

# SUDBROOKE NEWS



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## PHANTOM HEDGE CUTTER STRIKES

■ Police send in reinforcements as several cupressi in Sudbrooke are targetted by midnight hackers... and the story is picked up by the national press. More on p14-15

## FISH AND CHIPS NOW ON THE MENU!

We meet the new owners of the Cherry Tree Cafe, p12-13



# EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

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Well, here we are progressing towards another year's end and the big 'C', although the wet and dreary weather is not exactly getting us all in the Festive spirit.

Sudbrooke has been in the national spotlight of late, with some decidedly dodgy middle-of-the-night hedge pruners making headlines. Amazing really that the national press have latched on to something that, for outsiders, is really quite trivial, but not for the people whose property has been damaged.

We also catch up with the new owners of the Cherry Tree Cafe, who have grand plans for the eating establishment after leaving their Lancashire home to set up business here in our village. Like Arvind, the new shop owner, we should endeavour to support our local businesses as, heck, there aren't too many of them.

Here's wishing all Sudbrooke residents Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Dom**

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# SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 504143**

The Village Hall Management Committee has commissioned a feasibility study, supported by grant aid, into the possibility of extending the village hall.

The idea is to provide another meeting/community room with independent access, toilets and simple kitchen facilities.

This would be a room slightly smaller than the existing Bramham Lounge. It would enable the main hall and a smaller room to be let out independently.

There have been occasions when a booking has been declined because part of the hall is already in use and it would be inappropriate to share facilities.

If you wish to contribute any relevant ideas as to future development and use of the hall then please convey them to me in writing via the village hall post box.

Please note the design and construction of the original building does not allow for the main hall to be extended or to be used for racquet sports.

Thank you for your interest.

Mrs G M Rignall

Honorary secretary



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# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 2018

## Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 4 October in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

### PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller (Vice Chairman), Andy Cottam, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Paul Rignall, Ian Russell, County Councillor Sue Rawlins, Christine Myers (Clerk), Bridget Solly (Treasurer) and two members of the public

### ■ 98 PARISHIONERS' ITEMS

- ▶ A resident attended and put forward his suggestions for the Christmas tree switch on event on November 25, 2018. The Chairman thanked him for attending and all points were noted.
- ▶ District Councillor Bob Waller referred to a letter written to him by a resident regarding excavations taking place at the large lake behind woodland on Wragby Road. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the developers of The Park.

### ■ 99 CO-OPTION TO VACANCY OF COUNCILLOR

- ▶ This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

### ■ 100 APOLOGIES

- ▶ Councillor Mrs Gina Thompson

### ■ 101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- ▶ None declared.

### ■ 102 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

- ▶ That the notes were a true record of the

meeting and be signed as Minutes unanimously Resolved.

### ■ 103 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ Report of Sudbrooke incidents Sep 2018
- Sep 3: Holme Drive - Burglary: Male reporting cheque book/wallet stolen - Items found in the house - male very confused - all in order.
- Sep 6: Wragby Road - Sus Circs: Report of a male on the property - when asked what he was doing he claimed he was there to read the meter. Male left in a white panel van.
- Sep 9: Sudbrooke Lane - Criminal Damage: Elderly female reporting brick through the window - Window not smashed - the net and fixings had fallen off the wall/window surround - no damage - all in order.
- Sep 11: West Drive - Sus Circs: Female in a van driving around the farm - when questioned stated she was looking for the welfare van.
- Sep 12: West Drive - Inconsiderate Behaviour - Verbal altercation at the Horse Yard.
- Sep 13: Sibthorpe Drive - Suspicious circumstances: Elderly neighbour receiving unsolicited phone calls from persons selling things.
- Sep 30: Sus Circs - Small child being followed by a van: All in order - father following child cycling on the footpath.



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## ■ 104 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ CC Sue Rawlins reported as follows...
  - : That the four-year funding from Central Government was coming to an end which would result in an increase in the council tax.
  - : That SERCO were to continue with their contract with the County Council for financial services.

## ■ 105 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ DC Bob Waller reported as follows...
  - : That West Lindsey DC were supporting an initiative for young person's leaving care to be exempt from Council Tax for a fixed period.
  - : That the West Lindsey DC budget was currently being prepared and would be available on line for viewing.
  - : He had taken up the matter of the Traffic Management Plan for the Park development with the Enforcement Officers at WLDC.

## ■ 106 REPORTS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ a) Village sign - Following further communication with Truelove Developments, it was hoped that the sign would shortly be in situ on the Jubilee Garden.
- ▶ b) Quotations for benches: The Clerk had obtained further quotations for benches, however members Resolved to defer purchase until February 2019.

- ▶ c) Christmas Tree event November 25...
  - i. Approval of purchase of Christmas tree: Unanimously Resolved that the Christmas tree be purchased through Glendale Ltd who would erect the tree.
  - ii. Arrangements for the event: A gazebo would be loaned, along with heater for wine; lighting at the event would be provided by a resident; mulled wine to be purchased; hamper to be made up by Clerk to value of £25; mince pies to be ordered; licence to be applied for; consideration given to attendance at tree by Santa. Mrs Solly would make enquiries with EB School for attendance by its choir. It was also noted that replacement lights for the tree may be required after this year.

The above was unanimously Resolved.

- ▶ d) Sports event - September 8, 2018 - report: Due to the weather the sports had not been able to be held, but it was reported that the stalls and music had taken place inside the hall and been enjoyed by those attending.
- ▶ e) Play equipment repairs: Quotation not received, deferred until next meeting of the Council.
- ▶ f) Communication with Parishioners: To be deferred until next meeting of the Council.
- ▶ g) Grass cutting - Church Lane/Nettleham Lane: It was reported that this had still not improved.  
That a meeting be arranged with Councillor Bob Waller representing the Parish Council and representative of Glendale - Unanimously Resolved.

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## ■ 107 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR USE OF PLAYING FIELD FOR BUGGY BARRE SESSIONS

► That this be agreed at a cost of £5 for session for hire of the field. Unanimously Resolved.

## ■ 108 TO CONSIDER DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PRACTICE REPORTS BEING CIRCULATED ON THE RESIDENTS EMAIL LIST

► This was considered following the devising of the Policy for advertising in **Sudbrooke News** and subsequent complaints from advertisers regarding payment for articles for submission. That the Clerk circulate these on the residents email list unanimously Resolved.

## ■ 109 PLANNING

► a) Park development - Traffic Management Plan: No acknowledgement to the Parish Council's email had been received from Enforcement at WLDC. DC Bob Waller was dealing with this. A resident had also copied a complaint to the Parish Council which he had made to WLDC on the same matter. This was noted.

► b) Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan - The Public Consultation had begun on September 22 and would run for six weeks. Two events public had been planned for the October 9 and 11, 2018, in the Village Hall in order to present the Plan to parishioners.

► c) Application 138290 - The Spinney, Main Drive: Proposed conversion and extension to garage to form additional living accommodation to the host dwelling - Available Councillors had viewed this application and raised no objections.

► d) Application 138274 - 23 Sibthorpe Drive - front extension to dwelling: Available Councillors had viewed this application and raised no objections.

► e) Further variation of S106 Agreement: Request by Parish Council solicitors that further copies be signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman as required by Lincolnshire County Council.

► f) Transfer of land, East of Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke: Confirmation received from Parish Council Solicitors that the land had now been registered to the name of the Parish Council.

## ■ 110 LITTER PICK - OCTOBER 20, 2018 TO AGREE RISK ASSESSMENT

► The Risk Assessment was reviewed and unanimously Resolved that it be adopted.

## ■ 112 JUBILEE GARDEN

► Councillors Ian Russell, Peter Heath and Andy Cottam would cut back and tidy the wildflower area.

Discussion took place as to what work was required to make the area look neater.

The Chairman offered to write a note in **Sudbrooke News** seeking the views of residents and what they wanted to see in the Jubilee Garden.

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## ■ 113 LCC PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON OFFICER

► Item deferred until next meeting of the Council

## ■ 114 APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE ON LALC COUNCILLOR TRAINING COURSE FOR COUNCILLOR MRS GINA THOMPSON

► That necessary expenditure be incurred for the attendance of Councillor Mrs Gina Thompson to attend training unanimously Resolved

## ■ 115 FINANCE

- a) Accounts for payment:
- Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee - hire of hall for Neighbourhood Plan meeting Oct 9 £17.00
  - Sudbrooke Village Hall Committee - hire of hall for Neighbourhood Plan meeting Oct 11 £17.00
  - Greenfield Groundskeeping Services - Repairs of boards on tennis courts £29.50
  - Greenfield Groundskeeping Services - Parks inspections £100.00
  - Greenfield Groundskeeping Services - Repair and painting of memorial seat £80.00
  - Mrs C Myers - reimbursement for purchase of toner cartridges £49.48
  - Mrs C Myers - expenses September £73.46
- That the above payments be made - unanimously Resolved.
- b) Change of Parish Council bank account: The Treasurer pointed out that

the several accounts currently held by the Parish Council could be consolidated into one account keeping separate records of expenditure as current.

However, the two accounts kept for Section 106 monies - Northfield Park account and Fox Covert account - still be maintained individually.

As above - unanimously Resolved.

► c) Consideration of items for the 2019/20 budget in advance of setting Precept: This would be discussed in more detail at the November meeting when an estimate of the Precept would be made to forward to WLDC.

## ■ 116 CLERK'S REPORT

- The Clerk reported as follows:-
- : Park Gates - She understood that the painting of the Park Gates would commence within the next few weeks. The Lincoln College would supply all materials and invoice the Parish Council to a maximum of £200.
  - : The member of the Lincs Police Independent Advisory Group had agreed to attend the Annual Parish meeting.
  - : A resident had offered to cut back lower branches of trees between Courtfield Close/Holme Drive in order for the grass cutting to be carried out more easily.

## ■ 117 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

► The Chairman commented on feedback from **Sudbrooke News** advertisers/those submitting articles and reiterated that the Parish Council were trying to reduce the impact on Council tax for residents.

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## ■ 118 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING AND CIRCULATED

► \*Circulated to residents email list

Sep 6 - Latest news from the ICO

Sep 6 - State of the District report - WLDC

Sep 10 - LALC News

Sep 14 - LPF Communications survey - Treasurer to complete

Sep 15\* - Police Alert - theft from vehicle at Langworth

Sep 17 - Notice of WLDC Budget events

Sep 18 - Scothern Clarion

Sep 18 - LCC Privacy Notice

Sep 24 - Community Lincs update

Sep 28 - Note from Lincolnshire Rivers

Trust - Limestone Becks Project - requesting meeting with a member in

order to progress improvements to the Beck near to the playing field - Members agreed that Councillor Ian Russell meet to discuss the matter further and report back to the Parish Council

Sep 29\* - Police alert - Bardney burglary

Oct 2 - Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - (DC Bob Waller to deal with this item)

Oct 2 - Copy of letter from resident to CC Mrs S Rawlins re Scothern Lane road works

Oct 3 - Note from organisers of Best Kept Village Competition stating that results would Soon be published.

## ■ 119 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► 7.30pm Thursday 1 November 2018.

# THE SUDBROOKE LOCAL

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

# QUIZ NIGHT

**DECEMBER 14**

The Village Hall bar opens at  
7.30pm, with the quiz starting at  
8.15pm



# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

## SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2018

► Co-optation of Councillor: Mr Mike Turnbull was co-opted to the vacancy on the Parish Council.

► Repairs to play equipment: The Parish Council approved expenditure on the play equipment at both sites. These repairs are as recommended in the RoSPA annual report.

► Litter Pick - Report from the organiser: 'With the October weather threatening to rain, 16 intrepid locals took to the streets of Sudbrooke as part of our regular Litter Pick sessions to tidy up the general appeal of the village. Armed with high-vis jackets and litter grabbers, the volunteer's split into 6 teams and worked diligently to collect huge amounts of glass and plastic bottles, fast food containers and tin cans from paths, hedge bottoms and ditches and waterways around the village.

As well as the usual rubbish also collected was a number of unusual items including the remains of a significant number of party balloons, as well as left over equipment from the recent road and

electric works on Scothern Lane. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who gave up a couple of hours of their time; all are welcome at the next session. And a reminder to anyone dropping litter in the village, please remember that someone has to clean up your mess so please take your rubbish home.'

► Donation of tree obtained by resident from the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy: Consideration was given to where the tree could best be planted. It was felt that the new sports field would be a good location.

► Trimming of trees Courtfield Close/Holme Drive: Thanks were extended to a resident who had kindly cut the lower branches from the trees in this area, enabling better access for the grass cutting machinery.

► Date of next meeting - 7.30pm Thursday December 6, 2018, Bramham Lounge, Village Hall: On the agenda for this meeting will be the setting of the precept for the 2019/20 financial year. Residents are very welcome to attend.

## Christmas in St Edward's, Sudbrooke

**Sunday 16th December**  
**6.30pm Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve**  
**11.30pm Midnight Mass**

# PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



## WINTER WORRIES

► In the November issue I highlighted the opportunity for residents to have their say on the WLDC budget. One of the areas covered was council tax and this has given rise to questions relating to who pays and how is it proportioned?

Council tax is a local tax set by local councils to help pay for local services. Council and Police services are paid for by government grants, council tax, fees and other charges. There is one council tax bill for each domestic dwelling whether it is a house, flat, mobile home or houseboat.

West Lindsey Council collects the council tax, but keep less than one ninth of it. The rest is given over to the Lincolnshire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, Parish and Town Councils.

Council tax is usually paid by the owner occupier or the tenant of a property. Where there are two or more people who are joint owners or joint tenants, they are each responsible for paying. Married couples, civil

partners and people living together as a couple will be jointly liable for the bill while they both live at the property; this is the person or persons who come highest in the following list:

- You own the freehold of the property
- You hold the leasehold of the property
- You are a tenant
- You have some other right of occupation
- You are a resident

In the following circumstances the

owner of the property will be the person who must pay:

- Houses in multiple occupation - this is usually properties divided into bedsits
- Dwellings occupied by resident staff
- Residential care homes
- Religious communities
- Asylum seekers

So, as you can see not all your council tax is spent on the immediate area, but is used to provide county-wide services.

I hope you all have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.



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# THE CHURCH DIARY

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## ■ TIME OF THE SEASON

► Everywhere we go it seems, we come across the 'J' word - whether it is from those who are embarking on the 'dance Journey of a lifetime' on Strictly Come Dancing, or those who find fame if only for a few weeks on The X-Factor, or the Journeys of 'Team Tardis' in Dr Who or even, at this time of the year, the Nativity!

As Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men found their way to Bethlehem, the journey was, in equal measure, tough, exhilarating, painful, exciting, frightening - all the things you might expect if you were heading into the unknown.

No SatNav to follow, but a star. The wise men, following the star at one stage found themselves going in the wrong direction - who knows why, but they ended up at Herod's Palace.

Herod was threatened by the appearance of a new King..... and so the wise men had to reset and change direction..... a bit of 'recalculating route' was required.

Course correction is all part of the Journey of life. We sometimes head in the wrong direction either because we fail to spot the signs, or sometimes because we point blank refuse to see what they are telling us.

I have to confess that I have blindly followed my satnav when everything else is screaming that it is not going to get me where I want to go. Of course, the deeper you go into the wrong route, the more difficult it is to change course - for all sorts of reasons.

Over this next few weeks as we head towards Christmas and then into Epiphany, as a church we are inviting you to 'Follow the Star', the star that led to the Christ-child.

As you follow that Journey can I invite you to look with fresh eyes at a story that you have heard many times before and to ask whether the course of your Journey needs some 'correction'. Stop and gaze on the Christ-child for a while and ask God to show you who He really is.

Every blessing this Christmas and New Year.

# CHURCH SERVICES DATES FOR ST EDWARD'S

## DECEMBER

Mon 10	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 13 (01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sun 16	10.45am	Advent Praise
	6.30pm	Carol Service
Mon 17	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 23	10.45am	Holy Communion
Mon 24	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

## JANUARY

Sun 6	10.45am	Holy Communion
Mon 7	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 8	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 10 (01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
Mon 14	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 15	9am	Morning Prayer
Sun 20	10.45am	Epiphany Praise
Mon 21	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 22	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 24 (01522 753119)	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sun 27	10am	Group Communion
Mon 28	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 29	9am	Morning Prayer

# MEET THE NEW OWNERS OF

## FROM LANCASHIRE, VIA DEVON AND TENERIFE, TO SUDBROOKE

There's a change in the air at Sudbrooke's only eating establishment, with the distinct smell of that English classic, fish and chips, wafting from the Mediterranean-style premises.

And it's all thanks to new owners Paul and Marsha Jackson, with son Mark, who have upped sticks from Clitheroe, in Lancashire, to breathe new life into the Cherry Tree cafe & bistro.

With the cafe having been on the market for the past few months, the Lancastrian couple have taken over the business and one of the first things they decided to do was add fish and chips to the menu, giving diners the option of eating in or taking away.

"We'll be serving haddock amongst other fish," explains Paul, who shows me three lovely fresh portions of the popular fish, "with chips, mushy peas and homemade tartare sauce. We'll still be doing the Sunday carvery as well as that is very popular."

Front-of-house worker Paul Rignall, one of the recent additions to the staff roster chips in: "Sunday lunches are still great."

The Jacksons are hoping to appeal not just to passing trade, but to the locals as well, adding: "We want to attract everybody, we want as many as people to come here."

When asked about his background, Paul laughs and tells me: "We have been in the business for 20 years and this is the last



one. We're from Clitheroe, in Lancashire. We were looking around for another business, saw this one for sale, came to have a look at it, put an offer in and it was accepted.

"It's a lot quieter than I thought it would be, but we've had a couple of good Sundays though.

"We have had chippies in Blackpool, Devon and Yorkshire, and we had three years in Tenerife - we had a tapas restaurant and wine bar.

"We came back because I had a heart attack out there and I thought if anything else was to happen, I'd rather it happen over here (in the UK).

"We're living down at Cherry Willingham at the moment. We haven't bought the house that came with the cafe yet, that'll be next year - we do have options to buy it."

Paul's wife adds: "It's lovely around here. We've been to a few places already - it's all flat,





# THE CHERRY TREE CAFE...



isn't it?" Asked if the prices have gone up, Paul adds: "No, but some have actually gone down.

"Fish and chips, with all the trimmings, are £8.95 to eat in and £7.50 to take away.

"We're tweaking the menu in places, for example, adding chicken and chips, and proper sandwiches like roast beef and horseradish, while there'll be Irish stew with soda bread. We'll get there. Once we get established we'll have a tapas night, that's what



I'm really looking forward to.

"We also have Black and Whites coffee on offer for that cappuccino or latte, etc...

"I am an experienced chef, but we've got a good chef here - he's been here for 10 years. We're not

just going to sit at Cherry and not work. I'm a businessman and I want to make money."

An ice cream parlour is also on the agenda, but more towards the summer months. "We'll have 24 flavours to choose from," adds Paul.



# The Phantom Hedge Cutter of Sudbrooke



The incidents not only made the local headlines (Lincolnite and Lincolnshire Echo), but the story also came to the attention of the local media too, with the Daily Mail and the BBC covering it, while the Daily Telegraph also sent a reporter to the village to investigate...

Sudbrooke made national headlines last month when some villagers' hedges were attacked in the middle of the night by mysterious vandals.

Residents down St Edward's Drive found their hedges had been hacked, with Les Outram's border foilage

having two large holes cut into, it and he was not best pleased, as you can read from his correspondence to Sudrooke News, below.

Extra police patrols were brought in to try and find the culprit/s responsible, but all that has been found so far are cut branches and piles of waste from said attacks, but this local story has been catapulted to national attention, with the BBC



and even the Daily Mail feeling it to be of worthy coverage, while the



Daily Telegraph have also visted the village to find out more. Look North even sent out roving reporter

Crispin Rolfe to film a piece on the story. So far, no culprits have been caught, but neither do they seem to have struck again, although the story brought up the issue of overgrown hedges, with a local resident writing into the magazine with his thoughts on the matter – you can also read the Parish Council's reply to him, below. The mystery continues...

## READER'S LETTER

### YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor, I am sad to report two instances of willful malicious damage to our boundary hedge on St Edwards Drive.

These occurred between November 6-12, 2018. Those responsible came along with secateurs or loppers, on two separate occasions, so they had full knowledge, intent and therefore responsibility for their actions.

Therefore I say to those

responsible that I deserve and require that they:

- a) advise me as to why they think they have the right to damage my property
- b) reassure me that this will not happen again.

Whilst I regularly trim our hedges and have plans for further trimming in Spring, these may not take place if I do not get a positive response to the above.

Les Outram  
2 St Edwards Drive

Dear Editor

Tonight (November 15) on Radio Lincolnshire, Sudbrooke was mentioned and police stated that extra patrols would be patrolling because of an incident in St Edwards Drive. Whoopee! Extra police patrols! It will be great to see a uniformed officer in the village... I haven't seen one in here for years.

The reason given was because someone had apparently cut back a hedge overhanging the public pavement by about three feet or more without consulting the owner of the hedge from who's property it protruded over the highway, restricting the passable width of the pavement from eight feet to a mere three feet where it met a lampost.

Police apparently consider a serious offence (enough to warrant a mention on the radio and in local neighborhood crime bulletins. Is it me or was there no mention of the offence under the Highways Act being committed by the homeowner? Why was that person NOT reported for what was obviously a long-standing blatant offence of permitting his hedge to encroach over the public pavement preventing the use of the the area over which it stood by pedestrians.

I would like to remind police of the statement of Lord Chief Justice Goddard, who defined "Obstruction of the Highway" as being where the presence of any person, object, item or vehicle over an area of the highway prevented that area over which it stood being used or walked or driven and was an offence without lawful excuse.

Look it up if you have forgotten your basic police training. It is stated in the very first introduction of the Highways Act of which there have been numerous addition and amendments over many years, but this definition has never altered.

There are numerous other hedges in this village which encroach over the pavement and it is about time the Parish Council and police took steps to enforce the law and make the public aware of their obligations to trim back their hedges. Perhaps a few fines would bring home to folks their duty to keep within their boundaries.

Would it not be possible for a Parish Council volunteer or employee to report illegal encroachment of the highway and take cases to the courts and not leave it to the odd individual who finds it nessesary to bring it home to offenders that they need to trim back their hedges by cutting them, which has clearly happened on this occasion and so angered police?

There are two Places in St Edward's Drive where overgrown hedges actually completely covered the pavement... the worst being at No.15

You have to actually walk on the roadway to pass it. This has not just happened, it has taken years to get to that state. Why are the Parish Council allowing this to happen?

Jim Wharton

Dear Mr Wharton

I have been sent a copy of your email to the editor of **Sudbrooke News** and found your comments about the Parish Council offensive and incorrect. The contact details of the Parish Council are printed on the back of every **Sudbrooke News**. Rather than "grandstanding" to the editor you could have contacted us with your comments and heard first hand what our actions had been.

The condition of the hedge to which you refer has been raised during Parish Council meetings by members on at least six occasions since January 2016. The house in question was occupied by an elderly resident who we understand to now have moved into a Nursing home. The house is being looked after by a relative. We have written to the owner about the necessity of cutting the hedge back, but have had no response.

You yourself further reported the hedge to a Councillor in June 2018 and the matter was raised and minuted as follows: 'A resident had drawn attention to the overgrown conifer hedge on St Edward's Drive. This had previously been observed by LCC Highways two years ago and considered that no action be taken at that time. However, the hedge had continued to grow and was now covering the footpath. The Clerk had further reported it to LCC Highways and upon the Chairman's instruction had written to County Councillor Sue Rawlins requesting her intervention. A reply was awaited.'

Reference is also made to the hedge in the July and September 2018 minutes, all of which are printed in the **Sudbrooke News** for residents' information.

As you will see the Parish Council has raised a complaint about the obstruction caused by the hedge with Lincolnshire County Council Highways department who have responsibility for the maintenance of roads and pathways. They have informed us that they have written to the owner, but have had no response and have since started statutory procedures in order to legally deal with this matter.

The Parish Council consider this obstruction to be a road safety issue and have requested our County Councillor to take up the issue with the head of LCC Highways to resolve it.

As to taking direct action, the recent publicity over hedges in Sudbrooke has shown that the police regard it as a civil matter.

The members of the Parish Council are all volunteers who give their time freely not only for the monthly meetings, but organising and running events to benefit the village, such as generation of a Neighbourhood Plan, Litter Picks, A sports day, the Christmas tree lighting and many other activities. If you feel that we are not up to the job then perhaps you should stand for the Parish Council in next year's election.

Peter Heath, Chairman Sudbrooke Parish Council





# BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP

## JUDGES COMMENTS ABOUT SADBROOKE - PART ONE

Section Max	Criteria	Points given	Comments
<b>A</b> 25 points	<b>Overall appearance and condition</b> Absence of litter, unauthorised / unsightly refuse, absence of graffiti/ vandalism, dumps on verges, general condition of roads and paths.		Streets remarkably clear of litter. Litter seen around the Village Hall area, even though bins provided. Paths in sound condition; no obvious potholes in roads. No evidence of graffiti or vandalism.
<b>B</b> 10 points	<b>Green Spaces 1</b> Maintenance of natural areas for wildlife (such as bird boxes / feeders, bat boxes) and wildflowers.		Trees in Jubilee Garden make a pleasant, shady place to sit. Bird box noted in area where grass left uncut for wildlife.
<b>C</b> 10 points	<b>Green Spaces 2</b> The general appearance of public greens, trees, ponds, streams, dykes, parks, hedges, gardens, and allotments.		Wood carvings impressive complementing unusual feature of Millennium Stone in Jubilee Garden. Eastern section of drain needs attention by riparian owners. One model showed what it could be like. Could be an attractive feature through the village.
<b>D</b> 10 points	<b>Public Domain/Street Scene</b> Condition of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting, children's play areas.		Play areas well equipped for younger children. Dog waste on footpath beside drain.
<b>E</b> 15 points	<b>Public Premises 1</b> Condition of town halls, community centres, public halls, sport facilities, playing fields, schools and playgrounds, market places.  N.B It is not necessary to enter school grounds but if the judge does wish to enter, permission must always be obtained.		Village Hall building sound and obviously well used. Flower patch behind Village Hall could be spruced up. Ample well trimmed green space adjacent to the Hall and on the other side of Poacher's Lane.
<b>F</b> 15 points	<b>Public Premises 2</b> Condition of shelters, public seats, notice boards, bus stops and signs, telephone boxes and car parks. Cleanliness of public toilets, road signs.		Fair number of seats in good condition placed around village. Three notice boards on shop front wall well placed for advertising village activities. <i>No public toilets</i>

# BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP

## JUDGES COMMENTS ABOUT SUSBROOKE - PART TWO

<b>G</b> 15 points	<b>Private Premises</b> Collective appearance of private gardens, hedges, fences and walls.		Most properties in village look smart.
<b>H</b> 15 points	<b>Religious Premises</b> Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, chapel surrounds, war memorials and their notice boards.  N.B Churches should be judged on the exterior only.		Grass kept to a reasonable level, <i>but looked a little neglected.</i>
<b>I</b> 20 points	<b>Business Premises</b> Collective appearance of business property including inns, farms and farmyards, workshops, post office, shops and caravan sites.		Grocery shop and hairdressing business in clean, modern premises. Cherry Tree Cafe on Wragby Road is somewhat isolated from the village because of main road. Light, airy, clean building.
<b>J</b> 15 points	<b>Overall community effort</b> Evidence of community spirit and activity and initiative in the care of the parish and its environment.  N.B Please take into account supporting information such as village magazines, parish website etc.		Twice-yearly litter pick shows concern for environment. CPRE competition advertised Spring and Autumn Village Shows Number of Clubs for all ages meet in Village Hall; Newsletter advertises events Good mapping of village for visitors. Best maps ever provided for CPRE judges.
<b>150 points</b>	<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Additional comments or relevant advice</b>		

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) announced the following winners and runners-up in the 2018 Lincolnshire's Best Kept Village and Small Towns Competition.

**Class 1 Small Village Winner: Harlaxton. Joint Runners Up: Sothorn and Denton.**

**Class 2 Medium Village Winner: Claypole.**

**Joint Runners Up: Fleet Hargate and Great Gonerby**

**Class 3 Large Village Winner: Kirton. Runner Up: Nettleham**

**Class 4 Small Market Town Winner: Long Sutton. Runner Up: Horncastle**



# A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

**I**F you've been reading this wonderful village magazine for a while, you'll be aware that I spent some time in the RAF, but that was only until I was 30 years old, so how did I cope with life out there in civvy street?

Nowadays people who come out of military service are offered resettlement courses to help them adapt to civilian life, but in the 1960s there was very little available. It would have been difficult to transfer my skills learned over the 12 years to obtain gainful employment outside of the RAF.

As a radio engineer I had been working in the ever-changing field of communications equipment, and during the Cold War in the 60s, on electronic counter measures.

As a Senior NCO, I was also occasionally asked (told) to carry out NDT (non destructive testing) on Vulcan engines. It was a trip away from camp to pick up some radio isotopes from a nuclear facility and return to Waddington and fit them close to the engines where they could be photographed using a gamma source (bit like taking X-rays), saved taking the engines off the plane in order to inspect them. So all I left Waddington with was a handshake and the words "good luck" ringing in my ears, from my flight commander, and the gates closed behind me. I was watching a programme recently on TV, where

a young lad was complaining that 'no-one would give him a job!' I know what Norman Tebbit would have said if you're old enough to remember him. He would have suggested he did what his father did many years before, get on his bike and go find one! A bit simplistic you might say, but we could debate that in

another place. But here

I was in the same boat, with a growing family to feed, and limited prospects. I refused to go on benefits, and on the Monday morning went out and bought a second-hand baby Austin car for £15, a ladder and a bucket, and began knocking on doors to see if I could build up a window cleaning round.

A friend of mine, Dave Brook, had done the same thing a few months before and appeared to be making a success of it. I was soon making a modest living, and the bills were being paid. I was capable of carrying out small domestic repairs,

and broken items like electric kettles, toasters, irons, hairdryers, etc. were within my capabilities and something I could do in the evenings.

People chuck them away now, but not then. Spares could be obtained from a local Lincoln wholesaler, (no Amazon around then) and queuing up at the counter brought me into contact with local electrical contractors. I always used those occasions to pump them for information with loads of silly questions, but that's how you learn, eh? My small terrace





# A TALE BY TERRY MAYO

house in Lincoln needed rewiring and not being able to afford that, I bought a book on how to do it yourself, and carefully reading the instructions, set about the job.

It wasn't too difficult, even with my primitive hand tools and lack of knowledge, and on completion, the Electricity Board tested it and connected it to the supply. Gradually I offered to do similar work for friends, and in the fullness of time went to night school to learn a bit more about electrical contracting, and finished the course being capable of doing this work in strict accordance with current regulations.

It was suggested by my peers that I applied to the body that governs this work, the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting, and at the second attempt was accepted as a member, and work came in from builders, architects, local authorities etc.

My neighbour and good friend Dave had been an electrical apprentice before joining the RAF, but only for about a year, and we decided to pool our resources, pass on our window cleaning rounds to another friend, and in 1969 launch out as Brook and Mayo Electrical. Along the following 50-year journey, we had our fair share of ups and downs as the business had both good and bad years.

The worst during the 80s, when house building dragged to a halt, and we had to

search around for alternative work. We had been doing pretty large estates, especially down Brant Road and on the Birchwood, and as far away as Grimsby, and was forced to lay off staff who had become our friends. Just in time we got a contract to wire the new Damons on the A46 bypass which kept us going for the next few months.

Dave and I were together for 30 years, but work pressure was taking its toll, and he decided to move back to his roots down south, and I bought him out. Not many years later he died of leukaemia, a very sad day.

My son Nick had come into the business in 1982 and later I made him a partner, and though I've been left for many years now, he has taken the business from strength to strength.

They have recently acquired new offices in Nettleham for a six-figure sum (directly opposite the police headquarters

on Deepdale Lane) and are already extending them to allow for the plumbing firm Andrew E Barnes Ltd that Brook and Mayo Ltd have recently acquired to join them in the same building. Their latest accolade is to have been voted by the electrical industry as best electrical contractor of the year for 2018, the story is in the Electrical Times. With a multi-million pound turnover, I see no reason why they shouldn't be around for a long while to come! All I did was to get on my bike!

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# SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

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## ■ NOVEMBER WALK

► Ten walkers turned out on a beautiful sunny morning for the short car journey to our starting point at the church in Riseholme village.

We made our way through Riseholme Gorse, below, before turning west to cross Ermine Street just south of Scampton airfield.

We walked across farmland to the pretty village of South Carlton.

The panoramic views from the hilltop above South Carlton were stunning.

We made our way across farmland to Burton village which has some fine houses with impressive gardens.

The steep climb out of Burton is testing so we applauded some cyclists who made it up the hill- huge legs and low gears!

We crossed more farmland on the return walk to Riseholme.

Plenty of birds and sheep to see during the walk plus one speedy hare.

## ■ DECEMBER WALK

► A local walk of approximately six miles to Reepham, Barlings and Langworth, so cars are not required.

Some of the fields and pathways can be muddy and the terrain is fairly flat.

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.

At the end of the walk and as it is the last walk of the year, walkers may wish to gather at the Cherry Tree Café for some refreshments.

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







# POETRY BOX

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is more than a day in December  
 It's all of those things that we love to remember  
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## READER'S LETTER

### YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Editor,

I live on St Edward's Drive, and we do have many dog walkers passing our house, who are very good and collect their dog's mess in their little bags, but over the past three weeks, I have had to remove the said dog mess from the small grass area outside my house on regular occasions.

By the look of the mess, it does look like it is from the same dog and the owner cannot be bothered to pick it up.

Please can you promote a "Please pick up your Dog Mess after your Dog" notice in the **Sudbrooke News**. I don't see why this particular Dog owner feels that he is exempt from doing his neighbourly duty.

Regards  
 Andrew Radford

# SUDBROOKE SENIORS

**We are a group of people aged over 55 years who meet each month for coffee and a chat. New members are always welcome so why don't you come along and join us.**

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**WHERE?** Sudbrooke Village Hall

**WHEN?** The second Friday of each month at 10.30am



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Further information: Sudbrooke Parish Council website:  
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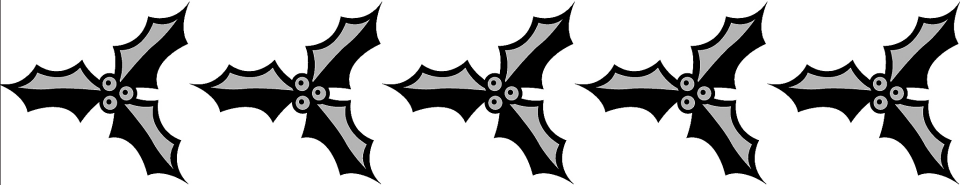
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