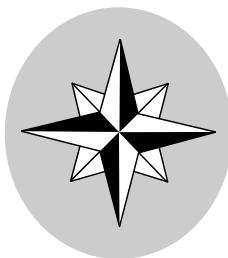


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SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Rights of Way

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With 83% of respondents to the Village Questionnaire saying they wanted the Parish Council to continue to progress the claim for Rights of Way status for claimed footpaths within the parish, the Council has continued follow up with Lincolnshire County Council on this issue.

Three of the footpaths start from Moors Lane ending on the Louth Road, Caistor High Street and Donington Road respectively. The fourth claimed



Cherry trees in full bloom in village gardens

path starts in Barkwith Road and crosses the old railway line to the Benniworth-Panton road.

Lincolnshire County Council has a backlog in handling rights of way

claims [ours are 13 years old!] and was proposing to introduce a priority system. The Parish Council contacted County Councillor Sheila Roy to ask for her help. Councillor Roy visited South Willingham and with T.Speck and K.Webb visited the ends of all the claimed footpaths and traced the path they followed so that she had the information to understand our claim.

We will continue to put pressure on LCC on this matter and report back in the next newsletter.

Looking after the Churchyard

Special points of interest:

- Footpaths to nowhere
- Water conservation
- Eating in Church
- Wesleyans celebrate
- Barbeque July 14th
- Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator needed

With no village green, the churchyard and the church are very much a centre-piece to the village. Our very grateful thanks therefore to all those who generously gave donations for the up-keep of the churchyard in 2005. It costs about £480 per year to keep the grass mowed at £40 per cut.

During the winter months we have reduced the height and width of the hedge that borders Station Road. This will not only

mean it is easier to maintain the grass neatly within the churchyard, but more important, now gives an uninterrupted view of the church and churchyard from the pavement in Station Road.

Kay Donochek has kindly taken over from Pam Webb as the treasurer of the St.Martins Churchyard Maintenance Fund and anyone wishing to view the 2005 Accounts can contact Kay [313737] or Pam [313711]. We are

also hoping that this year we can gather a group of volunteers for a morning "tidy up" session, but more news of that later.

Once more we need your help to meet the cost of maintaining the churchyard and would be most grateful for any donations you can make. Please let Kay have any contributions. [Cheques payable to St Martins Churchyard Maintenance Fund]

Saving for a rainy day

Climate change is causing our water supply to be erratic. Sometimes there is too little rain, sometimes too much all at once which finds its way quickly to the sea, before it can replenish reservoirs.

Increasing population and affluence also make heavier demands. In the UK the average person uses 135 litres of water per day. This is more than 10 times the average daily use of a person in the developing world. 80 litres is reckoned to be the amount needed for a reasonable quality of living. In the USA the average person uses 500 litres. We are living beyond our means and we all need to value water as the precious resource it is.

Already this year sees a hose-pipe ban in the south of the country. In years to come it will surely be our turn. We share water with everyone on the planet so we owe it to them to use it carefully.

Typically in the UK we use...
2.5 litres for drinking

5 litres to fill a watering can
6 litres to brush our teeth with the tap running
10 litres to flush the toilet
10 litres washing the car with a bucket
20 litres for one load in the dish washer
35 litres for a five minute



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shower
65 litres for one load in the washing machine
80 litres to fill a bath
540 litres using a hosepipe or sprinkler for one hour.

Saving water is generally admitted to be easy yet few of us do it. Here are a few of the more obvious ways.
1. 100,000 litres of rain fall on the average roof each year and go straight down the drain. Invest in water butts! See www.offgrid.net

and www.ukrha.org for more ideas
2. Put a hippo in your loo cistern. This reduces water use by one third. Phone 01989 766667 or look at www.hippo-the-watersaver.co.uk. In extreme circumstances remember the old adage, "If it's yellow let it mellow, if it's brown flush it down."
3. Take a shower rather than a bath (unless it's a power shower which uses more water than a bath).
4. Put a bowl in the sink when washing things such as vegetables, salads, fruit and your hands. Then put the saved water on the garden. If you use a washing up liquid such as Ecover you could even put used washing up water on the flowers rather than down the drain.

Gardeners know lots of tricks for economical use of water. If you have any tips you'd like to share, please write in.

Tina Speck



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Coming Soon – the Big Brunch!!

Keep your diary free for Sunday July 9th so that you can join us all in St.Martins Church at any time between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm for the Big Brunch.

Just for a short while forget counting the calories and just think of how delicious bacon, eggs, hash browns, sausages, black pudding, kidneys etc will be. Enjoy

the good company in the picturesque village setting of the church and churchyard.



More of St Patrick's Day Evening

Snippets

The Kidney Research UK charity is delighted with the collection taken in Barkwith Road. Last year it raised £55 but this year there was a marvellous £85. Many thanks to those who gave.

As well as the Strawberry Tea on 25th June and Community Hall is running a barbecue on 14th July, time to be announced.

Terry and Dorothy Middleton have left the village. They were both Church Wardens at St Martins and Terry was a Reader. They also joined in at the Commu-

nity Hall and made the Winner Drum for us. We wish them well in Norfolk. So now we give a warm welcome to Brian Krebs and Stella Lye who have bought their house. Brian has already been roped in to work on the Hall Committee.

The Mega Mocha Machine chugs off through the village



before many of us are up. Paul Flack became tired of commuting from London and now sells refreshments most days of the week near Debenham's in Lincoln. Do sample them when you are shopping. He is also available for other events and private bookings

From the Market Rasen Mail of Saturday September 30th 1905

The Wesleyan Methodists of this village held their chapel anniversary and harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday and Tuesday last. On Sunday morning and evening excellent sermons were preached to large congregations by Alderman H Wyatt, Mayor of Lincoln. There was special singing at each of the services and Mr W Pickering presided at the

organ. On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held in the chapel, Mr C Bennett of Louth occupying the chair. There was a crowded attendance to hear a very good address given by the Rev J H Rider of Scarborough on "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". At the conclusion of the meeting Mr W Rushby sold fruit and vegetables which had been generously given by

members of the congregation and friends. The total proceeds of £7.16.8d were in aid of the Trust Fund.
(Contributed by Eric Payne)

Mobile Library

Alternate Thursdays
at the Bus Shelter

10 minutes
1300 to 1310

Please help to keep the library coming to us



Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is currently a vacancy on South Willingham Parish Council. Having been through the prescribed procedure there has been no election called for and the vacancy will therefore be filled by co-option

Should anyone wish to be considered for this vacancy, would they please contact the Acting clerk on 01507

313711. (STOP PRESS



There is now another vacancy on the Parish Council plus a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator)

A typical coffee morning, though less drinkers than usual!

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Community Hall

STRAWBERRY TEA
SUNDAY 25TH
JUNE 3 - 5 P.M.

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

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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. Thanks also to Terry and Anne Ringrose for funding our colour page.



Doreen Rowson and Gill Harrison hard at work during the Chinese New Year celebration at the Hall.

Community Hall AGM

Some twenty five people attended the Annual Meeting and after wine and nibbles got down to the business. Mel Montgomery, Vice Chairman took the meeting and Fran Kingsley was Secretary.

Annual reports came from the Vice Chairman, the Appeals Committee and the Treasurer. The Treasurer thanked Roy Sylvester and Alison Gough for raising over £2,500 and announced that we have over £12,000 in the funds though

much of this is spoken for. There were at least three vacancies on the Committee – Roy Sylvester and Alison Gough had left the village and Doris Cosgrove was unable to continue. Three new members were elected: Maureen Jones, Brian Krebs and Christine Washer, and the rest of the Committee was re-elected.

At the subsequent Committee Meeting, Mel Montgomery was elected Chairman and the following were re-elected: Fran Kingsley, Secretary; Paul Fuller, Treasurer; Glynis

Petterson and Ann Crookes, Catering; Tina Speck, Publicity and Maureen Ferguson, Booking. Brian Krebs is responsible for Maintenance arrangements and was also appointed to a new office (now needed): Child Pro-

Walking Group

Quite a few are interested in forming this group. There will be a meeting in the Hall to start it on **Wednesday June 7th at 7.30.**