



SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Sunday Brunch in the Church

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- Successful Brunch
- Vacancies on Parish Council
- History of the Wolds
- WI coffee morning collage
- Village round-up
- Good wine, glorious setting
- Willingham Walkers get going

As dawn broke over St Martins Church on Sunday July 9th it became apparent that the interior had been transformed into something more like a medieval banqueting hall than the familiar place of worship, christenings, weddings and funerals. Soon the church was abuzz with conversation as a steady stream of people arrived to enjoy a full Lincolnshire Brunch accompanied by tea, coffee or bucks fizz. By 2 o'clock on this "the home cooks day off" 110 meals had been served and with the takings from a varied stall of



Instead of Last Supper, the "congregation" enjoys breakfast and lunch combined.

plants, cakes etc £944.37

had been raised to help keep our village church open and alive. The Church Committee would like to thank everyone who came and those who helped in so many ways to make the brunch such a success. The last architect's survey of the church recommended repair work costing approx £45,000 of which £15,000, for repairing the belfry window, was described as urgent. The funds raised by the brunch will be a big help and there are plans for more fund raising activities so thank you again and watch this space!

Parish Council Update

At the meeting of the 3rd July, John Burn attended his first council meeting as Parish Clerk. John has taken over the role from Ken Webb, who with his wife Pam, had been Acting Clerks for the past three years.

The Parish Council was also pleased to co-opt Lesley Adam as a councillor

to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Roy Sylvester.

Martin Doughty asked to be allowed to stand down as Chairman for the current year and Marcus Edmundson agreed to be nominated to take over as Chairman. This will be formally confirmed at the

next council meeting.

Ken Webb resigned as a councillor following the meeting, in view of his anticipated move from the village.

There are now 2 vacancies for Parish Councillor and anyone interested should contact John Burn [313410]

The Wolds – some geological and archeological gleanings – Martin Doughty

INTRODUCTION

The geology of Britain has taken over 2,600 million years to evolve. The oldest rocks are found in northwest Scotland; the youngest in the southeast of England. In between lies a diversity of rocks and soil types, greater than anywhere else of comparable area in the world. Older rocks tend to be harder and thus resist erosion and are found on mountains and high ground. High ground traps moisture, is cooler and less grows there. Younger rocks, particularly sedimentary rock, are soft by comparison, and are easily smoothed by erosive forces and generally provide flatter landscapes, and low rolling hills. Softer rocks contribute more of their chemical constituents to the soil.

Lowland soils are usually richer in nutrients, and certain rocks, particularly chalk and limestone as found in Lincolnshire, have an effect on soil acidity and calcium content. These are important factors in determining the distribution of many plants and animals, not only wild populations, but domestic species as well. These underlying rocks and soils

support a much greater diversity of species and a more varied landscape, compared with older, harder, rock environments. They are also

wooded slopes and valleys, and ancient half hidden villages.

The Lincolnshire Wolds have been shaped by two particularly strong influences: firstly by geology and complex glacial processes, and secondly by the long continuity of farming and settlement.



'Nippies' at the Strawberry Tea

PHYSICAL INFLUENCES

more fertile for agricultural use; a good example of this fertile landscape is the Lincolnshire Wolds.

The physical features of the Lincolnshire Wolds are dominated by the west-facing chalk escarpment. The northern part of the area is a smooth rolling chalk plateau with thin soils. Between Caistor and Market Rasen there is a steep, mainly West-facing escarpment that rises to 168 metres at Normanby le Wold. In the southern Wolds the chalk escarpment is much less

The Lincolnshire Wolds lie in the northeastern quarter of the County of Lincolnshire, midway between Lincoln and the coast. Rising to over 150 metres along their western edge, the Wolds form the highest ground in eastern England between Yorkshire and Kent. Closely settled and farmed for hundreds of years, the Wolds are characterised by open hill tops, sweeping views, wide grass verges,



Salesmen at the Brunch

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“the Wolds form the highest ground in Eastern England”

Snippets

We were sorry to say good-bye to Ken and Pam Webb who have moved down to Devon to be near daughter Susie and family. Both of them have been involved in all aspects of village life. Pam was Parish Clerk, helped by Ken who was himself a Councillor. They were committed members of St Martin's Church and the Barkwith Group of Parishes of which Ken was Group Treasurer. The commitment was also very practical and included cutting hedges, putting up gates and tidying the churchyard etcetera etcetera. The Community Hall profited from their support at various events and he was on the Management Committee of South Willingham News, actively contributing to the form and content of the News. We shall miss them and wish them well in their new location.

Andy and Denise Hart have come to live in the Old Carpenters Cottage. They come to the village from Yorkshire and we welcome them and hope they will come to feel

very much at home.

At the end of June, Jill Lacey fell heavily at home and broke her hip. She was



taken to hospital but did not survive more than a couple of days. The funeral took place at St. Martin's. She was a regular attender at the Coffee Mornings with Frank. We send him our commiserations and give him our support at this sad time.

Ernie Cosgrove has been in Louth Hospital for several weeks. As we go to press he has moved to The Laurels at

Holton-cum-Beckering, but the family hope to have him home soon.

Martin Doughty has also been in hospital, returning home within a week of his operation. Diana had a long journey to visit him and must be doubly relieved to have him home.

The W I Coffee Morning on 17 June was well attended and Celia Payne has sent us the collage on the left.

The Community Hall has had two good summer events - the Strawberry Tea with Photo Competition and the Barbecue. The Strawberry Tea is the exact opposite of Weight Watchers and everyone came back for more. The Competition was again won by three ladies - in fact the same three as last year in the same order: Tina Speck, Celia Payne and Fran Kingsley. The men will need to pay attention to their Brownies. The Tea raised £232 and the Barbecue £180.



Wine Group

The wine group met in the gardens of the Old Carpenters Cottage for their summer wine tasting (right) followed by a barbecue. A beautiful sunny evening and a range of interesting wines to taste, presented by James Long of Corney & Barrow, contributed to make it a most enjoyable occasion. Meeting about four times a year and with food to follow the tasting at their summer

and Christmas occasions, it is a very pleasant way to spend an evening. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please contact Paul Ferguson. (313584).



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obvious, the dominant rock being Spilsby Sandstone. The whole southern section of the Wolds is dominated by two main north-south rivers, the Bain and the Lymn.

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Community Hall

HARVEST SUPPER
ON FRIDAY 6
OCTOBER AT 7 P.M.

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

Parish Councillors: Marcus Edmundson [Chairman] 313623
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Martin Doughty 313686
Nikki Harris 313618
Tina Speck 313793

Parish Clerk: John Burn 313410

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Fran Kingsley (Secretary) 313718
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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 SkillsCentre (UK) Ltd for the printing. Also to Ken and Pam Webb for the colour pages 3 and 4. Photos on pages 1,2b, 3 by Eric Payne; p 4 by Jan and Rowland Crouch

Willingham Walkers

The 1st walk undertaken by the Willingham Walkers was hailed as a great success by all those who took part, with everyone expressing a wish for more and all looking forward to the next one.



All raring to go!!!

The walk was very relaxed taking in part of the Conservation Farm at Benniworth Moor. The route

was just under 3 miles and with a gentle pace, allowing observations and chat, took about 1hr 15mins on a pleasant, if a little breezy, summer afternoon on 8th July 2006.

Everyone turned up on time allowing us to get underway at 4:15pm.

On the understanding that everyone who completed the walk would be treated to cheese and biscuits which was kindly provided by Fran and John, needless to say this 'bribery' worked and everyone had a lovely few



De-briefing hours
'de-briefing back at the
Community Hall.

We would like to thank all who came and we are looking forward to the next walk... briefing especially!

Jan and Rowland Crouch