

SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Dallas comes to South Willingham

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Special points of interest:

- The Council oils the works to work the oil
- Exercise is on the agenda: Tai Chi and Power Chi Yoga in the village hall and interesting walks in the Wolds
- Death of old resident
- A peal from the Church - clock chimes again
- Appeal for the Hall - nearly ready to go

The Parish Council discussed at their meeting in September, an application from ROC Oil to carry out exploratory drilling of up to 3 wells on land on the Biscathorpe side of the Caistor High Street.

ROC Oil submitted with their application a substantial document that included Environmental Impact Assessment, Archaeological Evaluation, Wildlife Impact Study, Site Restoration Plan, as well as details of the drilling site, its operation and time scales. Although work on the site could last approximately 12 months the actual drilling time for the wells would be 6-8 weeks, 24 hours per day, for the first well and 5-7 weeks for the 2nd well. Drilling of the 2nd well would only take place if there were a successful outcome on the 1st well.

The Parish Council in their response to Lincolnshire County Council supported the application subject to the following comments: - 1 There was concern that drilling at night could produce a noise nuisance at



Another bit of technology by Caistor High Street

houses nearest to the site even though the noise survey said it would be no greater level than existing ambient noise levels. 2. Contractors vehicles should be banned from using South Willingham as a short cut to Market Rasen or Lincoln.

3. There should be a ½ hour period in the morning and afternoon when contractors vehicles would not use the minor road leading from Caistor High Street to the site to avoid conflict with school coaches and parents taking/collecting children from school.

4. It was understood that water used for drilling would be tankered in to the site and waste transported away so that the River Bain

would not be affected.

5. The environmental report was questioned in relation to barn owls and badgers.

6. They were concerned that heavy transport to the site could cause road wear that would eventually be paid for by LCC/ELDC and thence local residents. They also saw little advantage to the residents of South Willingham or Donnington while noise and other environmental costs were more obvious and hoped that ROC Oil would be encouraged to make some charitable contribution to the two villages.

Railway Walk 2

A walk from Withcall through mediaeval pasture and a Norman village; along the Louth Bardney Railway to Withcall tunnel. Then to return to the Community Hall for pie and peas. Watch this space for full details and how to book.

Sacs and Sokes



C12 loco pulling a train across South Willingham bridge


The Gazette of 1911 continues:

We are told of one Aschil having six and a half bovates of land here, and a bovate, it may at once be explained, was reckoned as much land as an ox team could plough in a year. This was held by Odo, Bishop of Durham, half brother of the Conqueror, who died at Palermo, on the way to the Holy Land in 1097. Wadward, the Bishop's vassal, seems to have resided here, and there were other men also holding the land, which in King Edward's time was worth 20s, but was now increased to 40s.

Later on in the Survey we find mention of Rainer de Brimon, a follower of the Conqueror of whom we know comparatively little, but who must have served his leader well – at all

events he was generously rewarded. He was given a mansion in the town of Stamford, and a variety of manors, to the number of 13, in Lincolnshire. In South Willingham there were ten bovates of land, and the Lincolnshire translation speaks of thirteen sokemen - a sokeman being a man who held his land by what was termed "*Feudal tenure*" in return for agricultural or other nonmilitary services or for payment, and whose protection he could claim in time of war or disputes of other kinds. The last reference to this place that we can find in the Survey is under the head of "**Claims and their Settlement by their Jurors.**" Therein it is set forth that with regard to the disputed claim which Archbishop Thomas made, namely, that he ought to have soke over the land of Siward, the predecessor of Ivo Taillibois, the jurymen of the

wappentake and the Riding affirm that Siward held this land with sac and soke as well as Godwin, the Archbishop's predecessor, and that therefore his claim is not right. But Archbishop Thomas ought to have soke over the land of Aschil, which the Bishop of Baieux has in South Willingham because, as the whole county testifies the predecessor of the Archbishop had sac and soke over the same land, and that the Bishop's vassals illegally took away the said soke from the said Archbishop. In the time of King Edward, Almaer, Archbishop Thomas's predecessor, was seized of the soke of ten bovates in South Willingham. Code had this land, which, in King Edward's time was mortgaged to him for 3s, but now it is Rayner de Brimou's, and the jurymen of the Riding declare that the Archbishop by right ought to have the soke thereof until he is paid that 3s. Thus we obtain details of quite a historical dispute.



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Village Snippets

Many in the village will feel sad at the death of George Hardy, although at nearly 97 he had had a good long life. 'Good' was his term; in the early days it was tough going. As a young man he was a waggoner, hired by the year at a Hiring and Firing Fair. He had lived here in the village from 1966, only moving to live first with his daughter-in-law, Iris, and then into the Tanglewood Home at Alford a couple of years ago.

We welcome Mel Montgomery into the life of the village. He is brother to April Hutchinson, who is now living in what was George Hardy's bungalow. Mel bought his bungalow from Vera Bee who has moved in with Ken and Pam Webb (her daughter). Mel will be making contributions to the News in the future. Jeremy and Penny Hodson have come to live at Rose Cottage with Sam, Natalie, Raoul and Ben attending Donington-on-Bain School.

Though it is good to have Jeremy and Penny



Frank Lacey and Mia Kendall the oldest and youngest in the village.

here, it is partly because Trevor Hodson cannot return home after his fall. We wish him well in Louth. However, Audrey Hildred is well enough to come back to us and we hope she continues to improve.

Teresa Kendall has begun classes of T'ai Chi and Power Chi Yoga. The first, we gather, is less strenuous than the second. Teresa's daughter, Mia, who appears above, will probably stay at home with Dad, Darren, but we hope you will turn up. Further enquiries from Teresa 01507 313589.

Congratulations to Lou Jackson who has a grand-daughter. Aimee

and Jamie have produced Anna Louise and we send our congrats to them too.

The Church clock stands at half-past three no longer. It and the chimes are working thanks to Jeremy Hodson and Eric Payne. There are several other volunteers but they have yet to be trained.

At long last we seem to be getting near to the time when we can apply to the Community Fund and other sources for money to develop the village hall. A structural engineer told us that the SW corner (the one you pass as you go in) was beginning to collapse, so that will have to be rebuilt as well. The Architect, John Woodward has been in touch with the Planning and Conservation officers and we are in the process of applying for permission to start building. When we get the figures we are just about ready to apply for cash.

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Community Hall

QUIZ NIGHT
NOVEMBER 14TH
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
DECEMBER 12TH

**Coffee Mornings 1st
& 3rd Wednesdays**

Parish Councillors: Martin Doughty [Chairman]
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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 Quessing Ltd for donating the paper and printing.

Village Hall Events

Village events have continued with the Tunnel Walk and Harvest supper. Twenty seven people led by Martin Doughty went through the Tunnel,



Eastern entrance to the village

walking back over the hill and via Benniworth. It created twenty seven empty stomachs which were satisfied with pie and

peas provided by other members of the village who did not walk (and that earned £108). A very good evening and we look forward to Martin arranging another walk in the spring. About sixty five people came to the Harvest Supper and we made £611 for hall funds. Thanks to all who did the work and donated produce and prizes etc.

We could have sold more tickets for the Harvest Supper and that

is a good reason for stretching out two of the walls.

Now we look forward to a Quiz Night in November where either trivia is magnified into general knowledge or one's complete ignorance is exposed – according to your point of view. It's a good laugh though and an enjoyable evening. In December we have the Christmas Fayre. That was such a success last year we hope to repeat it this year.