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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

MAY 2018

Well, there's plenty to talk about this month and I think for only about the second time in my editorship, we have a 40-page publication and hopefully there's a bit for everyone in here - plenty of articles and not jam-packed with ads, like other publications...

I couldn't let my Wembley trip pass by without mention, while the Spring Show took place a day later and there was a good turnout again, with one or two entrants possibly nursing sore heads from the celebrations a day prior.

Those who like reading the various council notes will be in their element this month, as the Annual Parish Meeting's minutes are also included - for a small village, there is plenty going on thanks to plenty of willing volunteers.

There's some request from help from the local brownies section, while the usual clubs and columnists are back as usual. Still nothing on the shop though... Surf jam. **Dom**

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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

MARCH 2018

Minutes of the monthly meeting of Sudbrooke Parish Council held on Thursday 8 March in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillors Peter Heath (Chairman), Bob Waller (Vice Chairman), Andy Cottam, Miss Rose Dobbs, Mrs Lyn Etheridge, Paul Rignall, Ian Russell, County Councillor Mrs Sue Rawlins, two residents, Christine Myers (Clerk), Bridget Solly (Treasurer)

■ 177 PARISHIONERS' ITEMS

- ▶ A resident had commented that during the recent heavy snowfall, some snow clearance had been piled on the footway causing problems for pedestrians. Members felt this could be mentioned in the **Sudbrooke News**.
- ▶ A resident had complained of damage to the verge on Courtfield Close/Sibthorpe Drive caused by vehicles driving on it. This item to be mentioned in **Sudbrooke News**.
- ▶ Photographs of the weed filled gutters on the feeder lane on Wragby Road, Barfield Lane and the layby at the bus stop opposite Scothern Lane junction which were preventing the water draining away. This item to be reported to LCC Highways for their attention.
- ▶ Request from Revd Penny Green that the church have permission to swap over the locations of the Parish Council noticeboard and the Church noticeboard sited at the church. Members had no objections to this request.
- ▶ The Chairman reported he had met the new owners of the village shop which it was hoped would be opened during April.

■ 178 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

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

■ 179 APOLOGIES

- ▶ None.

■ 180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- ▶ None.

■ 181 NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1 2018 TO BE APPROVED AND SIGNED AS MINUTES

- ▶ Amendment - Present add 'Councillor Andy Cottam'. Save for this, Unanimously Resolved that the minutes be signed as a correct record of the meeting.

■ 182 POLICE MATTERS

- ▶ Police alerts received and circulated.

■ 183 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ CC Mrs Sue Rawlins reported as follows:
 - That the LCC budget had been set for the forthcoming financial year and that there would be an increase in the Council tax.
 There were still budget constraints and the County Council were 'dipping into reserves'.

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- She was in correspondence with the Highways Officer to ascertain whether any there were any weight restrictions on village roads.
- A new contractor had been appointed for the Lincoln Eastern Bypass.

■ 184 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- ▶ DC Bob Waller reported as follows:
 - That there would be a 3 per cent increase in the West Lindsey element of the Council tax.
 - There had been a good take up for the green wheelie bins with residents paying for their collection.

■ 185 MATTERS OUTSTANDING

- ▶ a) Village Sign: Nothing further to report.
- ▶ b) CCTV - Village Hall: Work required to housing cupboard. The Chair reported that in accordance with minute 166b of the February 2018 meeting of the Parish Council, the work to the cupboard had been given to a local contractor at a cost of £140.00. The work would take place on March 16, 2018.
- ▶ c) Tripping of electrical circuit by CCTV - This would be monitored following the moving of the CCTV.
- ▶ d) Litter Pick - March 17, 2018 - Arrangements were in hand for the Litter Pick.
- ▶ e) Wildflower area, Jubilee Garden - It was noted that the Gardening Club Committee had voted against taking responsibility of the Jubilee Garden.

However, some members of the Gardening Club would work on it on an ad hoc basis.

The Chairman extended thanks to five volunteers who had cleared debris, trimmed back shrubs and planted snowdrops, in the garden making a noticeable improvement to the area.

■ 186 HIGHWAY WORKS, CHURCH LN

- ▶ a) Church Lane works: CC Mrs Sue Rawlins stated that she had spoken to the LCC Highways Officer regarding the works required on this Lane and AW had stated they would reinstate the verges in drier conditions.

Concern was expressed about the damage caused to the road surface by machinery used during the works last year. CC Rawlins would arrange a site meeting with the Highways Officer and a representative from Anglian Water.

- ▶ b) Overgrown area, junction of Scothern Lane/Holme Drive: This area was considered to be causing a restricting view to traffic and members felt that a working party could be organised to clear back some of the area.

- ▶ c) Grassed verge, Northfield Park: Concern by residents of damage caused by vehicles. A resident had complained that the grassed verge was being used as a turning area.

Members considered that this was a matter to be resolved by residents living in that area.

PUBLIC MATTERS

READ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER'S
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■ 187 GENERAL DATA

PROTECTION REGULATIONS - TO CONSIDER TOOLKIT PRODUCED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

► This 63-page document had been circulated to all Councillors and was discussed. It was noted, however, that further information was still awaited from Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks. Unanimously Resolved as follows:

- That the Clerk set up new email addresses for Councillors to be used for Council business only.
- That a suitable disclaimer footer be prepared for use in emails.
- That Councillor Andy Cottam and the Clerk would liaise with a Councillor of Greetwell Parish Council in order to work through the 12 steps to ensure compliance with the new regulations.
- That all on the residents email list be asked to confirm that they wished to remain part of the list and that notice of this be made in the **Sudbrooke News**.

■ 188 SPORTS DAY

► Mrs Emma Chapman had offered to organise the Sports Day in conjunction with the Village fete, date to be set by the Village Hall Committee.

Unanimously Resolved that Mrs Chapman organise Sports Day in conjunction with the Parish Council and that funds allocated in the Precept for the event be used.

■ 189 FINANCE

► a) Review of Financial Regulations - Reviewed with amendment. Unanimously Resolved that the revision be adopted.

► b) Accounts for payment

Lonsdale Direct -

Sudbrooke News February £230.10

E.on - electricity Millennium Stone £35.55

Mrs B Solly - expenses Jan and Feb

£42.80

Greenfield Groundskeeping Services -

Play equipment inspections £67.28

LALC - Annual Subscription £453.58

Mrs C Myers - expenses £30.03

That the above payments be made - unanimously Resolved.

► c) Report from Internal Auditor on half yearly audit - The Internal Auditor had submitted a report with some queries, copied to all members. These had been answered by the Treasurer.

Confirmation was also required that Council approved payment for the Clerk's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks. This was unanimously Resolved.

► d) Approval of expenditure for refreshments at Annual Parish meeting - Unanimously Resolved that £25 expenditure be allocated for refreshments.

SPRING SHOW

**FIND OUT WHO WON WHAT AT THE LATEST
SUDBROOKE SPRING SHOW.
REPORT AND PICTURES ON PAGES 24-25**

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■ 190 PLANNING MATTERS

► a) Sudbrooke Park development - report on meeting with developers: Councillors Peter Heath, Bob Waller and Ian Russell had met with representatives of the Brief report as follows...

Access: It is planned to still use West drive for inbound traffic, but exiting site traffic will use the farm roads round onto the A158. Articulated trucks will enter and exit via the farm roads. A daily schedule will be published to show traffic coming to the site and that access will be coordinated to avoid entry and exit conflicts involving articulated vehicles.

The farm access roads are only single track and therefore unable to accept normal traffic flow. This means that large vehicles carrying aggregate and other materials will be using West Drive. The developers were asked to reconsider and to see if it is possible to use the track alongside the scout camp for entry or exit.

Development: The first phase should commence in mid-March, with the delivery of equipment to start laying the support networks of roads and services. The equipment will be kept on site and workers are to be brought in by two transit vans each day.

Phase 1 is the development of the land bounded by Holme Drive extension, Main Drive and West Drive they estimate it will take about 18 months. They will also develop the land where the pub will stand as their Marketing Suite accessed from Holme Drive. The site office will be to the south of West Drive by the bridge over the stream.

Low cost Housing: They have come to an agreement with WLDC, but the format is not clear. They are providing 25 per cent of the housing as low cost, but have not designated which they will be, nor have they a process as yet for the public to express an interest.

They have yet to sign an agreement with group for that purpose.

Landscaping: The current ponds will be de-silted and partly cleared as part of Phase 1.

There are still trees to be removed, but will not be done until the next newt collection time has been and gone (next autumn). There is scope for different nesting boxes to be installed and house holders will be invited to have swift boxes on their houses.

Snow Drops: Permission was given for the removal of some snowdrops for planting in the Jubilee Garden and to a 'safe' haven where they could flourish and hopefully be replanted in the development when it is completed.

Concern was expressed that as the roads in Sudbrooke were currently being re-surfaced, the additional heavy traffic may cause damage. Resolved that photographs be taken of the condition of the roads and copied to the developers prior to commencement.

► b) Sudbrooke Neighbourhood Plan: The application form for grant was nearing completion and this would be submitted as soon as possible.

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■ 191 CLERK'S REPORT

► The Clerk reported as follows:

- That she had sent an enquiry to Lincoln College to ask if the Painting Department would take on the painting of the Park Gates.
- She had attended a drop in session on the Transparency Code at LALC, Dunholme.
- Section 106 Agreement, Poachers Lane - The Parish Council Solicitors were following up queries on the transfer drafted by the developers' solicitors.
- Following an enquiry about a wayleave payment received it was confirmed by National Grid that future payments would be withdrawn, as they had bought rights in 1987 for an underground cable situated at the Village Hall and deed of grant had been signed under Deed Sudbrooke 6.

■ 192 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

► The Chair reported that he and Councillor Ian Russell had moved snowdrops to a safe area in the woods hoping that they could be replanted in the new development when complete. More snowdrops had been moved and planted by a volunteer in the Jubilee Garden.

■ 193 CORRESPONDENCE

RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

- *Circulated to residents
- Feb 1 - Latest news from the ICO
- Feb 6 - Scothern Clarion
- *Feb 6 - Police Alert - Theft of van from Scothern
- *Feb 7 - Ticket fraud alert
- Feb 10 - Glentworth Neighbourhood Plan

Feb 10 - Notice of vacancies for WLDC Remuneration Panel

Feb 12 - WYPF Notice of meeting 'taking control of your costs and risks

in the Local Government Pension Scheme'

Feb 14 - Highway and Floods response to planning application 132795

Feb 23 - Notification that LCC updated On line fault system's launch will be delayed

Feb 23 - Reminder of WLDC Community Awards final date for nominations

Feb 26 - News and updates from Community Lincs

Feb 26 - Weather warning

*Feb 26 - Police Alert - Owners of vans

Feb 27 - National weather warning updates

*Feb 27 - Bad weather driving

Feb 27 - Invitation to LCC Funding and Networking event - 28th March

Mar 2 - Latest news from the ICO

Mar 2 - New Review of Ethical Standards in Local Government

Mar 2 - WLDC agenda for meeting Mar 5

Mar 4 - Posters for new Magistrates in Lincolnshire

Mar 7 - Permission for application 137168

- Land west of 91 Wragby Road

Mar 7 - Scothern Clarion

Mar 7 - More information re Data Protection from LALC

■ 194 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday 5 April - Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm, followed by Parish Council meeting at 8.00pm.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

APRIL 2018

Unapproved notes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sudbrooke held on Thursday 5 April in the Sudbrooke Village Hall.

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Heath (Chairman), Christine Myers (Clerk)
Bridget Solly (Treasurer), County Councillor Sue Rawlins, six residents

■ APOLOGIES

► District Councillor Bob Waller, Councillors Miss Rose Dobbs and Ian Russell.

■ APPROVAL OF THE NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 6, 2017 TO BE SIGNED AS MINUTES

► Proposed by Councillor Paul Rignall, seconded by Councillor Andy Cottam that the notes were a true record of the meeting and that they be signed as minutes.

■ CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

► This year has been another busy year for the Parish Council. We were all devastated when Stuart Curtis lost his battle with cancer; he is sadly missed for his knowledge and good humour and drive to support this village. Continuity with the Parish Council has been maintained by the election of our Deputy Chairman Bob Waller to the vacant District Council seat.

We have continued to liaise with Jackson and Jackson, the developer of The Parklands, to ensure the impact on the existing village is minimised and that the development complements our community.

Work has commenced on clearance of the site for the first phase of the development and your Council has had some

influence in the retention of natural parkland surrounding the development. Our annual Sports Day was a great success as it combined with a Village Fete run by the Village Hall Committee and it is hoped to achieve the same success this year.

Our decision to combine our Christmas tree event with the Village Hall was taken on practical grounds, but was not the success of previous years. It has been resolved to restore the event to the tree and provide refreshments and encourage parishioners to attend the Village Hall after the switch on.

The Tennis Court at the Village Hall received a make-over courtesy of a community youth group and is available to parishioners for tennis or five-a-side football.

Though we still have some vandalism with damage to the fence, overall it has been reduced with the installation of a working CCTV system.

The generation of the Neighbourhood plan has been slow. The responsibility for the plan fell on a few of our parishioners and proved a difficult task, but the bulk of the work has now been done.

We have applied for further funding and secured the service of a consultant to draw the final strings together.

We plan to present it to you and hold a referendum on its adoption later this year.

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■ 191 CLERK'S REPORT

► A busy year for an active Parish Council, again a dominant item being the development in Sudbrooke Park.

It is hoped that the Parish Council will soon have ownership of the new sports field on Scothern Lane and it will be named in memory of Councillor Stuart Curtis, who sadly passed away last October.

Members, the Treasurer and myself have attended training courses during the year run by the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils. These are very useful and assist in keeping us updated on new legislation.

Training and information is ongoing regarding the new General Data Protection Regulations that will come into force at the end of May 2018.

There are concerns about the burdens the new Data Protection regulations will place on councils and how this will undoubtedly impact, eventually on council tax payers with the necessity for Councils to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

Last year I reported it was hoped that Sudbrooke would have funding made available from LCC for improvements to the road surfaces in the village. Well it has happened and smartened up the village. I

couldn't count how many reports I have made to LCC about potholes over the last few years.

Sudbrooke is very fortunate to have a hard working team of parish councillors working for it.

■ TREASURER'S REPORT

► The Council received a Precept (budget) of £26,626.00.

During the year the Council spent £6,800 on grass cutting - it was the first year that the County Council didn't make a large contribution to the costs. Their contribution this year was £438 meaning that the Parish Council have paid just over £6,300.

We spent £2,300 on printing and preparing the **Sudbrooke News** this year with advertising revenue generated of £471. The Council recognise that the **Sudbrooke News** is an essential part of our community and will continue to support it financially.

A full copy of the accounts will be available to members of the public in due course as per instructions from the Auditors.

The Council lived within its budgeted precept.

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■ COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - SUE RAWLINS, WELTON RURAL DIVISION

► The County Council year of 2017/18 has continued to be a financially challenging one; an ongoing trend in the public sector nationally and particularly for Shire counties as evidenced by recent news coverage regarding the strains on local government funding, particularly around adult social care.

In developing its two-year local financial plan to take the authority to the end of the four-year funding deal from government, the Council has increased the Council Tax for 2018/19 by 2.95 per cent in addition to the adult care premium of two per cent.

At the July 2017 County Council meeting, the authority launched a campaign to lobby government to increase the level of funding to the sector and to specifically request that central government look at the distribution of funding to the Council to reflect the needs of the area. In the meanwhile, the Council prudently maintains a financial volatility reserve.

The Council still has difficulties with IT elements of the "Serco" contract, which it is working with the company to ensure that they provide services in accordance with the commercial terms agreed and deliver all outstanding transformation work.

A new contractor, Galliford Try, has been brought in to ensure that progress continues on the Lincoln Eastern By-pass after the Council officially ended its

contract with Carrillion. Galliford Try will keep things moving in the immediate future while the council finds a long-term replacement. It is hoped a new company will take over in the summer.

Planning permission has been granted for the construction of a 60-metre diameter roundabout with associated realignment and improvement works to the existing A46 Dunholme/Welton junction. An extended period of time to seven years to implement the scheme was recommended due to the complexities of funding and land assembly.

■ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2018 - COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER

► I would like to start this report by paying a tribute to my predecessor, the late Stuart Curtis. Stuart did a tremendous amount for the villages of Scothern and Sudbrooke during his time as the District Councillor for Sudbrooke Ward and as a member of Sudbrooke Parish Council. He is deeply missed by all his friends and colleagues.

Since being elected in November 2017, I have attended a training and update sessions that have made me confident in being able to fulfil my role, especially as a member of the WLDC Planning Committee. I will strive to serve the residents of Sudbrooke Ward to the best of my ability.

During this Civic Year, the Council has undergone a major management restructure that has made the council more efficient, but also has resulted in a

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■ DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2018 – COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER continued...

considerable reduction in cost. The Council has also invested some of its reserves into initiatives that not only produces revenues, but also helps to create employment opportunities within West Lindsey.

In April of last year, the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan for the next 25 years was formally adopted. This plan with its policies for growth and regeneration will make sure that our settlements grow in the right way, ensure we have homes and employment where we need them and ensure our new communities are sustainable, accessible and inclusive.

On March 5, the Budget and Corporate Plan for 2018 was approved at full Council. This included a three per cent rise in Council Tax, one of the lowest increases across the country.

This was achieved through streamlining systems and prudent investments in revenue streams against a backdrop of central Government reduced funding.

The “Green Bin” garden waste scheme introduced in March is proving to be a success with 82.8 per cent of the target being met by mid-March.

While some residents argue that it should be a service paid for through council tax,

garden waste disposal is a discretionary service that the Council do not have to provide.

By making it an opt in service, only people using the scheme pay for it, not all Council Tax payers. WLDC is the last council in the county to charge for such a service.

■ POLICE – OVERVIEW OF POLICING IN LINCOLNSHIRE

► The Chief Constable is confident that in 2018-19 we will be able to reach the figure of 1100 officers for policing in this county.

He hopes this demonstrates his commitment to frontline resourcing, even when the budget is limited.

Lincolnshire Police will continue to campaign, petition, discuss, and demonstrate what we do and how we do it, and quite simply how safer and better funding could help us in Lincolnshire.

In Lincolnshire, we have a workforce that is made up of dedicated, passionate people who carry out exceptional work on a daily basis, and that has been with a backdrop of an uncertain financial future for some time - that is no mean feat.

Local Crime Figures

► Local crime, policing and criminal justice information for Lincolnshire can be viewed via the ‘crime mapper’ website: www.police.uk.

This is a nationally run website with street-level crime and outcomes maps and data, and details of local policing teams.



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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

■ SADBROOKE LADIES' CLUB:

Gill Rignall

► The last year has been successful for the Ladies' Club. We had speakers in the hall on six occasions.

Members enjoyed afternoon tea at Doddington Hall for our July meeting and we went to the Elite fish restaurant for our Christmas get together.

We have 12 members and other guests join us from time to time. All residents are welcome to join us if a meeting is of particular interest and guests are asked to contribute £2. We enjoy refreshments and a chat.

Our varied programme is on the Parish website and in **Sudbrooke News**.

Our meeting on June 21, 2018 sees the return of a particular favourite - a representative from Golding Young will bring some items to discuss and will look at one item for each member or guest.

We meet in the Bramham Lounge on the third Thursday of most months at 7.30pm.

■ SADBROOKE VILLAGE HALL:

Allan McCrone

► The Village Hall was opened in 1986 as a meeting place and community asset for both the village and the wider community and is operated under the rules and regulations of the Charity Commission Registration number 504143.

The Hall is maintained and run by a Management Committee of seven trustees and representatives of various groups who

regularly use the hall - the principals being a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Booking Secretary and Bar Manager.

This committee meets every six weeks over the year to ensure the proper management of the hall's business, to ensure that our constitution is followed and to see that the audited accounts are presented to the Charity Commission at the appropriate time.

The past year has sadly been overshadowed by the death of Stuart Curtis. Stuart was one of the founders of Sudbrooke Village Hall and had been a trustee and an active committee member since its inception. His last role was as Booking Secretary and his contribution to both the Village Hall and the wider village community will be sorely missed.

During the last year, the hall has continued to be well used on a regular basis by the Pre-School, Seniors Coffee Club, Ladies' Club, Whist Club, Gardening Club, Mahjong, Pilates, Kick Boxing and the Parish Council, together with many ad hoc bookings such as children's and birthday parties, family get togethers, religious meetings and theatre rehearsals.

Our financial position is in good shape due to the hard work of our fund raising team, particularly with the contribution of the monthly quiz nights run by Bob Waller and the sterling efforts of our licensee, Paul Rignall.

To maintain the financial stability we have had to increase some of the letting fees taking effect from January 1, 2018. Our overall finances are under the

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■ SUDBOOKE VILLAGE HALL:

Allan McCrone continued

professional control of our Treasurer, Hugh Thomson, who I would personally like to thank for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Over the past year we have almost completed the upgrading of the Village Hall to comply with Regulatory Fire Safety Act of 2015. A new pressure pad fire safety door has been fitted to the kitchen exit, tamper proof fire exit alarms have been fitted to the Main Hall and Bramham Lounge emergency doors and a lockable fire safety box to contain the relevant log books and certification has been located in the kitchen area.

We have created a new post on the Committee - that of Fire and Safety representative. Amy Jackson has agreed to take on this role and is currently conducting a monthly check as per the fire and safety manual.

The general maintenance is always an ongoing commitment throughout the year, toilets, internal lighting, sewers and wifi have all needed attention.

The role of Booking Secretary has now been filled by David Stewart who kindly offered to take on the job.

We are now looking for two trustees for the Hall.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Bob Waller for all his hard

work over the past few years, particularly with his fund raising activities. Bob has agreed to carry on hosting the quiz nights which are always a good source of income.

Looking forward, we are investigating the possibility of extending the rear of the Village Hall to give us a self-contained community room complete with children's /disabled toilets, a kitchenette and dedicated entrance and exit.

This could be used by the Pre-School and other groups, thereby freeing up the main hall and Bramham lounge for multiple lettings.

The Village Hall Management Committee have decided, after consultation with Mrs Lyn Curtis to rename the main hall as The Stuart Curtis Hall as a fitting memorial to Stuart and a plaque to this effect will be mounted in the hall in the future.

I would like to thank Gill Rignall for her help, not only as Committee Secretary, but also for her admin and legislative skills.

Finally my thanks to all the committee members who have supported me over this last year - these are volunteers who freely give their time and effort to the smooth running of this community asset.



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■ SUDBOOKE SENIORS:

Allan McCrone

► The Sudbrooke Seniors coffee mornings continue to be successful with a membership of between 18 and 25 - attendance depends on health and weather!

■ CARVING GROUP:

Coral Evans

► There are currently six members. They are happily working on personal projects at the carving leaders' house.

Projects vary from hanging basket posts to markers for the flower bed and decorative items. The carving group meets on Monday mornings from 10am to 12am.

Tools are available to the members and help advice and opinions are also available to/from all members. Any persons interested in the Carving club can contact Coral on 01522 750031.

■ SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB:

Coral Evans

► The club has a full membership and holds nine meetings per year as follows:

Speaker Evenings take place in March and October at the Village Hall and non-members are invited to attend. Last month we enjoyed a very informative talk from the Senior Gardener of Clumber Park about the History and Development of the Walled Kitchen Garden.

• As in previous years, in April and September members organise and run the Village Spring and Autumn Shows, held at the Village Hall.

• The May and June meetings are hosted by members on a voluntary basis at their homes.

• Our annual outing takes place in July and this year we have a visit planned to Scampston Hall & Gardens, Malton, North Yorkshire.

• Our AGM is held in August at the Village Hall.

• The Club Christmas Dinner takes place in December at a local venue.

On behalf of the whole parish, we run the village "Best Kept Front Garden" or the "Best Hanging Basket" competition. This year, the village's front gardens will be judged in July and we are grateful to Scothern Nurseries for providing prizes and judging the finalists.

Enquiries about joining the Gardening Club should be made to a committee member.

■ SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP:

Mike Halliday

► The group was formed soon after the adoption of the Parish Plan in 2007 and has managed to keep going since then although turnout in recent months has been low due to a combination of illness, injury or general wear and tear!

A viable group size would be around 12 members as one of the attractions is to chat with other members as the miles slip by. Other obvious benefits include good exercise, seeing some splendid views and visiting buildings of historical interest.

We use **Sudbrooke News** and email to communicate with members and meet on

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■ SUDBROOKE WALKING GROUP:

Mike Halliday continued

the first Saturday of every month at the Village Hall at 9.30am.

We aim to walk between six and eight miles and try to return to Sudbrooke by 1.30pm, but it can be later if we are doing a coastal walk or similar long distance from Sudbrooke. Members are given good notice of a likely late return. We have done a few new walks this year as well as some

old favourites. A couple of walks were cancelled due to very bad weather.

The group is run on informal lines with no membership subscriptions and members can volunteer to lead walks if they wish. Everyone is welcome to join in these walks.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm and light refreshments were served by the Clerk and Treasurer.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5, 2018

■ NEW COUNCILLOR

► The Council welcomes Mrs Gina Thompson as a co-opted member to the Parish Council.

■ POLICE REPORT

► Incidents in Sudbrooke - March/April

- March 8: ASB nuisance- Broad Dale Close - Youths knocking on doors
- March 12: NVC Theft - Barfield Lane - vehicle broken into - items taken.
- 1March 19: Theft - Chestnut Close - theft of garden ornament
- March 23: Transport Hazard - Scothern Lane - RTC vehicle skidded on spilt diesel

■ CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

► Councillor Peter Heath extended thanks to the residents who turned up for the Litter Pick in blizzard conditions and collected some 13 bags of rubbish from the village.

■ CHURCH LANE

► Problems had been reported along Church Lane with the verge being further damaged by heavy traffic moving sugar beet, the weight restriction being completely ignored in this instance.

The Council have resolved that a letter be sent to the LCC Highways asking what the County Council's dispensations for usage on a weight restricted road are and can any compensation be claimed for the damage caused.

■ BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP

► The Council will enter the village into the Best Kept Village Competition. The village is currently looking tidy following the recent litter pick and there will be some more of the village seats renovated.

LCC Highways will be carrying out two sprays on the weeds in the gutters this year and it is accepted that this may not be sufficient so it would be helpful (and it isn't too onerous) if residents could pull out the weeds (or run the hoe along) in the gutters fronting their properties.

■ DATA PROTECTION

► All residents who currently receive Police alerts/event and road closure notifications etc via the Clerk to the Council will shortly be contacted for consent to continue to receive these.

Also Councillor will be having dedicated email addresses specifically to be used for Council business. These will be published shortly.

■ DATE OF NEXT MEETING

► Annual Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm, Thursday 3 May, Sudbrooke Village Hall. All residents very welcome to attend.

■ LATE NOTIFICATION

There will be some disruption on Church Lane, Sudbrooke - 29 May to 8 June whilst contractors undertake a Footway Replacement Scheme

PUBLIC MATTERS

WITH NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR BOB WALLER



WLDC NEW LEISURE CONTRACT

West Lindsey District Council has revealed ambitious plans to transform and enhance leisure provision across the whole of the district. So how does it affect Sudbrooke and Scothern?

Exciting plans include the build of a brand new dry leisure facility in Market Rasen and a large scale re-development of the current West Lindsey Leisure Centre in Gainsborough.

This has meant the bowls club and other organisations will be relocated, but not closed. This means that the larger hall will be available for more activities for more people in the district

On top of this the council has secured extra provision for an outreach service which will provide activities for residents in their community. I think that

this is good news and perhaps overdue. When the contract comes into force next month we will know exactly what activities are on offer and providing that the village halls have the capacity to allocate and infrastructure to support these facilities, we will have activities to encourage a healthy life style to enjoy on our doorsteps.

Cllr Sheila Bibb, Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee at the council said: "Previously, leisure provision has cost the council a significant amount of money. Under the new arrangements - not only will the

service be transformed and enhanced, but the income provided will ease the pressure on other council services.

"This dynamic partnership will provide suitable services to the community to help people lead healthy and active lives. It will include more opportunities for rehabilitation, exercise on referral and specialist equipment for different ages. I'm looking forward to seeing the results."

To transform the services, £7.8 million of funding will be used to improve leisure facilities and activity across the district. This is

being funded by prudential borrowing and even after taking this into account there will be a net financial benefit to the council.

The proposed centre in Market Rasen will replace the existing offers

at both De Aston Sports Centre and Caistor Sports Hall. The bespoke centre will comprise the following:

- Health and fitness facilities
- A sports hall
- A multi-use area which can accommodate group exercise classes
- 3G outdoor pitch

Providing that there is support for these activities in Sudbrooke Ward, I will try to ensure that we do not miss out on this excellent opportunity. When further details are available I will keep you informed.



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.

There will probably be someone there that you know!

WHERE? Sudbrooke Village Hall

WHEN? The second Friday of each month at 10.30am



If you are interested in joining us, but transport is a problem, don't worry – just ring Lincoln 750852 and we may be able to organise a lift.

SUDBROOKE VILLAGE HALL

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SCREEN AND WIFI

Sudbrooke Village Hall, the Bramham Lounge and bar are available for hire.

If you book the Bramham Lounge or bar area for a meeting/training course you can make use of FREE WiFi. These areas are suitable for smaller groups and meetings.

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

The hall is situated next to the village playing field and play area, making it a very pleasant venue for children's parties, wedding, christening and birthday parties.

The modern commercial style kitchen makes the hall even more attractive as a

venue for large functions when catering is required.

The well stocked bar with draught beers can be booked with either the main hall or the lounge.

Further information: Sudbrooke Parish Council website: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Sudbrooke>.

****The Village Hall Committee is pleased to have the services of David Stewart as the new Booking Secretary.

All enquiries about booking the hall should be made to David on 07943 146490.

THAT'S THE WEMBLEY WAY TO DO IT, IMPS!

VILLAGERS OUT IN FORCE WITH 30,000 OTHER LINCOLN CITY SUPPORTERS TO WATCH DANNY COWLEY'S MEN RULE AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM

As a Lincoln City fan for more years than I care to remember, watching the Imps not only run out at Wembley (along with several other Sudbrooke residents), but actually winning a final and lift a trophy in front of nearly 30,000 Imps fans was something I never thought I'd see happen.

I was there at the Millennium Stadium in the early 2000s, when City lost play-off finals to Bournemouth and Southend, but heading to the home of English football to witness the Imps triumph on the biggest stage of all was something else.

This beat watching Lincoln on a rain-sodden terrace at some god-forsaken place in the middle of nowhere - Stafford Rangers springs to mind in the 1990s, when myself and a couple of mates journeyed to the midlands to see the Imps dumped out of the FA Cup in horrible fashion and also narrowly avoid a good kicking by a group of Stoke City hardnuts, who had gone along to support their local minnows.

Then there were away trips to the likes of Rochdale, Scarborough, Darlington, Gillingham, Wycombe, Leyton Orient, Stockport and even Gateshead and North Ferriby, which were accompanied by various degrees of success and failure, but now it was the time for the biggest of the lot, Wembley.

As my excited son and I boarded the tube at Watford, the dawning reality of a magnificent new episode, slowly crept up on us as we headed past the famous Wembley arch and on to Baker Street station. Yes, PAST Wembley Park.

You see, Wembley Park station is not actually under the ground, but Baker Street is, and we had to venture two stops past our destination in order to experience the proper darkness of the tube.

Seeing as the Imps emerged victorious and given how superstitious us football supporters are, we'll be paying Baker Street another visit should Danny Cowley's men qualify for the League Two play-off

final in a few weeks' time. After getting drenched on the way up Wembley Way, we headed for our seats early, up THREE escalators to the top tier, almost adjacent to the halfway line.

It's funny how many people you bump into back home on these occasions, with the same ex-neighbour met, having bumped into him on Finsbury Park station following the Arsenal FA Cup quarter-final last season, while my son spotted one of his best friends outside the ground and both were filled with much excitement.

As we emerged from the concourse into the seating area, the enormity of the stadium hit home - it really is a massive arena and to be here watching Lincoln seemed like the stuff of fantasy.

After sitting through a girls' game and then watching the warm-ups, kick-off eventually came, and City were lucky not be down to 10 men inside the first few minutes when striker Matt Rhead avoided an early red card - looking at the incident afterwards, he forearmed smashed the Town goalkeeper and he should have been off. If the referee hadn't 'bottled' it, one wonders how the game would have eventually panned out.

City used their get-out-of-jail card to their advantage, with Elliott Whitehouse pouncing from close range to drill home the opener and put Lincoln on their way.

Shrewsbury were denied a goal by a wonderful Danny Allsopp save, but if truth be known, Lincoln saw out the rest of the game in relative comfort and cue amazing celebrations when the full-time whistle went, with half the stadium going wild, while the other half - well, more like a quarter - filed out silently, thinking about might have been.

Seeing skipper Luke Waterfall raise the huge chunk of Checkatrade Trophy silverware aloft was fantastic and made the day complete. Let's hope we're back there, via Baker Street, on May 28!

Dominic Picksley



THE CHURCH DIARY

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

■ PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

► The new school term has started and I have had a busy week! Fiskerton school have been focussing on RE this week and decided to take the theme of pilgrimages.

All the children therefore have, during the week, been on a pilgrimage and I have had the pleasure of accompanying two of the classes.

The smallest children have journeyed around the school site; the next age group have journeyed around the village; the next walked from Fiskerton to Cherry Willingham Primary School and joined in Collective Worship and the eldest children walked from school in Fiskerton to the cathedral.

Each of the children, the parents and staff that took part, and the vicar (!) have faced the challenge of walking a significant distance, and in many ways have pushed themselves further than they thought they could. That included me - it was good to know that I could still haul myself up Steep Hill, even after the six miles of walking that came beforehand! As we kept telling each other, pilgrimages are not meant to be easy!

Of course, pilgrimages are not exclusive to the Christian faith, for each faith they are a journey to somewhere holy or sacred. The first pilgrims to the cathedral made the journey to

worship at the shrine of St Hugh. You might have seen the BBC programme before Easter on The Road to Santiago - celebrities walking in the Way of St James.

The thing about pilgrimages is that it gives people an experience outside of the norm - it is to be pushed physically, but also a place to meet with others on the road and often to be surprised by what you find.

That surprise came to two men travelling from Jerusalem to Emmaus a few days after the resurrection of Jesus. Of course, it was 'hot news' - how could the tomb be empty? How could it be that some people had seen Jesus - he was dead wasn't he?

They were met on the road by a man who shared the scriptures with them. They persuaded him to stay with them and to eat. At the moment that he broke bread at the table and blessed wine - they recognised him - they had actually been with Jesus.

That is a lovely image - herewith the God of surprises who meets us in our journey of life - the key is to recognise Him.

CHURCHES FESTIVAL
100 CHURCHES TAKING PART IN THE WEST LINSEY CHURCHES FESTIVAL
MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 27

CHURCH SERVICES

DATES FOR MAY

Sun 6	Stainton by Langworth Sudbrooke	9.15am 10.45am	Holy Communion Easter Communion
Tue 8	Sudbrooke Langworth	9am 8am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thu 10	01522 753119 Nettleham	2.30pm 7.30pm	Tea Service Deanery Ascension Service
Sun 13	Barlings	9.15am	Holy Communion
Mon 14	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 15	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer

Sun 20	Langworth Sudbrooke Reepham	9.15am 10.45am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Pentecost Praise Deanery Pentecost Praise
Mon 21	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Tue 22	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer
Thu 24	01522 753119	2.30pm	Tea Service
Sun 27	Sudbrooke	10am	Holy Communion
Tue 29	Sudbrooke	9am	Morning Prayer

SUDBROOKE WALKING CLUB

WITH MIKE HALLIDAY - 01522 754686

■ APRIL WALK

► The weather was dry and bright, ideal for walking.

From Martin village we walked to Metheringham Airfield, which was built in only a few months from the end of 1942 to autumn 1943. Farmers were given 48 hours notice to abandon their homes and land before work began. By November 1943, 106 Squadron had arrived. Eventually some 2000 people were stationed there. The airfield was closed soon after the war ended.

An RAF memorial placed near to the runway records the names of airmen who died on missions, most of whom were in their early twenties. From the airfield we made our way

to the Car Dyke - a canal thought to be of Roman construction. From Car Dyke there are long views to Bardney and beyond as we followed the canal back to Martin.

■ MAY WALK

► A circular walk of approximately seven and a half miles from Willingham Woods at Market Rasen. Mostly level walking although some of the fields may be muddy.

We hope to see a lovely display of bluebells in Legsby Wood if our timing is right.

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

SUDBROOKE LADIES CLUB

WITH GILL RIGNALL - 01522 595736

■ LATEST UPDATE

► Sue Hall, from Project Linus UK, gave a very interesting talk at our April meeting about the charity, which provides free hand made quilts to children who are in distress for any reason.

The charity was started in the USA in 1994 and in the UK in 2000. Charlie Schultz gave permission for the charity to use the name of his 'Peanuts' character Linus who always has a comfort blanket.

Over 400,000 quilts have been given out in the UK. They are distributed through contacts which include hospices, the renal unit which cares for Lincolnshire children, women's centres, neonatal units and hospital chaplains who work with bereaved children.

There are many different sizes and designs of quilts. They are made by quilting groups and individual quilters.

■ NEXT MEETING

► Thursday 17 May: Members' evening. Come along and enjoy the fun.

► Thursday 21 June: The return of an old friend. John Leatt from Golding Young will bring some items to discuss. He will look at one item per person if you would like to bring a family heirloom or treasure along.

■ MORE INFORMATION

► Please note meetings are open to all residents. Guests are always welcome and are asked to contribute £2.

We meet in the Bramham Lounge at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of most months. We have a variety of speakers. There is a book stall and we collect used stamps and small coins for charity.

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

WITH JOHN AND IRIS WHITAKER - 01522 751198

■ SPRING SHOW REPORT

► How thankful were we for the few days of slightly warmer and drier weather leading up to the date of the Village Show! This did at least enable more spring flowers to mature and although entry numbers were slightly down on those for last year, all adult classes were contested and the quality of exhibits was very high.

We were particularly delighted to welcome several first-time exhibitors and hope that they will continue to support this village event by exhibiting at the Autumn Show, which will be held on Monday 10 September.

Although lacking in numbers, the floral art exhibits were beautifully created, there were delicious entries in the cookery section, excellent photographic and handicraft entries and high quality Junior exhibits, resulting in the three trophies being keenly contested. They provided our Judges with a very difficult task.

Our two Judges, Jan Kenworthy and Dawn Betteridge, enjoyed their judging experience and praised everyone for the quality of the entries in all classes. Eventually the winners were decided and the Judges presented the prizes and trophies to the following exhibitors:

Classes 1 - 20 (Flowers and Plants):

1st John Whitaker
2nd Coral Evans

Classes 21 -31 (Floral Art/Cookery/ Handicrafts):

1st Iris Whitaker
2nd Coral Evans

Apart from those named above, other individual class winners were Angela Gould, Hilary Gwynn, Kim Richards, Vivian Mitchell, Margaret Tharby, David Bowles, Mike Halliday



and Dave Marshall. Many thanks to everyone who supported this village event.

Trophies were presented as follows:

Overall Winner on Points: John Whitaker

Best Horticultural Exhibit in Show:

Coral Evans for her delightful floral art exhibit depicting "Spring is in the Air".

Junior Section Class 32 (Something Grown/ Made/Cooked/Painted, Drawn or Photographed about Springtime):

1st Vaughan Whitaker
2nd Rohan Rai

SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

WITH JOHN AND IRIS WHITAKER - 01522 751198

■ SPRING SHOW REPORT cont

Trophy Presentation:

Overall Junior Winner on Points:

Vaughan Whitaker

Both boys submitted excellent exhibits and nine-year-old Rohan's detailed pencil sketch of a Robin was very much admired by everyone in attendance.

Vaughan's vegetable and flower seedlings and his vase of mixed daffodils were evidence of his developing interest in gardening and hopefully will result in exhibits for the Autumn Show; his chocolate cookies were very scrumptious! Well done to both boys - our ever increasing desire is to see more young people with connections to Sudbrooke being encouraged by their parents and grandparents to bring entries to future shows.



SUDBROOKE GARDENING CLUB

WITH JOHN AND IRIS WHITAKER - 01522 751198

■ MAY MEETING

► The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be held on Monday, 14 May, hosted by Colin and Jenny Rose.

■ GARDENING TASKS FOR MAY

► Summer should be on its way - or was that it during the mini heatwave from 18-21 April! Hopefully not.

However, there could still be the possibility of late frosts during May, so be aware of this if you are planting out any summer bedding plants.

Overcrowded clumps of daffodils can be lifted and divided this month. Continue to feed the bulbs by watering with a high potash fertiliser, keep dead-heading and if possible, allow the foliage to die back naturally.

Similarly, Hostas (right) can be divided as they come into growth, but do continue to protect from snail and slug damage.

Cutting back clumps of spring-flowering perennials such as Pulmonaria can encourage a fresh flush of foliage. Spreading and trailing perennials such as Alyssum and Aubrieta can become tatty and patchy - trimming them back after flowering encourages fresh growth and new flowers.

Once the soil has warmed up a little, vegetable growing can get into full swing. We have started already by planting potatoes into pots, the broad beans which were started in the greenhouse have been planted out in succession, the rhubarb has already provided



the first delicious cake and home-grown green salads are on the menu - Yummy!

Further advice on this month's gardening jobs can be found online at rhs.org.uk/May - Happy Gardening.

■ BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION - JULY

► As mentioned in last month's magazine, it has been agreed with our sponsors, Scothern Nurseries, that the village competition in July will be for the best front garden, so now is the time to give a thought to colour schemes, planting and garden maintenance.

CHERRY WILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR

WHERE?

The Vine Centre
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The Parade
Cherry Willingham

WHEN?

7.30-9.pm
Monday 14 & 21 May

WHAT?

We will be singing a variety of songs

WHO?

For more information,
please contact
Jane on 07720 050214
janegeorge24@gmail.com

■ CHURCHES FESTIVAL

► The organisers of the West Lindsey Churches Festival invite you to spend time visiting their wonderful churches and chapels this May.

With a record-breaking 100 buildings taking part across the district, the dates to remember are 12th-13th and 19th-20th.

Now in its 22nd year, the festival is a real highlight on the West Lindsey calendar, attracting many visitors into the area.

You'll be able to meet some of the 700+ volunteers who make this event happen, listen to a host of free organ recitals, sit down with a homemade cake (or even lunch) and enjoy the rich architecture, history and heritage of these culturally important buildings.

For this year, the festival is also focusing on commemorating both 100 years since the formation of the Royal Air Force and a century since the end of World War One, with many churches already having memorials and graves that tell these stories.

A welcome page on the festival website gives a fuller background here, with some lovely photographs capturing this district's church heritage:


www.churchesfestival.info/2018/03/welcome-to-2018-west-lindsey-churches.html

There's also a handy A-Z list of churches here, so you can see which are open in the areas you care for: www.churchesfestival.info/p/churches-z.html

The event also has a chunky 50-page brochure to look through, which you can get by contacting Luke Nelson - luke.nelson@west-lindsey.gov.uk

The festival is also active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and asks you to share photos using **#ChurchesFest18**.


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Churches Festival
12th - 13th & 19th - 20th May 2018

www.churchesfestival.info

West Lindsey VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE



A PENSIONER REMINISCES:

Lincoln is a very special place for me for umpteen reasons. Sally and I were born in Leicestershire, but arrived here by default.

Our stay in Singapore was coming to end, the war in Borneo was nearing a conclusion, and time to return was getting closer. The RAF asked me where I would like to be posted to, and I remember saying St Mawgan in Cornwall, Lossiemouth in Scotland or Sealand in North Wales. Much to my disappointment they sent me to Waddington! Not that I knew anything about Lincolnshire, except that it was rather flat, and Skegness was its best asset. I've found out since that neither of those were true!

In the last two weeks we have twice found fame in different areas of life.

Lincoln

The Imps' success in their first-ever visit to Wembley, beating favourites Shrewsbury 1-0 was an amazing achievement. None of us have ever seen so many Lincolnshire people gathered in one place at one time before - 27,000 in all (*Editor: I think it was nearer 30,000*).

The A1 to London was awash with red and white, and of course Wembley Stadium was bursting with supporters. We stopped at Peterborough services on the return journey and it was almost impossible to get in there. No chance to even use the toilet.

I sat in the stadium next to a Skegness lady who also agreed her town wasn't the best place on earth! I doubt the guy who first carved the imp in the cathedral realised what fame he would have.

Our second event of great notoriety was the opening of the International Bomber Command Memorial at Bracebridge Heath. The tallest war memorial in the country. They came

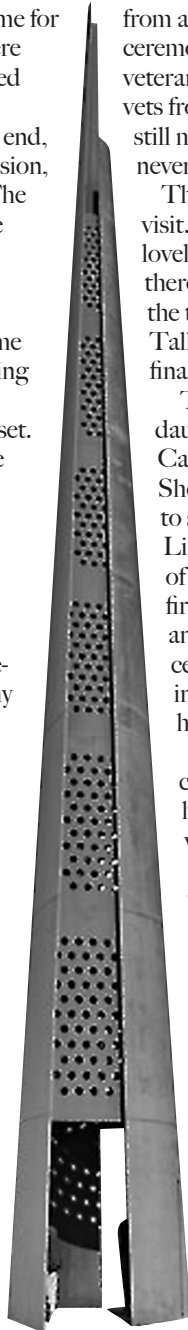
from all over the world to be at the opening ceremony for a gathering of World War Two veterans. The weather was very poor, but vets from as far away as Australia and Canada still made the trip to honour colleagues who never came back.

The exhibition centre is well worth a visit. We might be reminded too that our lovely cathedral also held the record, when there were spires on the towers, of being the tallest building in the world in AD1311. Taller than the pyramids! The spires were finally removed in 1807.

The day after the opening, my third daughter came up for the day from Cambridgeshire to spend a day with us. She was born at Nocton Hall and wanted to see the changes that had been made in Lincoln. We pulled in to the bus station of which she heartily approved, and the first person I spotted was Harry Parkin, an old colleague who was at the opening ceremony the day before, and was interviewed on Look North, telling of his days as a Lancaster crew member.

He told me once they offered him the chance to fly in Wellingtons, but he said he preferred the sheepskin boots they were issued with!

The rest of the day was spent trudging up and down the High Street visiting every charity shop from just beyond the railway crossing, right up to the Cardinals Hat. There were enough benches on the way to satisfy my need to sit down, and in one shop I gave 50p of my hard-earned pension for a book written by an ex-RAF veteran named Henry Brown about his experiences. His first posting was to RAF Waddington! I read a number of pages of the book on my bench opposite the Cardinals Hat when Sarah finished her shopping, and we sauntered back down the





A TALE BY TERRY MAYO

High Street towards the bus station. Turning into the Cornhill, I decided to take Sarah into the newly-restored Cosy Club restaurant. Apparently before my time in Lincoln, upstairs was a roller skating ring, and it has now been turned into a rather smart coffee shop and restaurant.

Going through the opening door it looks a bit like the sort of place that old men like me should avoid, but nothing could be further from the truth. We had coffee and cakes, and found out that if you went between 10 and 12 on a Wednesday morning, and showed your bus pass, you could get a free pot of tea! Long way to go for free tea, but if you're already in town, why avoid the chance of a free tea and a comfortable seat! At night it's beautifully lit up, by the electrical contracting company I started when I left the RAF in 1969.

My personal thanks went last month to those responsible for organising the benches sited at strategic places around the village. Unsung heroes to me. But what about that other group who planted all those hundreds of daffodil bulbs on our verges all around the village. To my mind they look absolutely stunning, and the village would be much the poorer without them. Where would we be without people like that? The same should be said about the group of litter pickers that give themselves annually to removing the garbage

that people scatter around our roads and hedgerows. Well done!

Perhaps by next month we will have our village shop back trading once more. I hope it is a success and the new owner makes a decent living from it. My own view is that wherever possible we should endeavour to make good use of it. We all know if we don't there is a good chance we'll lose it again, possibly never to return. We all run out of stuff from time to time, let's hope the shop can fulfill a need there.

There have been numerous attempts to make Village Hall activities a feature of the village, to generally improve our lives and make Sudbrooke a place where people want to live. Mah-jong and whist have been going for many years now, kick-boxing too for those a bit younger than me, but new players for the table games are desperately sought to keep these two groups going.

Also, a few of us 'seniors' gather on the second Thursday of every month at 10.30am for a coffee and a chat, where we are looked after very well by a few volunteers. Again if people don't avail themselves, it will no doubt cease. Years ago it was formed as a lunch club, but with volunteers slowly bowing out, it is now a coffee morning. A large advert appears in the *Sudbrooke News* each month, so what stops you coming? We're happy to give you a lift, the cost being £2.50. Come and join us.





Sudbrooke Pre-School

Places currently available for 2 ½ - 4 year olds

Sudbrooke Pre-School currently has places available for children aged 2 ½ - 4 years old.

We offer a welcoming and fun setting in which children can enjoy learning through play and organised activities. Sudbrooke Pre-School serves Sudbrooke, Scothern and surrounding villages and is a feeder Pre-School for Ellison Boulters C of E Academy.

We offer the following sessions (times vary depending on whether children stay for a packed lunch):

Monday 9am–12.00noon / 1.00pm/ 3pm;

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am–12.15pm/ 1.15pm

For enrolment details or further information, please contact 01522 754047

or visit our website for further details: www.sudbrookepreschool.org.uk

Calor offers £50,000 national grant scheme for rural communities

Rural communities throughout England, Scotland and Wales could be eligible to receive funding via the Calor Rural Community Fund from energy provider Calor.

Established in 2017, the Fund aims to give off-grid communities the chance to gain funding for projects that will improve local life.

Paul Blacklock, Calor's Head of Corporate Affairs, says: "As off-grid energy providers we are passionate about country living and the success of last year's scheme has shown us the tangible impact that the Calor Rural Community Fund has had on a number of rural communities.

"This year we are offering funding for 21 different projects, with prize pots ranging from £1,000 up to £5,000. Past submissions have included funding for community centres, village halls and sporting venues, as well as initiatives to support local school children and the elderly." You can apply via www.calor.co.uk/communityfund until May 21.



POETRY BOX

GO PLANT A TREE

In Memoriam to the 700 trees, including over 300 with TPO status, that are due to be felled from Sudbrooke Woods.

God, what a joy it is to plant a tree,
 And from the sallow earth to watch it rise,
 Lifting its emerald branches to the skies
 In silent adoration, and to see
 Its strength and glory waxing with each spring.
 Yes, 'tis a goodly and a gladsome thing
 To plant a tree.

Nature has many marvels, but a tree
 Seems more than marvellous. It is divine.
 So generous, so tender, so benign.
 Not garrulous like the rivers; and yet free
 In pleasant converse with the winds and birds;
 Oh! Privilege beyond explaining words,
 To plant a tree.

Rocks are majestic; but, unlike a tree,
 They stand aloof, and silent. In the roar
 Of ocean billows breaking on the shore
 There sounds the voice of turmoil. But a tree
 Speaks ever of companionship and rest,
 Yea, of all righteous acts, this, this is the best,
 To plant a tree.

There is an oak (oh! How I love that tree)
 Which has been thriving for a hundred years;
 Each day I send my blessing through the spheres
 To one who gave this triple boon to me,
 Of growing beauty, singing birds, and shade.
 Wouldst thou win laurels that shall never fade?

By
 Ella Wheeler Wilcox, 2018



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open on Thursday 4 May!
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success of it...**

See June edition for more

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THE SADBROOKE LOCAL

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

READERS' LETTERS

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE

■ NUISANCE MOTORCYCLIST

Dear Editor,

Is there anything we can do to teach the very inconsiderate motorcyclist some manners about riding his bike through residential areas?

The way he revs the engine, and the noise he creates, particularly at night and early morning, is extremely discourteous. Am I the only person in Sudbrooke affected by the noise he makes? Am I being oversensitive to the lack of the usual tranquility of our village?

Name and address supplied

■ LOCAL? HARDLY...

Dear Editor,

In Sudbrooke, we seem to always get inundated with free glossy 'local' magazines, but I had to laugh at the latest advertorial brochure to land on my doormat, namely KEEP IT LOCAL.

Crammed full of adverts, like they all seem to be at the moment, with very little to read in there, there is a piece from the editor on page 4, in which he espouses the 'local' theme time and time again.

In the approximately 100-word editorial, the word 'local' appears 12 times as the editor tries to hammer home the message that the tome is focused on local news, interests, etc...

But what appears alongside the piece across the rest of page 4 and 5? An article about a Caribbean sailing holiday! But that's not all. Turn to pages 12 and 13 and there is a piece on Macchu Picchu, an ancient civilisation in Peru, a story written by the editor himself, which comes across as a back-slapping, look at me exercise. And all this in a 'local' magazine. Do me a favour... suffice to say it pretty quickly went in the bin!

Dave Barton

■ ANOTHER NOT-SO-FINE MESS

Dear Editor,

Dog owners... excrement left on pavements, with bins in close proximity. Here we go again.

Name and address supplied

■ THINK ABOUT THE TEENS

Dear Editor,

Isn't it about some provision was made in the village for those children who are approaching secondary school age and beyond?

The park in the centre of the village is fine for the younger element of our local society, with the swings and climbing frame great for those up to about eight years old, but once they have grown out of that, what else is there for the older youngsters to do?

Other villages round and about in our area, plus in Lincoln, have plenty of parks that cater for those a bit older, such as basket swings, zip wires, bigger climbing frames, huge slides, but there seems a paucity when it comes to Sudbrooke.

My mind goes back to a year or so ago when £1,000 was spent on football goalposts and considering their lack of use, wouldn't that money have been better spent on provision for a better park or at least some play equipment for the bigger children?

And on the subject of the goalposts, why on earth were they situated on that bit of grassed land across the beck from the Village Hall? The grass on there is awful, it's too lumpy and when it rains, it's just a quagmire and it gets waterlogged far too easily. Why weren't they located in the park behind the Village Hall, on some decent grass?

Anyway, back to the original point and it's about time the needs of the older children were taken into account.

Name and address supplied

A graphic of a treble clef on a staff with a single note, positioned on the left side of the top text box.

FUSION...HARMONY•GROUP

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Brownies

1st Scothern

After over five years as co-leader of 1st Scothern Brownies, Basia Neumann (Brown Owl) has decided to step down from this role from the end of May.

I'm sure there are many of you reading this who know first hand what a fantastic leader Basia has been and we will miss her enormously.

We are therefore wanting to hear from anyone, aged 18 or over, who is able to share in the running of the unit alongside me. Being a brownie leader is an incredibly rewarding role and you don't need any experience – just a lot of enthusiasm and ideas!

1st Scothern Brownies has been part of the local



community for over 50 years and it would be such a shame if it were to close, but this is a real possibility if we can't find another leader. Girlguiding is a supportive organisation and offers lots of opportunities to develop new skills and interests, but mostly it's about having fun.

We meet on a Wednesday evening during term time from 6 to 7.30pm so if you want an informal chat, please do call in to see us. We would be delighted to see you! Alternatively, drop us a line at scothernbrownies@hotmail.co.uk

Helen Arnold

DUNHOLME CAMERA CLUB

WITH GRAHAM DUNKIN - 01673 860469 (dunholmecc@btinternet.com)

■ EVENING GROUP

► We had a great month at the club during April. A friendly competition with another photography club, a talk by myself on "Sports Photography", a club print competition on "Dereliction/Decay/Street Photography" and the L.P.A. Portfolio which is a collection of images from the clubs around Lincolnshire. Wow what a month!!!

So what is happening at the club during May? Well our first meeting will be on the 3rd when I will be showing the members some pictures of "The Birds of Australia" from a visit at the end of last year Down Under, it will be a busy night as I managed to get 157 different birds in three months plus of course some informational slides, certainly a busy night but some great images from my visit.

The second meeting will be on the 17th, which will be a showing of digital images that will have been taken by the members and there must be no manipulation.

Within the amateur photography circles, there is never an image that is presented without some cropping, sharpening and manipulation so this little exercise will make the members think a little bit before they press the shutter.

Our final meeting in May will be on the 31st

when we will be holding another internal club digital competition which on this occasion will be "Patterns/Textures in Nature" should certainly be an entertaining evening, the judge will be Steve Marriot.

That's everything for our main club meetings so if you would like to join us then either get in touch or pop along on the night for 7.15pm at The Old School Dunholme.

■ DAYTIME GROUP

► The day group has had two meetings now and both have been attended well by some of the evening group members, plus members of the public popping in to ask advice and joining in with the activities.

During April we held a "Macro and close up" session, where people brought in their cameras and props to photograph with help from those that had done some photography of this kind before.

Our meeting in May will be on the 25th (please check out the home page of the camera club website for further information of what we will be doing on the day).

All of the day group meetings will be from 10am-12 noon. Come and join us whatever your level of photography.

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WELTON PATIENTS AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

WITH JANET GODDARD - 01673 862570

■ THE NUTS AND BOLTS

► As I don't have a lot of PDA news this month, I thought I would put together a few statistics to show you the full extent of the service offered by PDA volunteer drivers.

In the 12 months from April 2017 to March 2018, PDA drivers travelled 22,509 miles carrying 1,646 patients to their appointments both locally and to hospitals as far away as Derby, Nottingham and Sheffield.

We have, in recent years, had journeys to Moorfields eye hospital in London and both Papworth and Addenbrookes in Cambridgeshire although the majority of journeys are to Lincoln, Newark, Louth, Gainsborough and Grantham.

At this point I would like to make a further appeal to anyone who would be interested in volunteering to drive for a minimum of one day a month. We provide transport to any medical appointment and in addition I provide a monthly rota of drivers committing to one or more days taking patients to Welton Health Centre.

Volunteering isn't just about the 45 pence a mile payment received, but about the satisfaction of knowing you are providing an invaluable service to local residents, about the new people you meet and chat to and also about the grateful thanks received from those you transport.

I often get telephone calls from patients who have just used the PDA transport service for the first time and can't believe how friendly their driver was and how they were put at ease when attending a stressful appointment. Kind, caring, helpful and thoughtful are some of the words used.

■ PLANT SALE

► On Monday 7 May, we will be holding our annual plant sale at the Welton Fair on the village green.

If anyone has any plants we could sell, either grown from seed or taken from your garden, please let me know and I will tell you where they need to be and when. Alternatively they can be collected nearer the time.

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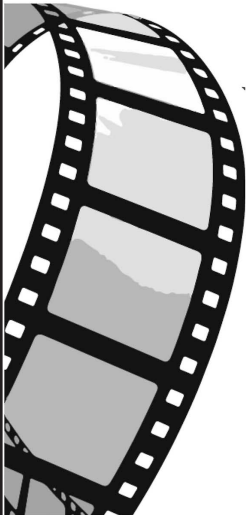
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