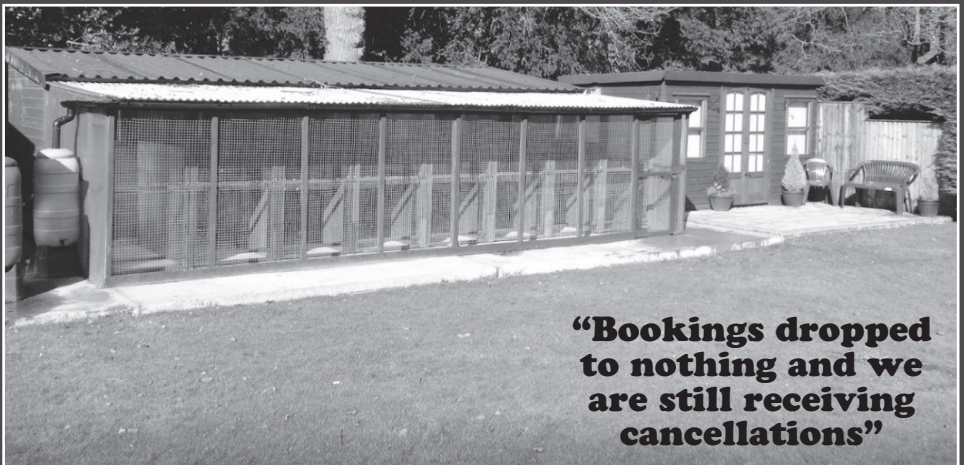
"We were able to stay open to offer care for key workers' animals and those taken ill if needed. But we weren't actually needed and therefore had no business during lockdown.

"The start of lockdown, was also the start of our peak period - March to October so

we would have been very busy.

"We would normally have around 20-25 cats in during peak times depending on if we have two cats from the same house sharing a kennel.

"Bookings dropped to nothing and we are still receiving cancellations for people who had long-haul travel plans."



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OWNERS OF SPINNEY CATTERY...

With plans for her business in disarray and with no idea when it will get any better, what hope does she hold for a return to something like normal?

“I think the rest of this year remains unclear and will depend on how the recovery from Covid-19 impacts the travel industry.

“We are seeing a number of short-break bookings coming in now from people either going to see family or taking a break in the UK.”

Like many businesses and organisations in the UK, Spinney Cattery have had to change the way they operate, bringing in strict hygiene-based protocols, in order to keep everyone safe from the threats of the coronavirus.

So what has Julie had to do to comply with the new rules and regulations.

“At the moment we are unable to allow customers into the cattery,” she explains.

“We are having to adapt the way we do the handover of cats on arrival and collection, taking into consideration social distancing and protecting everyone’s health and well being.

“Customers are being very understanding and this is not causing us any issues at the moment. We are also carrying out extra cleaning, hand



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sanitising and washing, we have sanitiser in place for customers to use as well.”

With the school summer holiday now upon us, and with people starting to book trips away in the UK and abroad, there is hope that

slowly things will get back to normal again, and for Julie at Spinney Cattery, that moment cannot come quick enough as she attempts to get her business and life back on an even keel.



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SUDBROOKE COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

So here we are at the start of August, some five months after lockdown started. Although some of us may still be shielding, the majority of us are now not.

We have all negotiated the 'coronacoaster' in our own way and continue to do so! Some days have been easier than others, but in all of it, the village has come together and we have helped each other.

When we formed back in March, there were a team of 20-plus from all backgrounds and jobs, some with children at home needing schooling, some not, some working from home, some on furlough. As time went on and as need for support decreased, we have been needed less and less, particularly in shopping. The team delivering prescriptions have continued to do so and so far we have delivered over 300 prescriptions from both Nettleham and Welton surgeries.

The team who worked with Arvind at our local shop delivered over 40 shopping deliveries and Dave Cook was able to help at least a dozen different families with transport. We have been blessed with over 12,000 eggs, gifted to us from Wilkinson's farm and we have collected over a tonne of food for Lincoln Food Bank. It has been a productive season.

Life is slowly adjusting to the new normal and to a larger extent, we are now more able to navigate this covid life. For this reason, we are

stopping much of the existing support as from the end of July in line with Government guidelines for shielding.

Whilst we know that there will still be some who are in this position, the majority of us are not and are now returning to work or adjusting to new ways of working. It is hoped that this whole season has highlighted to us those who are most vulnerable in our community and that we can continue to each look out for each other.

Shopping deliveries from Arvind's shop will be available up to July 31. Please don't forget to support our local shop; Arvind has been a champ during lockdown, often working long hours to keep us

supplied especially in the earlier days. The prescription team will carry on collecting prescriptions up until Friday 31 July.

The big news is that the Parish Council have agreed to a permanent Food Bank Donation Station, which will be housed within the

shop as from August 1. This is really great news as we, as a village, can continue to 'love outwards' and do our bit to help those in need in our city. Dave Cook has agreed to monitor and collect items and take these to the warehouse on a regular basis. So please continue to give. The donations can be bought in the shop or you can drop in other donations from other stores as well.

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SUDBROOKE COVID-19 SUPPORT GROUP

The cessation of the localised Food Banks coincides with the egg season which is now dwindling.

We are so grateful for our wonderful supply of eggs which we have enjoyed, but as with all good things, the time is upon us for us to actually add eggs onto our shopping lists!

A huge thank you to Ailsa and Steven Wilkinson for such a generous gesture which I think helped to lift our spirits over these past five months. The last egg delivery to the localised stations was on Saturday 25 July.

So although Lockdown may have brought us some losses into our lives and some of these losses were hugely tragic and painful, there have also been some gains. Discovering 'who is my

neighbour', helping each other, greeting one another, eggs aplenty, carers clap each Thursday, VE Day picnics on the front lawn, time to spend assessing what is important about life and what can be left behind.

Hope keeps us going through it all that the future will be all the better for the lessons we have learned along the road of harder times.

On behalf of the support team, we wish you all the best and hope that we get to still greet each other when we are out and about. We as a group plan to meet when it is safe to do so and raise a glass together.

In the mean time...

Keep safe, Keep the spirit of community and keep an eye out for each other!

FRESH EGGS

Many thanks to the Wilkinsons for being so generous in their regular donations of free eggs over these past few months. It has been very much appreciated by many residents in the village, who have gladly taken home bountiful trays every week.

But as Anna says in her article above, and which we at **Sudbrooke News** want to reiterate in light of the article with Ailsa in last month's edition, all good things come to an end, and the free egg service has now stopped. So, unfortunately folks, you'll have to start buying them once again...



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HANDYMAN BACK UP AND RUNNING

Work floods back in for local businessman

SIMON KING, the 'Sudbrooke Handyman' is busier than ever now, he says. If you want some work doing, you're looking at around Christmas time as he has a jobs list as long as his arm.

But roll back the clock a few weeks/months, during the midst of lockdown and Simon didn't know where the next penny was coming from as he was forced to shut up shop due to the coronavirus pandemic and even had to resort to claiming benefits.

"I took the decision to cancel all work as soon as the lockdown was announced," he reveals.

"This was to protect my customers, myself and my family."

Unlike most other self-employed people in the UK, because he was a relatively new starter, he could not claim any money from the various government schemes.

"As a new business, I was not entitled to any of the funding that they were offering for self-employed people because I had not yet submitted any accounts to HMRC," Simon explains.

"I had no choice, but to claim universal credit which wasn't a lot, but was certainly better than nothing. Money was very

tight, but we managed. It was a difficult call to decide when it was safe to return to work, but customers were calling and asking me to come to their houses to work,

so I decided to

return on Monday 18 May.

"At that time I had a lot of work to re-schedule, and as of now (mid-July), I am a couple of weeks off completing the back-log with the exception of some elderly customers who have been shielding and have elected to put their work off until things return more to normality (whenever that might be).

"As a consequence, new customers have had to wait a bit longer than usual for appointments, but most have

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been very understanding.

"My work diary is now almost full for the rest of the year so I definitely have no complaints on that front."



SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
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When the village hall closed on March 20 for lockdown, the opportunity was taken to completely re-fit the toilets. Thanks go to Jackson & Jackson for the grant of £1,000 towards this.

District Councillor Bob Waller also made a grant from his Initiative Fund for the baby changing units. Many thanks to Dave Rowley for his tireless project management during a very difficult time.

The committee has been busy during the closure. All the annual safety checks have been done. We were advised that the boiler will have to be replaced in summer 2021 and tenders will be obtained early in the year. The Bar Manager has maintained the lines as advised by the brewery and removed the stock.

The hall was deep cleaned for the reopening of Preschool on June 22.

A business rates grant was awarded and this will help to defray the effect of loss of revenue due to closure. The hall is financially

viable for the time being, largely thanks to the stewardship of the previous and current treasurers.

At the moment, committee members are studying the Government Regulations and ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England) guidelines for the re-opening of the hall. The Committee will meet again on September 7 to discuss the possibility of reopening to community groups and private hirers.

The hall has depended upon users cleaning up after themselves and the new risk assessments mean that hall users will have to comply with certain behaviours relating to cleaning and rubbish

disposal. The hall is cleaned weekly throughout by commercial cleaners and if this has to be increased there will be a knock-on effect on hiring charges which may be prohibitive for some groups.

Hand sanitising stations have been ordered and there is likely to be some new signage before reopening.

The Committee will do everything it can to get the hall available for safe use.

We look forward to getting the hall back to full community use. Gill Rignall, Secretary



READER'S LETTER

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ WHERE THERE'S MUCK...

Dear Editor

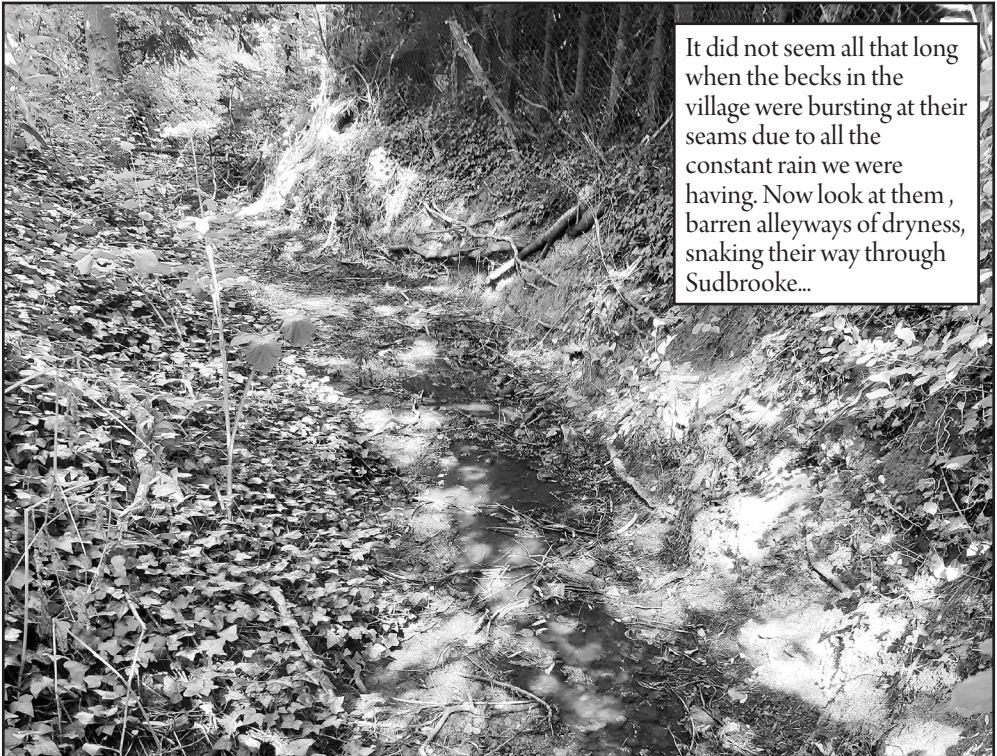
In July's **Sudbrooke News**, Tom Holmes asked ".... why do the riders let their horses empty out in front of drives in the village?"

The answer is that the rider has no control over when a horse chooses to expel excrement. The horse might

slightly raise its tail immediately beforehand, but the rider cannot see that.

Horse muck deposited outside one's house should be regarded as a free additive with which to enrich one's garden soil.

Susan Wilkinson



It did not seem all that long when the becks in the village were bursting at their seams due to all the constant rain we were having. Now look at them , barren alleyways of dryness, snaking their way through Sudbrooke...

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LOCKDOWN DIARY

Sudbrooke resident Alan Giles is back with more views on life in the new-normal world of Covid-19 and how he's coping with everything, including tales of an unusual day at the seaside...

I decided to head out to the beach the other day as I needed some sea and salty air and while I gave the awful Skeggy the big swerve, I thought I'd check out that lovely olde worlde resort of Sutton-on-Sea a try.

It was an unassuming day spent on the Lincolnshire coast, under a combination of grey-leaden and sunny skies, but the whole coronavirus situation was brought home to me in the fact that the beach, while not exactly deserted, was not really crammed with tourists wanting to dip their collective toes in the water... and this being the start of the summer holidays.

I looked up and down the beach, north and south, and vast swathes of sand were not occupied, and just a handful of brave children were splashing around in the sea.

Normally at this time of year, the place would be packed, with families enjoying time away together, but no, this was far removed from the norm and even the popular paddling pool by the sea front, was bereft of water and closed off. And when I fancied some fish and chips, I had to don a face mask and wait

while the one customer in the shop had been served and removed himself from the premises.

How on earth did we all get to this point of our lives in 2020? And with constant daily news updates of new outbreaks here, there and everywhere, holidays abroad being cancelled by tour operators, and returns to lockdown in certain parts of the country, it is difficult to know when and how we can ever return to something pertaining to normality.

Anyway, back to life in Sudbrooke, which is

not too bad, although I'm certain there are less walkers, joggers and cyclists out now than there were earlier in the year when the lockdown was in full swing.

One only has to look at the constant stream of cars down the main road to realise why cycling on these local roads is not the idyllic scenario it was a

couple of months ago when you could bike for miles and barely see another car... one of the positive aspects of the pandemic.

Well, my time may be up now in this publication, with lockdown about over. So see you in a few months' time for the second



THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

Welcome to the August edition of the Sudbrooke News Quiz, to help keep the brain cells ticking over until we can all meet again at the Village Hall for the Monthly Quiz Night.

Due to popular demand, you may find this months questions a little less demanding, please enjoy.

- 1) Name the metallic element with the chemical symbol Pb?
- 2) Who is fifth in line to the British throne?
- 3) Who was the author of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves?
- 4) In which seaside town was Fawlty Towers set?
- 5) In which English county is the town of Stevenage?
- 6) Who famously said "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."?
- 7) What do you call a group of jellyfish?
- 8) Who was the first female Prime Minister of Australia?
- 9) Which animal name means river horse?
- 10) In which galaxy is Earth situated?
- 11) Who was the leader of the Labour Party from 1983 to 1992?
- 12) Name the river on which Peterborough stands?
- 13) Which Dickens's novel features Madame Defarge?
- 14) In which English resort did Abba win the Eurovision Song Contest in 1974?
- 15) Mary I (Mary Tudor) became Queen of England in which year?
- 16) What is the SI unit of Electrical Resistance?
- 17) The crime drama series a Touch of Frost was set in which fictional town?
- 18) Sir Steve Redgrave won his first Olympic Gold medal in which year?
- 19) Which popular 1970s group contained Graham Gouldman and Eric Stewart?
- 20) Banovallum is the suggested Roman name for which Lincolnshire town?



Answers on page 25



THE CHURCH DIARY

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■ OPENING UP... SLOWLY

► Well, just like everyone else we have been working hard over this last few weeks, to ‘open up’. With eight churches in the group, we have decided to open one church at a time.

In light of that, Sudbrooke is now open for private prayer on Fridays from 9am-3pm and on Sunday 19, we held a service of Communion for the first time in almost five months. At the bottom of this blog you will find the list of the Services coming up for the remainder of August.

It isn't straightforward. If we open for church on a Sunday, we can't open on the Friday before because we have to lock up for 72 hours before we open again. Everything is under review all the time! One thing we also have to do is to ask

people to ‘book’ into church. I normally ask that people ring me or email me by Saturday lunchtime before Sunday (number and email address below). The capacity at Sudbrooke is 18.

I don't want to move on without thanking everyone in the village who has pulled together over this last few months and supported others.

Particular thanks to Anna and her team, to Chris and Eleanor who have kept many fed with cake and delivered church newsletters, to Arvind and Dave and to the host of volunteers who have shopped until they have dropped!

I am bound to have left people out - if that's you - THANK YOU! I think that this last few months has made us look out for our neighbours and I do hope that this continues as we emerge.

CHURCH SERVICES

	Sunday 2 Aug			Sunday 23 August	
10am		Stainton	10am		Fiskerton
	Sunday 9 August			Sunday 30 August	
10am		Reepham	10am		Reepham
	Sunday 16 August				
10am		Sudbrooke		Tea Service continues every Thursday at 2.30pm via Zoom	



TRAVEL FEATURE

ENJOYING VIKING AND MEDIEVAL CULTURE IN THE DANISH TOWN OF RIBE

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

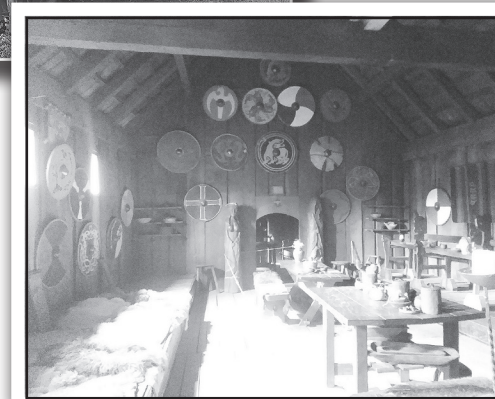
With bellies filled, we made our way to the Wadden Sea Centre, which is only a 10-minute drive from Ribe. It is an attraction that marvels at the wonders of the ocean and all the wildlife associated with it. You get to see how the oceans 'work', what lurks beneath the surface and how human waste continues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

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

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

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

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



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

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

By Lee Creasey

TRAVELFACTS

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

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

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When the stairway to your door is dusty
 And the staccato footsteps can't be heard
 When the telephone dies of loneliness
 That is when love will seem absurd

When breakfast in the morning loses meaning
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 And your nights will never come too soon

When myself I offer, you have forgotten
 As you turn down my life and my time
 When you're living on your own without purpose
 Then you'll realise you should have changed your mind

Peter Daltrey & Eddie Pumer

One of those 'technical' errors happened last month and the wrong set of answers were included for the quiz. Here, below, are the July quiz answers for anyone who wants them...

QUIZ ANSWERS

(1) Manatee; (2) Lulu; (3) Kendo; (4) Bono (from U2); (5) Rene Descartes; (6) A sieve; (7) Rod Laver; (8) The de Havilland Mosquito; (9) Species of Rat; (10) The Riddler (E.Nigma); (11) Bristol; (12) The Bay of Pigs; (13) Captain Bligh; (14) Neil Diamond; (15) Oliver Dowden; (16) Fifth (Quintilis); (17) Ascot; (18) Not having any Mobile Phone signal; (19) El Nino; (20) Tottenham Hotspur.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

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

■ BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

► As this edition of our village magazine is being put together for printing, the two rounds of judging will be underway.

Our three teams have been allocated their area maps and will be pounding the streets, discussing the merits of each garden visible from the public footpath and coming up with the best two in each area to go forward into the final six.

Our two judges are waiting in the wings and ready to take on the task of deciding the winners - results will be published in the September edition of **Sudbrooke News**.

■ JULY'S ONLINE FLOWER OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

► There were 15 entries for our judges to peruse and despite the cold, wet and windy conditions leading up to this month's deadline, mother nature prevailed and the floral standard was exceedingly high.

A group of three friends were due to gather together in their "bubble" for coffee and a chat when the bundle of entries was produced and placed on the table.

Amid the excitement their opinions differed of course, but eventually the 15 were filtered down to six. However, there was still a lot of debate over the pros and cons of each photograph, but eventually the results were agreed upon, their friendship stood firm - and in reverse order it



was decided that... In joint-third place were two very different flowers - one belonging to Coral of a delicate pink Tulbaghia violacea (otherwise known as Society Garlic) - the other was Jayne H's stunningly blousy, luscious pink and white Begonia.

The pink/white palette continued, with Paul E's *Sempervivum* (more commonly known as Houseleek) being awarded second place - a fine close-up showing the beautiful intricacies of each individual flower.

And to this month's winner... A well-deserved winning Rose called "Oranges and Lemons" which aptly describes the colouring in Roger's photograph - a Rose in peak condition and absolutely blooming lovely.

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■ TALLEST SUNFLOWER

► Entries into this whole village competition should be growing strongly now. When yours is in flower and has reached its maximum height, just give John or Iris a ring on 07887 688100 (or 01522 751198) and we will arrange to pop round at a convenient time to measure and take a photo.



of the year - wherever possible try to use grey recycled water on your flowers, trees, shrubs and containers and save your water butt supplies for fruit and vegetables.

August is the time to late summer prune Wisteria whippy growth back to five buds - this will ripen the wood, improve air flow and sunlight resulting in good flowering next year - watch the RHS video if you need assurance as to what to do. Remember to do the second prune in November/December back to two buds.

Deadhead flowering plants regularly to prolong their season - start collecting seeds from plants you want to grow again, especially annuals such as pot marigold (*Calendula*), love-in-a-mist (*Nigella*). Biennial plants that are good for wildlife such as Foxgloves (*Digitalis purpurea*) and wild Teasels (*Dipsacus fullonum*) can be sown now for flowering next year.

Further advice on this month's gardening tasks can be found online at [rhs.org.uk/August](https://www.rhs.org.uk/August) - and you don't have to be a member.

■ SEPTEMBER VILLAGE AUTUMN SHOW AND OCTOBER SPEAKER EVENING - **CANCELLED**

► Our Committee has reluctantly had to make the decision to cancel both of these events due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions being imposed upon individuals, groups and organisations.

Hopefully the gradual return to normality will proceed carefully and result in being able to arrange Gardening Club events in 2021.

■ GARDENING TASKS FOR AUGUST

► August is usually one of the hottest months

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Nettleham@lincs.pnn.police.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all, I am PC 1066 Rachel Harrison the new appointed Community Beat Manager for the area of Nettleham and surrounding villages. I am currently enjoying getting to know the area and relevant partner agencies; I hope in the future engagement surgeries shall be implemented in your villages to give you the opportunity to speak to your local policing team.

Nettleham Policing Team is also working hard to engage on social media providing regular updates on suspicious activity and crime in the area.

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The last in a three-part feature, written by long-time Sudbrooke resident Allan McCrone

BEFORE we could take the car for a proper road test it had to be legalised. Road tax was £10 per year and minimum third party insurance, I think, was about £6. Fortunately there was no MOT in those days (Ernest Marples didn't introduce that until 1960).

And so, after approximately four months' work, at last I was able to drive it on the open road. I remember being so thrilled and excited at being behind the wheel of my very first car. It was certainly different to today; a three-speed gear box, double de-clutching as synchromesh was only on second and third gears as already mentioned

Semaphore indicators, which invariably stuck and could only be freed by banging on the bodywork behind the driver's seat – hand signals had to be used most of the time, no brake lights (remember slowing down signals? Waving your arm up and down out of an open window), no heater so a travel rug was essential in cold weather.

I was now able to travel to work in relative comfort. After about a month of travelling to and from Leicester, and the car performing really well, I thought a bit of entertainment would help the journey along.

Only very expensive cars had radios in 1953. However, on visiting Wakefield's army & navy surplus store in Leicester, I discovered they had some old World War II Pye 510 communication transceivers for sale, used in tanks or armoured cars. I purchased one of these for the grand sum of 19 shillings.

With the help of a fellow apprentice friend at work, who was a whizz kid at radio systems, we stripped out the transmit section and by changing the input

transformer to operate on a 6v supply and playing about with the tuning coils and condensers, we managed to get it to pick up the BBC home service, the Light Programme and, best of all, Radio Luxembourg which was the only broadcaster to offer non-stop pop music.

The radio was installed under the driver's seat and coupled to a whip aerial mounted on the rear luggage rack. The only problem was the radio operated with six thermionic valves. The current drain was enormous and

would quickly flatten the battery, so it was only usable while the engine

was running, but I could live with that!

The final job was to smarten up the bodywork. Fortunately there was not too much rust. What there was scoured off with a wire brush and emery cloth, and treated with a de-rusting solution

Then the whole body was rubbed down with wet and dry abrasive paper and repainted with Valspar coach paint, the running boards and roof were painted black and the main body British racing green.

I thought it looked fabulous!! I was so proud of that car, mainly because of the effort it had taken to restore it to a proper functioning vehicle none of which could have been achieved without the help, knowledge, skill and financial help of my father.

I ran that car for two years backwards and forwards to and from Loughborough to Leicester without any major problems until finally I traded it in for a more modern Morris 10 – but that's another story!

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A WARM WELCOME AWAITS VISITORS

Getting out and about on my bike during lockdown, and deciding to cycle with my son to nearby Stainton By Langworth, I happened to catch this rather curious 'welcoming' sign just as you approach the small village.

I couldn't help but think whether some angry resident had decided to have a bit of fun and carve out a rude symbol in a decaying tree to ward off any potential visitors.



SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY - 01522 754686

■ AUGUST WALK

► I plan to restart country walks in August provided Government advice remains positive.

The walk will be local so cars are not required. We shall agree the venue on the day and will be guided by the ground conditions.

Sudbrooke, Reasby, Scothern or Sudbrooke,

Reepham, Langworth are likely options.

Walkers should meet at the village hall at 9.30am and are advised to wear a waterproof coat, wear suitable footwear and bring a drink and a snack.

We walk on the first Saturday of every month. Everyone is welcome to join us.

A HOGLET'S PLIGHT

AS a keen gardener, I have always been grateful for the good work done by hedgehogs in disposing of slugs, snails and the like.

I am sure that I am not alone in being unaware of how precarious are the life chances of hedgehogs and their offspring.

On a sunny morning in early July, my wife found three hoglets in our garden. They were searching for food (or their mother). Two of them were quite nimble on their feet, but one was stumbling about.

As the ground was dry, we fed them some cat food (meat only is allowed) and provided some water. After eating the food they settled down, but were constantly bothered by large flies.

It rained heavily during the night so we were concerned to find the hoglets in the same place in the garden. We put them in a box, brought them into the house and

phoned the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for advice.

We were told the hoglets were in great danger and were given the contact details of a hedgehog rescuer who asked us to take them along for an examination.

Unfortunately, two of the hoglets were in a poor state; one blinded by live maggots and the other suffering from hypothermia, despite our efforts with a hot water bottle.

The remaining hoglet, a male, was a bit more robust and we were given the option to rear him which we are doing.

He is making good progress and will be released into the garden

when he achieves a safe weight.

The moral of this story is that if you see hoglets in the daytime, then they are most likely in trouble and need urgent help.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society is an excellent place to start.



SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143

Bookings and Enquiries: 07539
604258.

Email: sudbrookevillagehall.bookings@gmail.com

Website: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke/

The village hall is currently closed until further notice. Enquiries can be made for future events.

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.

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

Hello readers! Requests for transport are beginning to increase and I currently have enough drivers available to meet this increased demand.

Several drivers feel ready to start driving again from August 1, so hopefully we will soon be back up to full strength! The same rules still apply. The passenger and driver will be asked to wear a mask and the passenger should sit in the back of the vehicle diagonally opposite the driver.

The raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw are now here and are currently only available either from drivers or from myself. We hope that as restrictions ease some shops in Welton/Dunholme will agree to sell for us as well. There are already some very good prizes promised, the holiday cottage long weekend the same as last year, a four-ball round of golf, hand-crafted pearl necklace, luxury Christmas hamper and a bistro table set plus other prizes. 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. At this time we are still unsure as to whether the Christmas lunch can safely go ahead. Any offer of raffle prizes gratefully accepted!

The PDA Committee would like to thank the Coop for the cheque for £794.30 being a share of the Community Champions Fund for the last quarter.

Ann at 25, Sudbrooke Road, Scothern, now has a sale table out most weekends and some weekdays depending on the weather. She is selling to raise funds for Welton PDA and has a large assortment of items including books, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs, plants, framed wild bird photos, clothes, glass and china ware. She also has an assortment of cards for all occasions priced £1 and PDA raffle tickets will also be available. If you are passing please stop and have a browse. More items will be added including children's toys and clothing.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1) Lead, 2) Prince Louis, 3) The Brothers Grimm, 4) Torquay, 5) Hertfordshire, 6) Mahatma Gandhi, 7) A Bloom, 8) Julia Gillard, 9) Hippopotamus, 10) The Milky Way, 11) Neil Kinnock, 12) River Nene, 13) A Tale of Two Cities, 14) Brighton, 15) 1553, 16) The Ohm, 17) Denton, 18) 1984, 19) 10cc, 20) Horncastle.

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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.

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To book a time slot or for more information, visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/clickandtip or call 01522 782070.

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