



SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

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Special points of interest:

- Levels of radiation
- Iron ore to be mined near Donington-on-Bain?
- More than £1,000 for Community Hall
- Trees - let them thrive in '75
- More help for the disabled

Belmont Mast

The Parish Council felt it needed further information on the levels and type of emissions from the Belmont Mast and a meeting was arranged with NTL the owners of the mast so they could carry out an emissions survey for the Parish Council and answer questions.

Martin Doughty and Ken Webb from the Parish Council were present together with Daniel Simpson our East Lindsey District Councillor and we met with NTL's safety surveyor on July 4th.

The emissions from the

Dial - a - Ride

Available to South Willingham residents is the Dial A Ride service. It is intended for those who are unable to use or find it difficult to use public transport. Drivers are trained both in first aid and in the assistance of wheelchair users or those with mobility problems.



An NTL official, Cllr Daniel Simpson and Ken Webb checking readings.

mast are electromagnetic waves, which can cause heating to the body and at very high levels, and close proximity could be dangerous. On 31st March 2004 the National Radiological Protection Board recommended the adoption in the UK of the guidelines of the International Commission

To qualify to use this service you must:-

- Not have your own transport available
 - Not be able to use other forms of public transport
 - Age and disability are irrelevant - if you have no other access to transport you qualify.
- Membership is £5 per per-

son or £7.50 per family and no membership is required for those escorting the elderly or disabled. The fares for each journey and more details are shown on the notice boards in the village hall and the bus shelter. Leaflets/application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk

on Non-Ionising Protection for limiting exposure to electromagnetic fields. For the frequencies transmitted on the Belmont Mast this limit is a maximum power density of 2 W/m².

We asked to have tests carried out on the Caistor High Street at the entrance to the Belmont Mast complex; at the bridge by Poplar Farm on the Donington Road out of South Willingham and at the bus shelter in the centre of the village.

The Parish Council wanted to know how the readings compared with interna-

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Louth to Bardney Branch Line

The Louth and Lincoln Railway Company

At a public meeting at the Kings Head in Louth on November 3rd 1865 it was unanimously agreed to investigate the possibility of building a railway from Louth via Wragby to Lincoln. Mr. Heneage, the largest landowner in the area, agreed to act as Chairman of the provisional Committee. By the 16th of November a route had been approved, leaving the Great Northern Railway at Louth to run a line south to Hallington, Withcall, Donington-on Bain, South Willingham, East Barkwith, Wragby, Kingthorpe, finally to Bardney. Powers to construct the railway were obtained in 1866 by the Louth and Lincoln Railway. Investors were attracted by forecasts of the large amounts of iron ore

waiting to be extracted in the area; it was even forecast that blast furnaces



South Willingham station

would be built at Donington-on - Bain. No such building took place, and no ore was extracted. The Company had difficulties right from the start, and tried to abandon the project. However the Board of Trade refused to support any such abandonment and the Company had to continue with the building. The Construction was further hindered by the steep gradients of the Wolds, and the requirement to build two tunnels, one at Withcall and one at South Willingham.

South Willingham

The first section of the line from Bardney to South Willingham was opened on 9th November 1874. The completion of the tunnel, at South Willingham, enabled a three mile extension to be opened to Donington-on Bain on 27th September 1875. The final eight miles, including the construction of Withcall Tunnel, opened to goods traffic on 26th June 1876, and opened to passengers on 1st December the same year. An initial service of five trains each way was soon reduced to four within a month. In 1887 the service of four trains a day from Louth to Lincoln, calling at all stations took one hour and twenty minutes for the jour-



Jeremy and Penny Hodson's farm in France

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“Full Monty” in Community Hall

This was the challenge set by Roy Sylvester last November: “If any one person can raise £1,000, I will do the “Full Monty.”

We are delighted that in less than a year the target has been met and exceeded.

The evening of entertainment on September 24th was fantastic, the atmosphere in the hall was brilliant and the show went exactly as planned. Both Gough and Sylvester families worked enthusiastically together to provide the fun evening.

At the end of the evening Roy carried out his part of the deal to the song “Hot Stuff” and well deserved the rapturous applause and standing ovation he received.



Alison and Roy in full voice (and clothes)

A video of the evening has sold approximately fifty copies with all proceeds going to the refurbishment fund. Please contact 07799 577714 if you would like a copy - £6.50 for almost two hours of fun.

We would like to thank all who have supported our fund raising throughout this year and although this particular challenge is now completed the fund raising will continue!

Alison Gough and Roy Sylvester

Belmont Mast

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tional limits and also to have a base point from which the effects of any future additions to the mast could be judged.

Against the recommended power density of 2, the results were: -

Caistor High St	0.0424
Poplar Farm	0.0010
Bus Shelter	0.0001

The maximum power density measured in the centre of the village was less than 0.001% of the Public exposure guidelines and less than 2.5% at the entrance to the Mast site.

In the village centre it was stated that even if the mast was switched off, there would still be a reading due to the general “fog” from the mast transmissions elsewhere.

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Christmas Special Fruit Loaf

I found this recipe in an American magazine many years ago, and it has proved an annual favourite with friends and family. They all seem to lose the recipe and ask for it again year after year! Just to remind you, the American “cup” is an 8oz measure, so an average tea-cup is fine.

3 cups coarsely chopped mixed nuts
1 cup maraschino cherries,

halved
¾ cup sugar
½ tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 lb pitted dates, coarsely chopped
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
3 eggs

In a large bowl stir together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in the nuts, dates and cherries until all the fruit is well coated. Beat the eggs

and add the vanilla, and fold into the nut mixture. Mix well. Pour into a greased and greaseproof paper-lined loaf pan, about 9” X 5” x 3”. Bake at 300°F/150°C/gas reg. 1 or 2, for one hour and 45 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before turning out on to a rack. Makes about 24 small servings.

Merry Christmas

Mel Montgomery

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Winter Wise

Recently in some areas of East Lindsey we have had burglaries through open windows and doors, **an open invitation or temptation**. Before those of you say: "Well, we used to be able to and we should now leave doors etc. open" I AGREE. We would love our society to be like that again, but the reality is that while we are wishing for the past some of us suffer crime. **Please close and lock windows and doors.**

Tools, lawn mower, hedge trimmers or other power tools - of course some people will have more than others. The reality is that if the criminal can see an object that will raise some cash by selling

through a car boot sale or a pub etc. and it appears that he can take it and not be detected then he/she will do so. Sheds are very flimsy; usually the locks, brackets and/or hinges are made more for show than security. Locks should be of the close shackle type that actually fastens to something that is firm. Shed bars are available that lock across the whole door and strengthen the structure. Leaflets and advice are available from your crime reduction officers Robin Cram or Andy Steeples on 01754 614330/1.



Guard that shed!

How much value do you keep in your shed?

"sheds are very flimsy; usually locks and hinges are made for show rather than security"

Trees Young and Old

Tina Speck tells us that those who have ordered trees can expect delivery on Friday, January 14th in the morning.

When they have shared their beauty for many years and die, they still give warmth to those who have wood fires as the old rhyme points out:

*Beachwood fire burns bright and clear,
If the logs are kept a year
Store your beech for Christmas tide
With New Year Holly cut beside.
Chestnut's only good they say,
If for years 'tis stored away.
Birch and firewood burns too fast
Blaze too bright and do not last.
Flames from Larch will shoot up high,*

*Dangerously the sparks will fly,
But Ashwood green and Ashwood brown
Are fit for a Queen with golden crown.
Oaken logs, if dry and old,
Keep away the winter cold.
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.
Elmwood burns like churchyard mould,
E'en the very flames are cold.
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread,
So it is in Ireland said.
Applewood will scent the room,
Pearwood smells like flowers in bloom.
But Ashwood wet and Ashwood dry
A King may warm his slippers by.*



Trees in South Willingham



Snippets

Early notice of the spring walk. It will be at Woodhall Spa, exploring the area where 617 Squadron operated in the war – a lot of artefacts still around. We will probably finish with a bar meal at the Petwood Hotel, which is full of 617 memorabilia.

Carol Singing time again. We usually get a good crowd of singers (?) and we would welcome newcomers to the village. We assemble at the bus shelter at 6.00 o'clock on **Friday 17th** and make our way round the village – stopping for the occasional warm-up. We have always completed the course, however, and still sung the correct versions! All the money goes to a selected charity – this year it will be the Renal Unit at the County Hospital, Lincoln.

Welcome to a number of folk who have moved into the village since the last South Willingham News. Tina Wilson and Steve Taylor have come to The Sycamores, Liz Heathcote and Andrew Noble to Woodbine Cottage and to Paul and Emma Flack with their children Lily and Jessica at Cherry Croft. We hope you find time to meet your neighbours at the Community Hall – some have already. We are sad to see old friends leave but the welcome to new people is just as warm.

Welcome also to Allan and Chris Chesney of Jasmine Cottage. Allan gave the Editor some much valued help way back and the Editor

promised him a pint – but never got round to it. Now Alan has caught up. It seems a long way to come for a pint



Alison and Roy in process of raising well over £1,000 for the Hall

but perhaps Somerset is thirsty country if you don't drink cider. Still, we are glad to welcome them and the Editor had better pay up.

Dulcy Layer fell and broke her hip but a comparatively short stay in hospital put her right again and she is back with us. Jill Lacey is not well and we have missed her and Frank at the coffee morning.

The Hall has been busy over the last couple of months. It

was packed for the Harvest Supper. With a brand new menu from Glynis Petterson and Ann Crookes, Mike Perkins his usual professional self and Fran Kingsley running the raffle, we all had a good time and raised £627 for the Hall. Then in November there was a Quiz plus Fish and Chips to finish. That proved to be a winning combination – a full and satisfying evening in both senses – and it raised £204.

Sadly we have lost Theresa Kendall who kept (some of) us fit and graceful with T'ai Chi and sometimes some more demanding exercises. We will try to find another Keep Fit trainer but meanwhile we have started our educational side with a course of seminars on The Trouble with Believing led by Paul Fuller. Thirty-two people signed up and most stayed for all five seminars.

“All the money goes to.. the Renal Unit at the County Hospital, Lincoln”

New Year's Eve Party

Welcome in 2005 and join us for an evening of
Family Fun and Entertainment
on Friday 31st December
South Willingham Community Hall

Adults £5.00 * Under 18's £1.00 * Under 5's Free
Food included – Please bring own drink

All proceeds to South Willingham Community Hall Refurbishment Fund	Raffle	Pre-book by Friday 17th December 04 Roy: 01507 602274 Alison: 07799477714
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Community Hall

CHRISTMAS
FAYRE ON
FRIDAY 10TH
DECEMBER

**Curry Evening: 28th
January 2005**

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

Parish Clerk: Pam Webb [Tel: 313711]

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Fran Kingsley (Secretary) 313718
Paul Fuller (Treasurer)

The Parish Council and the Community Hall are jointly producing this paper and through the Management Committee are publishing 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 Skills Centre (UK) Ltd for the printing.

The Parish Council and the Community Hall
Committee wish all the residents of South
Willingham and other friends a very happy
Christmas and a prosperous New Year



Congratulations
to Russell and Louise Jeanes
of Rosemary Cottage on the
birth of a daughter, Laura
Elizabeth, on November 17th
(at 0217!). She weighed 8lb.
8ozs.

Laura Elizabeth

The Editor apologises for
the late production of this
South Willingham News –
especially as you are used
to receiving magazines
nearly a month before the
headline date.
There are also two items
that have appeared in other
magazines circulated in the
village and we will
negotiate to see that it does
not happen again.