

SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Hospitality in South Willingham

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Most of us have claimed this is a friendly village with comings and goings between houses. Lately however, we have developed some commercial hospitality of different types which the rest of us should know about.

Joe and Kay Donocik have a holiday cottage at Church Farm, off Station Road, which opened for the Christmas Market in 2000. It looks across the Wolds, has a double bedroom and a bedroom with bunk beds plus all mod. cons including a parking area. (Tel: 01507 313737)



Church Farm Holiday Cottage

On Barkwith Road Lou Jackson provides bed and breakfast at The Old Chapel. There is one double en suite and one twin bedded room, again with all mod. con. and the use of the patio area. (Tel: 01507 313395 or 07779 783661)

Further down Barkwith

Road, John and Sheila Lacey have a caravan site which is certificated for five vans. It has water and a loo. (Tel: 01507 313420).

The main reasons people give for coming to Lincolnshire, according to the Donociks, are the history of Lincs. aviation (RAF), the amount of antiques, local Lincolnshire food, and garden centres. We could probably add the beauty of the Wolds, the amount of traffic and the quiet relaxed atmosphere (when there is no low flying!)

Special points of interest:

- South Willingham, once upon a time.
- Plant a tree in 2003
- Comings and Goings
- Parish Council active
- Church on display
- The Skills Centre is here

Church Clock

Roy Sylvester and Alan Taylor have been winding the church clock since it was renovated but with Alan and Sharon having now moved away from the village we are looking for additional helpers.

It needs to be wound twice a week and the more help-

ers available the less often each person would be asked to help. If you are interested please contact Ken Webb on 313711 or Roy directly so that Roy can arrange a "training" session and we can organise a rota. Those going through the tunnel on August 28th are

Tunnel Walk

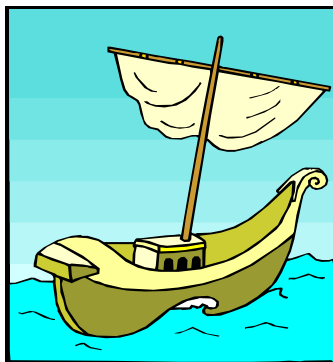
reminded of the delicate nature of the walk. No dogs are allowed and walkers go entirely at their own risk – the village hall insurance does not cover outside events. Non-walkers are still welcome to the Pie & Peas Supper.

Vlingeham – the home of Earl Elmaer

Continuing The Gazette's account of the village in 1911 prose.

The story of South Willingham has great gaps in it, but it may be said to go back to very early days, for there are no less than four references to it in the Domesday Survey (1086) compiled by order of William the Conqueror. Prior to that one may assume "Vlingeham" as it is termed in the survey, to have been tenanted by the simple Saxon agriculturists, tilling their land, shooting, and no doubt fishing - if Benniworth Haven was then as popular as now - and we are even told the name of one of the chief residents, for the Lincolnshire translator men-

tions Earl Elmaer, who had three carucates of



land here, a carucate being reckoned as much land, according to Skene, as may be laboured and tilled by one plough in a year and a day - the same in quantity as a hide of land. The hide of land and the carucate of land have each been defined as a hundred and twenty acres, but there seems no absolute certainty of what constituted the measure-

ment. However, the Conqueror gave Earl Elmaer's land to Thomas, Archbishop of York, one of his chaplains, who succeeded the good old Archbishop Aldred (who died of grief) in 1070 and held the See until he died in 1100. There seems to be no record that he ever visited "Vlingeham" and as a matter of fact William, one of his men, held the estate under him. In King Edward's time (*Edward the Confessor*) it is recorded, the value of the land was £4 10s, and it remained the same as at the time of the Norman Conquest - a sum which represented very considerably more than it would appear at the

 A stylized illustration of a white paper boat floating on a dark grey surface representing water. The boat is simple in design with a pointed prow and a flat deck.

"In King Edward's time the value of the land was £4.10s"

Free Trees

Each year the County Council offers Free trees to Parish Councils. These can be either 25 trees or 200 hedge plants or a mixture of each. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please ring Tina Speck on 313793 between 25th

August and 7th September. You should have a specific species in mind and know where you will plant them. All planting must



be recorded on a map as a condition of the offer. Further information will be on display in the bus shelter.

Where'er you walk, cool glades shall form a shade.

Village Snippets

At the Coffee Morning the other day we realised that we had sitting next to each other the oldest and youngest inhabitants of the village. Frank Lacey was enjoying his coffee while just as contentedly Mia Kendal, four weeks old then, was downing a bottle of milk. Best wishes to them both.

It is rather late to say hello to some new additions to the village but we welcome them just the same. Darren and Teresa Kendall have been here for nearly a year now and have just added Mia to the population. Simon Williams is next door, while, following Alan and Sharon, Roland and Jan Crouch have arrived at Apple Tree Cottage. In the new house, are Sean, Sarah and Abigail Tucker. Eileen and Gordon Stephenson have settled in too, and it is good to have Eileen on the Village Hall committee.

At another end of the village (there are three!) Nigel and April Hutchinson are busy extending their bungalow for themselves and Roger and also for Joanna when she is home from university. We



Paul and Maureen Ferguson as they leave St Martin's Church

hear that the house in Blacksmiths Lane is being taken by a young couple

On Midsummer Day in glorious weather Paul Ferguson and Maureen Clarke were married at St Martins, very smart in trouser suit and kilt. Afterwards there was a reception at The Old Rectory. We wish them many happy years together (not least because they are responsible for printing this paper).

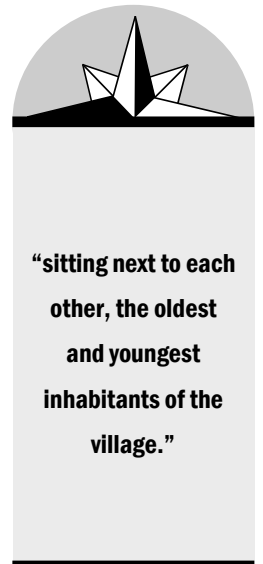
In the churchyard there are now two seats, kindly donated and dedicated to the memory of Simon Webb and

Clare Edmundson. Placed in key positions, they each have good views of the Wolds.

St Martin's had an open weekend in May under the auspices of *West Lindsey* Council. Churches taking part welcomed visitors for a couple of days, with various exhibits from the village on display and cups of tea or coffee. Thanks to all those who mounted displays and peopled the hosting rota.

The July event at the village hall was a strawberry tea and photo competition. Eric Payne won first prize with Ray Butler coming second. The weather and strawberries and atmosphere were good. Though it was mainly a social occasion, the Hall did raise about £180.

The Library Van calls every other Monday at 1245. If it is not used by more people there is a danger that the service will be withdrawn. The next visits are 25 August and 8 September



SkillsCentre (UK) Ltd

Preparing for a wedding is said to produce stress but Paul and Maureen Ferguson had an unexpected trauma this year when their business associates suddenly went into receivership. Employees (all living in the village) were made redundant and the business was in trouble. But some

hard thinking and fancy footwork by Paul, Diana, June and Lou saved the day and now the business has reopened under the name of Skills-Centre (UK) Ltd. The business has



Computers are busy again

helped the village hall over the years and now the South Willingham News, so we are all very pleased with developments and wish them all well for the future.

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Community Hall

HARVEST
SUPPER ON
OCTOBER 10TH

QUIZ NIGHT
NOVEMBER
14TH

Parish Councillors: Martin Doughty [Chairman]
Marcus Edmundson
Audrey Hildred
Tina Speck
John Sturgeon
Roy Sylvester
Ken Webb

Parish Clerk: Pam Webb [Tel: 313711]

Community Hall : Roy Sylvester (Chairman) 313341
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Paul Fuller (Treasurer)

The Parish Council and the Parish Hall are jointly producing this paper. The Management Committee intend to publish it quarterly. As well as official news and information about the Hall, they would like stories from around the village. As they are also reporters, sub-editors, publishers and first copy printers, they hope village people will come forward with ideas and stories themselves. Their thanks to the Skills Centre for donating the paper and printing.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May in the Village Hall, the Chairman, Martin Doughty gave his report for the year ending 31st March 2003.

He thanked Ken & Pam Webb for their work in covering the role of Parish Clerk and also thanked all the Councillors for their attendance and contribution at meetings throughout the year.

The council had met on 7 occasions during the year and had considered 2 planning applications.

He was pleased to report that the problem of surface water on Barkwith Road had now been resolved with the installation of additional drains and the re-surfacing of the road, but there still remained the problem of surface water in Station Road near the old railway bridge which was being progressed with LCC Highways.

Street signs had now been placed in the village for Station Road, Hainton Road, Barkwith Road, Blacksmiths Lane, Church Lane and Donington Road. Although primarily to help the emergency services in

quickly finding addresses, he also felt that it would also benefit delivery drivers and visitors generally.

The Chairman was pleased to report that we had again benefited from the distribution of free trees and thanked Councillor Speck for organising this.

Finally, he said that the Parish Council was working closely with the Village Hall committee and the first benefits of this was the launching of the village newsletter



The village celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee